

LIDLAW COLLEGE
Te Wananga Amorangi

201.515 THEOLOGY: INTRODUCTION
Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Christchurch
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NQF Level 5, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

A biblical and theological foundation for evangelism. An introduction to the concepts, motivations, process and issues of evangelism in the contemporary world.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment	Word count	% Final Grade	Due Date
Critical Assessment	1200	15%	30 August
Research Task – Part A	1250	17.5%	20 September
Research Task – Part B	1250	17.5%	1 November
E.g. Exam (2.5 hours)	N/A	50%	TBA

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week/Date	Topic	Assessment Task
1	Christian belief: Unity and diversity	
2	Sources and norms of Christian belief: One and many	
3	Divine revelation and good theology: Universal and particular	
4	God: Great and good	
	INTENSIVE WEEK	
5	God: Three and one	Critical Assessment due
6	Creation: Good and fallen	
7	Humanity: Creature, sinner, and new being in Christ	
8	Jesus Christ: Human and divine	Research Task – Part A due
9	Salvation: Objective and subjective	
	MID-TERM BREAK	
10	Salvation: Gift and task	
11	The church: Visible and invisible, worshipping and missional	
12	Eschatology: Continuity and discontinuity in the Kingdom	Research Task – Part B due
Study and Examinations		

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Critical Assessment of a Piece of Theological Writing

Length: 1200
Learning outcomes: 1, 2
Percentage weighting: 15%
Due date: 11.55pm, 30 August

The critique will examine a short piece of theological writing and answer the question: 'Is this good theology? The article will be provided by the lecturer along with an explanatory sheet of instructions for the assignment. Students will then have two weeks in which to complete their analysis.

Criteria for Assessment

1	Comprehension: Balanced understanding of the text under critique.
2	Analysis and judgment: Employment of balanced theological method; discernment of the influence of culture, language and experience
3	Structure: Clear and logical arrangement of ideas; valid conclusions
4	Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; annotation and bibliography

2. Research Task with Integrative Reflection

Length: 2500 words
Learning outcomes: 3, 4
Percentage weighting: 35% (2 x 17.5%)
Due date: Theological terms 1 to 5 due, 11:55pm 20 September
Theological terms 6 to 10 due, 11:55pm 1 November

This will be a two-part research task in which students are asked to write a total of TEN carefully crafted and theologically balanced definitions of ten key theological terms relating to the course material, with some integrative application to life and ministry; each definition being 250 words. Five theological terms will be provided by the course lecturer at least two week prior to each of the two due dates.

Criteria for Assessment

1	Research: Appropriate research
2	Theological analysis: Theological understanding; balanced coverage of main points
3	Integrative application: Relevant application; depth of contextual insight
4	Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; annotation and bibliography
5	Research: Appropriate research

3. Exam

Length: N/A
Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4
Percentage weighting: 50%
Due date: TBA

The exam paper will assess students' grasp of the content of basic Christian beliefs and their ability to apply sound theological method in the expression of that content. The exam will be 2 ½ hours long.

Criteria for Assessment

1	Coverage of main points
2	Application of theological method
3	Clarity & development of answer

LEARNING HOURS

Class time	36 hours
(Pre-)reading for classes	36 hours
Assessment #1	15 hours
Assessment #2 (Parts A & B)	35 hours
Assessment #3	<u>28 hours</u>
	150 learning hours (15 credits)

TEXTBOOK

The following text is **compulsory** for students at the Christchurch Campus:

Olson, Roger. *The Mosaic of Christian Belief: Twenty Centuries of Unity and Diversity*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002; Leicester: Apollos, 2002.

This title is available as an ebook (PDF, Mobi & ePub) at
<http://www.ivpress.com/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/code=7727>

Additional required and recommended readings will be supplied in Moodle.

NOTES

- Attendance in classes must be 80% or greater on order to successfully complete and pass this course

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

In order to ensure a wide and balanced appreciation of the range of theological opinion found in the Christian community, especially recommended additional works are:

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- Willis, David. *Clues to the Nicene Creed: A Brief Outline of the Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI, and Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2005.