

## **LIDLAW COLLEGE**

*Te Wananga Amorangi*

### **607.715 Christianity and World Religions Course Outline**

NQF level: 7

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, in an appropriately critical way, to:

1. evaluate the central beliefs and practices of other religions in terms they would recognize as seeking to be fair.
2. analyze and evaluate a range of Christian responses to other religions or alternative spiritualities and explain what is meant by a theology of religion.
3. explain and discuss 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 evaluate it and use it appropriately.
5. identify elements of continuity and discontinuity between Christian faith and other religions and evaluate the significance of these elements for Christian witness.