

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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612.715 Majority World Theology Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

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NQF Level: 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Topics will include:

1. Contextual theology
2. Latin American theology
3. African theology
4. Black theology
5. Asian theology
6. Palestinian theology
7. South Pacific theology
8. Majority World Feminist theology

ASSESSMENT TASKS

1. Discussion groups

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| <i>Learning Outcomes</i> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| <i>Due Dates</i> | As advised |
| <i>Percentage Weighting</i> | 15% |
| <i>Length</i> | N/A |

You will participate in fortnightly facilitated discussion groups on topics advised in advance.. You will be assessed on your preparedness to contribute, interaction with the contributions of others, and development of their thinking and reflection..

2 Critical Review

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| <i>Learning Outcomes</i> | 2, 5, 6 |
| <i>Due Dates</i> | End of week 5 (Sunday 7 April) 11.55 pm |
| <i>Percentage Weighting</i> | 15% |
| <i>Length</i> | 1500 words |

This review is to help you prepare for your research essay. For the theology from the Majority World you have chosen to research for your essay (see next assessment 3. Research Essay for details) choose one piece of writing from three of the key theologians (three writings in total). Start by checking the bibliography at the end of the relevant lesson. Your tutor may also be able to help you find an appropriate piece of writing. An article or a chapter from a book will be ideal. Reflect on the writings in light of the following questions:

- What is the key issue the theologian is addressing?
- Is this good theology? What basis do you use to make this assessment?
- In what ways is this different from a Western theology?

3. Research Essay

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| <i>Learning Outcomes</i> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 |
| <i>Due Dates</i> | End of week 11 (Sunday 2 June), 11.55 pm |

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| <i>Percentage Weighting</i> | 40% |
| <i>Length</i> | 3000 words |

Select a theology from the Majority World. In an essay, describe briefly how this theology has developed, taking into account its historical development, any significant political, cultural, economic and external influences, as well as the backgrounds of the leading theologians. Identify and discuss a range of key issues and significant themes addressed by theologians in the context you have chosen. Discuss and critique what influence Western theology has had on this theology. Explain how this Majority World theology shapes the life and mission outreach of the church in its own context and beyond. Evaluate this theology, identifying perceived weaknesses and commenting on its strengths and contributions to theology in general.

4. Examination

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| <i>Learning Outcomes</i> | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| <i>Percentage Weighting</i> | 30% |
| <i>Length</i> | 2 hours |
| <i>Style</i> | 3 essay style questions |

There will be three essay-type questions to be answered in two hours. The due date will be posted on Moodle.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

1) Discussion groups

- a) Comes to class well prepared and able to join in discussion
- b) Shows respect for others' opinions
- c) Shows in discussion an understanding of the complexity of the contextual issues
- d) Shows development in thinking on the theological issues.

Critical Review

- Writings appropriately selected.
- Critical evaluation of the three pieces of writing.
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

Research Essay

- Clearly identifies a Majority World Theology, briefly describing its development:
 - historical development;
 - political, cultural and economic contexts;
 - background of theologians;
 - external influences on the theology
- Identifies and discusses a range of key issues and significant themes addressed by theologians in the chosen context
- Discusses how this Majority World Theology shapes the life and mission outreach of the church in its context
- Critically evaluates this theology, identifying any perceived weaknesses and commenting on strengths, and contributions to theology in general
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

Exam

- Answers directed to the question
- Coverage of main points

- Depth of treatment (thoroughness; analysis and synthesis of ideas; citation of important scriptures / authorities)
- Critical Judgement
- Coherence and presentation

LEARNING HOURS

| Task | Weighting | Hours |
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| Class time & Reading | | 60 |
| Class discussion and follow-up | 15% | 10 |
| Reflective Review | 15% | 15 |
| Research Essay | 35% | 35 |
| Exam preparation | 35% | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 150 |

TEXTBOOKS

The required text for this course is:

Tennent, Timothy C. *Theology in the Context of World Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2007.

Recommended text is:

Dyrness, W A (ed). *Emerging Voices in Global Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- A Reading Guide is provided with the course materials. Remember that sources for local theology can vary and are not necessarily available in a systematic form.
- Consult the WWW and online journals - and share discoveries! A list of helpful websites will be given on Moodle.