

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

126.615 Wisdom

NQF Level: 6
Credit Value: 15

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores wisdom literature in the Old Testament, with particular reference to the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. It examines the historical settings, content, theological perspectives, and contrasting voices of wisdom literature, and evaluates its application to faith and life.

PRE-REQUISITES AND CO-REQUISITES

Pre-requisites: 120.515 Reading the Old Testament, and 106.515 Hebrew 1/107.515 Hebrew 2 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111.615 Interpreting the Bible

LEARNING OUTCOMES (English)

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

1. Discuss important theological content, ideas, and themes located in biblical wisdom literature.
2. Describe the literary and cultural contexts of biblical wisdom literature including its structure and formation.
3. Exegete and interpret selected texts from Old Testament wisdom texts.
4. Evaluate selected texts, ideas, and themes from Old Testament wisdom texts for faith and life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Hebrew)

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

1. Discuss important theological content, ideas and themes located in biblical wisdom literature.
2. Describe the literary and cultural contexts of biblical wisdom literature including its structure and formation.
3. Exegete and interpret selected texts from Old Testament wisdom texts, including the analysis of selected Hebrew texts paying attention to Hebrew syntax, the Massorah, and textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible.

4. Evaluate selected texts, ideas, and themes from Old Testament wisdom texts for faith and life.