

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY

Through the School of Theology, Mission and Ministry, Laidlaw College is shaping students who will think imaginatively about issues that affect all of life. They will learn to think critically about these issues and come to actual solutions that will bring about renewal within their own lives and the lives of those around them. In the process, students will grapple with the questions: "Who is Jesus and what has he done?" and "What does it mean to be human?"

Laidlaw College has been preparing women and men to serve the church and the world for nearly 90 years. The College has developed a range of programmes that are rich in practical experienced and in-depth theoretical knowledge. Students might find themselves:

- › Studying in Laidlaw's Ministry Internship programme while they continue their church ministry;
- › Taking time out for a gap year to strengthen and reinforce their faith before going on to University study;
- › Preparing to participate in missions in New Zealand and around the world;
- › Training for pastoral leadership;
- › Thinking through how to bring their faith to bear in the workplace.

The School of Theology, Mission & Ministry offers a diverse backdrop for preparation for ministry. Students enrolled in one of its programmes will find themselves immersed in the world of Scripture and the Church. They will gain the tools to translate the Gospel into action in the areas of social justice, reconciliation, community transformation and personal formation – just to name a few. Laidlaw College will prepare them to renew their community with a faith as intelligent as it is courageous.

Programmes

Diploma of Biblical Studies

The Diploma of Biblical Studies is a one year introductory programme of 120 credits at level 5.

Bachelor of Ministries

The Bachelor of Ministries is a three year 360 credit degree at level 7 designed to equip leaders for Christian ministries with an emphasis on internship based learning.

Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology is a three year 360 credit degree at level 7 designed to provide a solid foundation in theological knowledge and reflection.

Graduate Diploma in Theology

The Graduate Diploma in Theology is a one year 120 credit programme at level 7 designed for those who have already attained an undergraduate degree in theology or any other discipline.

Each of these programmes is offered in Auckland, Christchurch and through the Centre for Distance Learning.

Admission Requirements

Every Candidate must fulfil the requirements for entrance into a New Zealand University. These are as follows:

- A. **NCEA:** a minimum of 42 credits at Level 3 or higher on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). NQF credits can be gained either from unit standards or from achievement standards. The required number of credits must include a minimum of 14 credits at Level 3 or higher in each of two subjects from the approved subject list, with a further 14 credits at Level 3 or higher taken from no more than two additional approved subjects or domains on the NQF. In addition a minimum of 14 credits at Level 1 or higher in Mathematics on the NQF and a minimum of 4 credits in Reading and 4 credits in Writing at Level 2 or higher in English or Te Reo Maori are required. The Reading and Writing credits need to be selected from a schedule of approved achievement and unit standards.
- B. **Special Admission:** A person who does not hold a university entrance qualification but who is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and is aged 20+ years on or before the first day of semester in which a proposed programme of study is offered is eligible to apply for Special Admission.
- C. **Students who completed high school overseas** must hold qualifications deemed by the Laidlaw Admissions Committee to be equivalent to those detailed in section (a) above.
- D. **For students who do not have English as their first language:** In addition to the requirements above, students in this category must fulfil English language requirements: an overall band of 6.5 or higher in IELTS (academic), with a minimum of 6.0 in writing. **A waiver for the IELTS may be granted:**
 - › If the applicant has already received a degree with an appropriate grade from an appropriately accredited English speaking institution. If that institution is located outside New Zealand, Australia, the USA, the UK or Ireland, proof may be required that English was the medium of instruction.
 - › For long-term residents in New Zealand, or another English speaking country, who are able to demonstrate English language competency appropriate to the desired level of study.
- E. **Entrance Examination:** Laidlaw College reserves the right to require any student to complete an entrance examination to determine their suitability for study. On the basis of the outcome of this examination, Laidlaw College may require a programme of study suited to the student's needs.

Study Skills training and orientation

Laidlaw College is committed to the success of its students and seeks to provide appropriate support to this end.

On Campus students:

In the first week of Semester One new on-campus students must attend a free, one-week "Summer School" study skills course. This course provides incoming students with the study skills they will need, along with an academic orientation to biblical and theological study. Students completing this course will be prepared for what is expected of them at Laidlaw College, and better able to achieve their academic goals. New on-campus students will also be able to register for their courses and participate in orientation during this week. It is required that all new students will attend this course, unless an exemption has been granted on the grounds of previous academic experience.

