

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

607.615 Christianity and World Religions Course Outline

NQF Level: 6
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the Christian study of world religions, theology of religions and issues relating to pluralism, community relationships, dialogue and evangelism. An introduction to primal religions, Islam, Eastern religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism, as well as alternative or neo-pagan spiritualities in Western contexts. The course balances sympathetic appreciation, understanding and sensitivity with positive evangelistic commitment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. describe the central beliefs and practices of other religions in terms they would recognize as seeking to be fair.
2. identify and discuss a range of Christian responses to other religions or alternative spiritualities and explain what is meant by a theology of religion.
3. explain some of the cultural, political, historical and religious factors affecting Christian witness in present-day religious contexts.
4. display familiarity with a range of relevant literature and be able to use it appropriately.