

**LIDLAW COLLEGE**  
*Te Wananga Amorangi*

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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**LIDLAW GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**MASTER OF THEOLOGY**

**R351.830 Theological Research and Writing**

NQF Level: 8

Credits: 30

**1. DELIVERY MODE:**

Mode 3: Thirty lecture hours in non-consecutive blocks of intensive teaching, normally of one week each, with reading and assignments prior to and following teaching sessions over the equivalent of one semester.

**2. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

A course on methodology and practical aspects of advanced theological research. Students will reflect on the theological, ethical and missiological implications of research whilst developing advanced skills and methods which will support a research project. A range of scholars will relate their own research experience and projects and students will engage with a number of contemporary approaches to critical research and writing. Students will develop and hone the skills of theological research and writing by designing and implementing a research project in the field of their interest.

**3. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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

1. reflect critically on their own research method and identify a wide range of possible research methods in their field;
2. identify resources –including human resources and networks, and design and evaluate a research project proposal;
3. articulate their theory of research and their research intentions in discussion and in presentation;
4. develop a research proposal with appropriate attention paid to method and resources;
5. become skilled at researching and writing effectively in a scholarly field and for publication;
6. implement the research proposal and critically argue a thesis based on that research, and evaluate research outcomes;
7. make a critical case for the place of scholarship within Christian life and mission.