Distance Learning students:

New students who are studying solely by distance learning will complete a distance-learning orientation course in the two weeks prior to the beginning of their first semester.



Diploma of Biblical Studies (DipBS)

NQF Level 5

The Diploma of Biblical Studies is a one year (full time equivalent) programme of 120 credits. The programme provides an introduction to biblical studies, theological studies and spiritual formation. Further it allows students to explore various courses geared towards preparing them to live out the gospel and to engage thoughtfully and compassionately in the world.

Students who complete the DipBS may staircase into the second year of either the Bachelor of Ministries or the Bachelor of Theology degrees. If this is envisaged then particular consideration must be given to the courses chosen so as to achieve an appropriate foundation for the desired degree. See details below.

This programme is offered in Auckland, Christchurch and through the Centre for Distance Learning.

Programme Objectives

On completion of the Diploma of Biblical Studies students will have developed the capacity to tell the biblical story, to read the Scriptures within their wider historical context and to understand a theological framework for life and ministry. They will have begun the process of developing the disciplines necessary both to maintain their own spiritual growth and to serve in voluntary leadership capacities within the church and in our world. By the end of this study programme students will have gained the skills required to apply their knowledge in a range of contexts, including vocations in New Zealand and overseas.

Programme Requirements

DIPLOMA OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Compulsory Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 115.515 Biblical Theology• 140.515 New Testament: Introduction OR 120.515 Old Testament: Introduction• 201.515 Theology: Introduction• 401.515 Formation
Elective Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four additional courses of the student's choice. <p>These will normally be courses at level 5, but higher level courses may be selected with the approval of the Head of School.</p>

Those who envision continuing into a Bachelor of Ministries degree are advised to select the following courses within the DipBS:

- › Both 140.515 New Testament: Introduction and 120.515 Old Testament: Introduction
- › 505.515 Theology and Praxis of Global Ministry
- › 461.515 Introduction to Ministry OR 462.515 Management of Ministry

Those who envision continuing into a Bachelor of Theology degree are advised to select the following courses within the DipBS:

- › Both 140.515 New Testament: Introduction and 120.515 Old Testament: Introduction
- › 101.515 Hebrew Introduction and 102.615 Hebrew Intermediate OR 104.515 Greek Introduction and 105.615 Greek Intermediate if a Biblical Major will be sought.
- › 301.515 History of Christianity: Early Church to Reformation

Courses

See page 24 for courses which can be selected toward the Diploma of Biblical Studies.

Ministry Internship Regulations for the DipBS:

A Maximum of 30 credits of internship courses may be completed at levels 5 or 6 within the DipBS.

Please see the Ministry Internship section on page 22 for further Ministry Internship regulations.

The following is a list of courses which may be taken towards the Diploma of Biblical Studies, Bachelor of Ministries, Bachelor of Theology and Graduate Diploma in Theology. Not every course is offered every year. For information on which courses are being offered see information for the relevant learning centre.

100 Biblical Studies

101.515

Biblical Hebrew: Introduction

An introduction to the study of the grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew, and its application in translation and exegesis.

102.615

Biblical Hebrew: Intermediate

Pre-requisite: 101

A continuation of grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew Introduction, and its application in translation and exegesis.

104.515

New Testament Greek: Introduction

An introduction to the grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek, and its application in translation and exegesis.

105.615

New Testament Greek: Intermediate

Pre-requisite: 104

This course is a continuation of 104.515, a study of the grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek, and its application in translation and exegesis.

111.615

Biblical Interpretation

Pre-requisite: 120 or 140

An introduction to biblical interpretation, grammatico-historical exegesis, biblical genres, historical developments, historical-critical and literary-critical methods, and hermeneutical considerations, including hands-on experience in exegeting biblical texts.

