

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

270.715 Worldviews and Ways of Life Course Outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores worldviews - the assumptions and beliefs, stories and symbols, visions and dreams - that have shaped cultural trends and societal developments in present day Aotearoa New Zealand and global contexts. In an introductory manner, it also looks at the relationship between networks of worldview beliefs and significant philosophical theories that have impacted the world in which we live. Finally, the course addresses important issues faced by students as they embrace ways of life by which they will explore, incarnate and communicate truth, goodness and beauty in contemporary contexts.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Analyse the concept of worldview and discuss the relationship between biblical truth, worldviews and cultural expressions;
2. Critically explore worldviews and cultures that have shaped, and continue to shape, human ways of being and philosophical thought, both globally and in the New Zealand context, particularly throughout the modern and postmodern eras;
3. Reflect upon and discuss missional responses to current challenges faced by Aotearoa New Zealand and nations throughout the world;
4. Critically evaluate personal responses to and involvement in those issues both now and in a rapidly changing future world.