

603.715 Cultural Anthropology
Course Outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course offers an introduction to cultural anthropology as an aid to mission and ministry in multi-cultural contexts. The course focuses on the use of anthropological tools and concepts as a means of understanding one's own culture and being able to engage effectively with people in other cultural settings.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- a. Critically evaluate the importance, role and contribution of anthropological and cultural insight for Christian mission
- b. Analyse approaches and justify the use of relevant aspects of anthropology and culture for life in another culture and for ministry in cross-cultural contexts
- c. Demonstrate skill in critically evaluating his/her own culture and comparing it with other cultures
- d. Analyse and account for key inter-relationships and functions of different component systems of a culture
- e. Discuss and illustrate the variables and processes involved in cross-cultural communication
- f. Evaluate and justify the processes and role of contextualisation within Christian mission
- g. Justify how the gospel affirms and challenges elements in every culture
- h. Provide a rationale for a contextualisation of the gospel in a specific situation