115.515

Biblical Theology

There are many ways to practice theology, that is, to deliberately formulate thoughts and words about God. Biblical Theology is an approach that seeks to work closely with the contents and forms of the biblical texts in their relationship with one another. This course is an introduction to Biblical Theology. It explores the unity, diversity and central themes of God's written word, the Bible. In doing so, it introduces students to critical discussions concerning the relationship of theology to the Bible. It also looks at the relationship between Biblical Theology and other theological methods such as Systematic Theology. Finally, it assists students to begin making sense of the relationship between the Bible, theology and all of life.

120.515

Old Testament: Introduction

A survey of the Old Testament including its Ancient Near Eastern context, its literary nature, its major themes, its importance for understanding the New Testament, and its relevance for today.

122.615 (English or Hebrew option)

122.715 (English or Hebrew option)

Old Testament: Pentateuch

Pre-requisites: 120, and 101/102 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111

A study of the structure and theology of the Pentateuch with special reference to the Book of Deuteronomy; a history of Pentateuchal Criticism. Either a) the exegesis of selected chapters from the English text of Genesis 1–11 or b) the translation and exegesis of the Hebrew text of selected chapters from Genesis 1–11.

123.615 (English or Hebrew option)

123.715 (English or Hebrew option)

Old Testament: Eighth Century Prophets

Pre-requisites: 120, and 101/102 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111

The nature of Old Testament prophecy and the language of prophecy. The eighth century prophets with special reference to the book of Amos. Either exegesis of the English text of Amos, or translation and exegesis of the Hebrew text of Amos 2–5, 7.

125.615 (English or Hebrew option)

125.715 (English or Hebrew option)

Old Testament: Psalms

Pre-requisites: 120, and 101/102 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111

A study of the growth of the Psalter, its present shape, theological significance and emergence and use as the Bible's book of praise and prayer. The exegesis of selected representative psalms: Either a) Psalms 2, 8, 16, 19, 22, 46, 51, 73, 96, 104, 110, 132, 137, 139 in the NRSV English, or b) translation and exegesis of the Hebrew text of Psalms 8, 22, 51, 96, 110, 137.

126.615 (English or Hebrew option)

126.715 (English or Hebrew option)

Old Testament: Wisdom Literature

Pre-requisites: 120, and 101/102 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111

Making choices and taking charge; enjoying the good life; wrestling with tragedy; addressing the sinful tendencies of human nature. This is the biblical quest for wisdom. It is found sharply focused in the texts of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. This course explores the distinctive features of Old Testament wisdom and her texts, her key concerns, and her place in the life of faith, work and learning, ultimately to find that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Prov 9:10).

140.515

New Testament: Introduction

An introduction to the historical background to the New Testament including: a study of the main features of the life and ministry of Jesus; a summary of the beginnings and expansion of the church in Acts; a general background to the NT epistles; the main teaching of a selection of the epistles; an introduction to Revelation.

142.615 (English or Greek option)

142.715 (English or Greek option)

New Testament: Luke

Pre-requisites: 140, and 104/105 for Greek Option

Co-requisite: 111

Detailed study of the text of Luke's Gospel; theology and critical issues of Luke's Gospel. Exegesis of selected English texts, or translation and exegesis of selected texts in Greek.

143.615 (English or Greek option)

143.715 (English or Greek option)

New Testament: John

Pre-requisites: 140, and 104/105 for Greek Option

Co-requisite: 111

An introduction to modern study of the Fourth Gospel, including key critical issues and approaches, as well as important literary and theological themes in the Gospel. Exegesis of selected English texts, or translation and exegesis of selected texts in Greek.

145.615 (English or Greek option)

145.715 (English or Greek option)

New Testament: Romans

Pre-requisites: 140, and 104/105 for Greek Option

Co-requisite: 111

This course involves a study of the life setting, content and theological perspectives of Romans, together with consideration of selected related Pauline theological themes.

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Israel in the Time of Jesus

An introduction to the historical, geographical, political, economic, religious and social world of first-century Palestine with a view to how this informs our understanding of Jesus' life and message. Students will begin to work with primary sources used in historical Jesus study.

