LAIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

585.715 Research Topic Course Outline

NQF Level: 7 Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an opportunity for preparing an extended research paper of 6,000 – 8,000 words on a topic not specifically covered elsewhere in a student's programme of study in their final year. It requires the development of research skills and the ability to present a sustained argument on an issue of some complexity. A Research Topic may be proposed in any subject area. Only one Research Topic may be credited to a BMin, a BTheol or a GradDipTh. Research topic may only be undertaken with the approval of the head of school.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- 1. Formulate well crafted research questions appropriate to the context of time and other resources available.
- 2. Show skill in planning and executing appropriate research strategies.
- 3. Make widespread full use of library facilities and research tools and demonstrate a high level of competence in critically engaging with alternative viewpoints.
- 4. Skilfully present their topic in appropriate written and oral forms.