

LIDLAW COLLEGE
Te Wananga Amorangi

548.615 Youth Culture, Popular Culture and Theology

NQF Level: 6
Credit Value: 15

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of youth subcultures, their historical emergence, and their various forms today. Popular culture is closely intertwined with youth subcultures. This course provides a sociological and theological interpretation of popular culture as a location of meaning and significance for young people. Topics include consumption, advertising, music, fashion, film and TV, new media and globalisation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with an approach to the study of youth subcultures.
2. Discuss the theological implications that contemporary studies of youth culture/s and popular culture has for youth ministry
3. Be able to discuss and use a range of theories and methods for the study of popular culture
4. Provide an overview of the ways theologians have approached the study of popular culture
5. Demonstrate the ability to engage theologically with a range of popular cultural texts