147.615

147.715

The Sermon on the Mount: The Challenge of Discipleship and Kingdom Ethics

Pre-requisites: 140

Co-requisite: 111

An exegetical and theological study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5 – 7) and its challenging implications for Christian discipleship in the contemporary world. The central question of the course is: How should the Sermon on the Mount affect Christian believers in their beliefs, perspectives, attitudes and behaviour both personally and in the church and in the wider world.

148.615 (English or Greek option)

148.715 (English or Greek option)

New Testament: 1 Corinthians

Pre-requisites: 140, and 104/105 for Greek Option

Co-requisite: 111

An examination of the life setting, contents and theological perspectives of 1 Corinthians, together with a consideration of selected themes in Pauline theology. Exegesis of selected English texts, or translation and exegesis of selected texts in Greek.

151.615

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The Gospel and its Proclamation

This course involves critical examination of the gospel and its modes of proclamation in the New Testament and implications for our understanding of what the gospel is and the proclamation of the gospel for today.

200 Theology and Christian Thought

201.515

Theology: Introduction

An introduction to theology that answers the question: What do Christians believe and why? The course examines the sources of theological authority; theological method based on those sources; the content of Christian belief; and how theology relates to individual, communal and global life.

202.615

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Theology: Christ & Revelation

Pre-requisite: 201

Biblical overview of the person and work of Christ; historical perspectives; search for the historical Jesus; contemporary and multicultural approaches to Christ and the atonement; Christology and science; the scope of Christ's salvation; Christ images in art, literature, movies and music; the meaning and authority of Scripture.

203.615

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Theology: God and Creation

Pre-requisite: 201

The existence and nature of the triune God; biblical overview of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit; God in creation and providence; the problem of evil; humans made in the image of God; the nature and origins of sin; dialogue with contemporary and scientific reflections on creation and humanity; angels and powers and principalities.

204.615

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Theology: Salvation in History and Beyond

Pre-requisite: 201

Salvation in history: a biblical overview of the doctrines of sin, grace, justification, regeneration and conversion. Salvation at the fulfilment of history: biblical and historical models of eschatology; contemporary issues in eschatology.

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Theology: Church in the mission of God

Pre-requisite: 201

Introduction to ecclesiology: biblical and historical perspectives. Attention will be given to the development of the church's self-understanding as the people of God and to a range of approaches to ministry and sacraments.

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Faith Has Its Reasons: Christian Apologetics Today

Christian apologetics is the constructive defence of the Christian faith, especially in the face of doubt and unbelief. This course looks at such issues as: the appeals to reason, evidence, experience, revelation and faith in apologetics; the role of 'points of contact'; popular excuses for avoiding or rejecting Christianity; the existence of God; the problems of evil and suffering; alternatives to the Christian faith in a pluralist world; the relationship of the faith to the wider spheres of human knowledge – especially history, the social sciences and scientific method; the debates over creation and evolution; the central roles of Christ and Christian Scripture. The course aims both at answering objections and also at building bridges for the Gospel of Christ.

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Theology: Ethics

Pre-requisite: 201

An introduction to ethical decision making and Christian ethics, including the biblical under-pinnings of ethics, morality, justice and virtue. An introduction to individual and social ethics, and concepts of justice, virtue and vice. History of ethical theory.

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Worldviews and Ways of Life

Pre-requisites: 115, 201

This course explores worldviews – the assumptions and beliefs, stories and symbols, visions and dreams – that have shaped cultural trends and societal developments in present day Aotearoa New Zealand and global contexts. In an introductory manner, it also looks at the relationship between networks of worldview beliefs and significant philosophical theories that have impacted the world in which we live. Finally, the course addresses important issues faced by students as they embrace ways of life by which they will explore, incarnate and communicate truth, goodness and beauty in contemporary contexts.

300 History of Christianity

301.515

History of Christianity: Early Church to Reformation

A survey of the major developments in the history of Christianity from the early church through to the early phases of the reformation.

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History of Christianity: Reformation to Current Times

Selected topics in the history of Christianity, from the later part of the Reformation through to the twenty first century.

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New Zealand Church History

An in-depth survey of the development of Christianity in New Zealand from the arrival of Samuel Marsden in 1814 until the present day.

