

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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204.715 Theology: Salvation in History and Beyond Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: CDL/ Bishopdale
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NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

The course has two main parts:

- soteriology – its biblical, historical and contemporary components
- eschatology – its biblical, historical and contemporary components.

The course is based on a variety of readings from different texts and authors, arranged by weeks to take students through the learning outcomes.

Class time will also be given to discussion of the issues – especially the biblical foundations – raised in the set readings whose content students are expected to be familiar with before class discussion each week.

ASSESSMENT

1. **A critical book review** of an academically substantial book that is directly related to this course. The tutor will provide a set text. In 2015 this text is *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross: Atonement in New Testament and Contemporary Contexts*, Joel B. Green and Mark D. Baker. An instruction sheet for this assignment will be issued.

- **Due date: Sunday end of semester week 4, 11.55pm**
- **Learning outcomes** assessed: 1, 2
- **Weighting: 20%**
- **Words: 1500**

2. **Essay:**

The course content will include a number of case studies. Students will submit an essay that offers a substantial, well-informed and critical theological engagement with one topic. An instruction sheet will be issued for this essay. [Note: Students in their third semester of Theology have the option of nominating their own essay topic in the general area covered by 204 - to be justified in a one-page proposal to the lecturer **at least four weeks before the due date.**]

- **Due date: Sunday end of semester week 9, 11.55 pm**
- **Weighting: 40%**
- **Words: 3000**
- **Learning outcomes assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4**

3. **Exam:**

The exam will consist of four questions spread across two sections. Section one will be on salvation; section two will be on eschatology.

- **Due date:** to be advised
- **Length:** 2 hours
- **Weighting:** 40%
- **Learning outcomes:** 1, 2, 3

GRADING CRITERIA

1. Critical Book Review:

- **Reading with understanding**
 - (is the content understood and summarised accurately and fairly?)
- **Interaction & evaluation**
 - (is the argument interacted with in an appropriately evaluative manner?) Informed analysis
 - (is interaction with content informed by wider reading and analysis?)
- **Implications and value for theology**
 - (what value does the work have for the ongoing task of theology?)
- **Critical engagement**
 - (where is the argument strong or weak, where does the book fail to deliver, or the argument over-reach?)
- **Communication & presentation**
 - Clear introduction and conclusions
 - Clear and logical arrangement
 - Style, grammar, spelling
 - Annotation and bibliography

2. Essay:

- **Research:**
 - appropriate research / resources
- **Analysis & judgement:**
 - depth of understanding of issues;
 - theological method effectively employed;
 - critical engagement.
- **Structure:**
 - clear introduction and conclusions;
 - clear and logical argumentation
- **Communication & presentation:**
 - spelling and grammar
 - annotation and bibliography

3. Exam:

- Coverage of main points
- Employment of balanced theological method Depth of understanding / analysis / reflection
- Critical engagement
- Clarity and development of answer

LEARNING HOURS

Tutorials	24 hours
Set reading and reflection	42 hours

Review	20 hours
Essay	35 hours
Course review and exam preparation	29 hours
Total:	150 hours

Attendance. From Laidlaw College *Academic Handbook*: full attendance at lectures, tutorials, seminars and other forms of designated class work is expected. Unsatisfactory attendance (less than 80%) is grounds for failure of a course.

TEXTBOOK

There is no textbook for this course.

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following volumes contain helpful discussions of the subjects covered by 204:

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