400 Spiritual Formation and Internship

401.515

Formation

John Calvin wrote that the true knowledge of God and of ourselves are mutually connected. This course aims to help students deepen both kinds of knowledge, through engagement with Scripture, with others, and with the challenges of contemporary life and vocation.

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Spirituality for Ministry

Pre-requisite: 401

This course builds on the topics and spiritual disciplines introduced in 401 Formation. The focus is on developing approaches to life and ministry which will help to maintain balance, sustainability and growth in ourselves and others. The term "ministry" here has the broad sense of using our gifts and our time for God's service, whatever our context.

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Historical and Contemporary Models of Spirituality

Pre-requisite: 401

This course explores a variety of significant traditions within Christian spirituality, including their biblical and historical origins, and considers their contribution to spiritual life in the contemporary world.

[Note: For the purposes of the following six Ministry Internship course descriptions, the term "ministry" includes ministry practice within a congregational, cross-cultural or community environment.]

461.515

Introduction to Ministry

Co-requisite: 15 non-internship credits

This MI course offers an introduction to ministry context, personal strengths and reflective practice through ministry internship experience, in conjunction with regular individual mentoring, strengthsfinder coaching, assignments and integrative tutorials.

462.515

Management of Ministry

Co-requisite: 15 non-internship credits

This MI course focuses on the management of ministry with specific emphasis on fostering self-awareness around the issue of self-care. Management theory meets practice through the experience of ministry, mentoring, reflective practice, assignments and integrative tutorials.

463.615

Ministry in Context

Pre-requisite: 461 or 462 and 75 non-internship credits

This MI course offers an intensive exploration of the minister's sense of call in relation to their current ministry and local context. Contextual theory meets practice through the experience of ministry, mentoring, specific models of reflective practice, and a formal exploration of the student's current context supported by integrative tutorials.

464.615

Leadership Dynamics

Pre-requisite: 461 or 462 and 75 non-internship credits

This MI course explores interpersonal dynamics in leadership. Leadership theory meets practice through the experience of ministry, mentoring, specific models of reflective practice, an examination of the students own leadership style and integrative tutorials with a specific focus on communication, group dynamics and leadership styles.

465.715

Leadership Ethics

Pre-requisite: 463 and 464 and 150 non-internship credits

This MI course examines ministry ethics from a theological and pastoral perspective. Synthesis will be fostered through the experience of ministry, mentoring and case studies supported through integrative tutorials which seek to undergird the student's experience of ministry with a biblical/theological framework in relation to issues of power, stewardship and gender in order to formulate a biblically sound code of conduct.

466.715

Philosophy of Ministry

Pre-requisite: 463 and 464 and 150 non-internship credits

This MI course seeks to draw together student's prior internship courses, and wider academic learning through the formulation of a personal philosophy of ministry. Ministry experience along with formal reflection will foster the clarification of ministry skills, knowledge and personhood while integrative tutorials seek to prepare students to transition into new ministry environments.

467.715

Ministry Research Project

Pre-requisite: 150 non-internship credits

This course provides students an opportunity for preparing an extended research paper of 6,000 – 8,000 words on a practical ministry issue/topic that is directly related to a Christian organisation and/or a ministry role. It requires the development of research skills and the ability to present a sustained argument on an issue of some complexity. Only one Research Topic may be credited to a BMin or BTheol degree.

500 Pastoral and Contextual Studies

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Ways of Knowing

Ways of Knowing seeks to answer the question "What difference does the gospel make to our ways of knowing?" The course spans how we know (epistemology), how we interpret (hermeneutics), how we think from the Gospel (theological method), how ideas have shaped society (history of thought), how ideas can be changed (leadership and public discourse), and the personal challenges of knowing well. Our aims are intellectual, personal and practical: to introduce the themes of epistemology; to throw useful light on the lived experience of making sense of ourselves and ideas, events and things; to foster improved skills of

scholarship; and to suggest how we might engage and influence in the marketplace of ideas.

505.515

Theology and Praxis of Global Ministry

This course immerses us in the story of the Church and the world. There will be rigorous engagement with the questions: what is the gospel; what is the Church: and how does the Church interact with the world. Examination of the complex issues of translating the gospel for all peoples and all situations is matched by robust conversation on issues of social justice and reconciliation, the transformation of community, and personal formation. This course examines the theological, historical and cultural contexts of ministry and explores the diverse expressions of the gospel globally. It invites us to discover what part in the gospel story we are being called to play.

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Contemporary Approaches to Pastoral Care

An introduction to the principles and practices of pastoral care in and through the local church. The course examines biblical perspectives and models of pastoral care, the distinction between pastoral care and counselling, pastoral care in major life stages and transitions, and caring for the carers.

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Pastoral Care in Life's Crises

Pastoral approaches to significant life crises, including experiences of loss, death and dying, getting married, divorce, alcoholism, mild depression, past hurts. Developmental issues.

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Contemporary Issues in Pastoral Care

A theological, pastoral and sociological examination of critical issues in contemporary pastoral ministry. Students will be helped to explore issues such as ministry and the miraculous, faith at work and in the marketplace, sexual orientation, true and false guilt, shame, globalisation and the missional church, boundaries, self-image issues, the interface between theology and the social sciences.

520.715

Formative Anglicanism as Missional Church

The study of Anglicanism in its formative stage has much to teach us about 'missional church', a period marked by radical innovation and indigenous contextualisation. More than an historical study, the course identifies the theological and 'missional' thinking that gave shape to the sense of purpose and calling of the English Church. The intent of this unit is to consider where such Anglican 'DNA' and mission focus on contextually appropriate ministry might take us in addressing the challenges of our present context.

521.715

Pioneering and Pastoral: Contemporary Expressions of Anglican Ministry

This course addresses the need to clarify the relationship between ministry by all the baptised, and the specific

responsibilities associated with each of the threefold Anglican modes of ordained ministry: deacons, presbyter-priests and bishops. Changes in fundamental paradigms for ministry that come with a renewed focus on 'mission-shaped' ministry are considered with a view to fresh thinking on engagement with the wider community and gospel ministry both within and beyond the community of faith. Questions of the parish model, alternative modes of ministry, team ministry and wider relationships of support, resourcing and accountability are all addressed.

531.615

Human Development and Learning

In the context of a Christian perspective this course seeks to provide an overview of human development from conception to death and an understanding of the psychology of humankind and the characteristics of learning, with reference to several theorists.

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Ministry Among Children

This course will explore the premises underlying practices in children's ministry, by considering the Bible's portrayal of children, developmental issues and theology. It will then explore the implications for practice with respect to evangelism and discipleship, programme planning and pastoral care.

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Family Life Ministry

The family as an educative unit; biblical expectations. Family systems theory and genogram development. Contemporary families: pressures and trends. The church and the family: responsibilities and opportunities. Intergenerational and family services. Christian parenting. The Christian family in society. The pastor and the family.

547.615

Church, Young Adults, and the Journey of Faith

This course explores the challenge of ministry to young adults and the sort of places faith communities need to be for emerging generations. Church and the faith journey is explored through an examination of rituals, stage of life transitions, the phenomena of church switching, and a critical engagement with worship and preaching. Participants will be required to engage with sociological theory and their own experience in order to think critically about ecclesiology.

548.615

Youth Subcultures, Popular Culture and Theology

An introduction to youth subcultures, their historical emergence, and their various forms today. Popular culture is closely intertwined with youth subcultures. This course provides a sociological and theological interpretation of popular culture as a location of meaning and significance for young people. Topics include consumption, advertising, music, fashion, film and TV, and globalisation.

549.615

Relational/Incarnational Youth Ministry

An introduction to the common youth ministry practice of relational or incarnational ministry and the historical, sociological, and theological presumptions that brought this practice to the forefront of ministry with adolescents. The course looks at both the problematic foundations that support this practice and redirects students to imagine the practice within a deeper theological perspective that is more affirming of the theology of the Incarnation and the humanity of young people in our postmodern world. By both destructing and then reconstructing the practice the course desires to provide students with a truly relational youth ministry that he or she can use in his or her ministry context.

557.515

Introduction and theology of Evangelism

A biblical and theological foundation for evangelism. An introduction to the concepts, motivations, process and issues of evangelism in the contemporary world.

559.515

Evangelism: past, present and future

An overview of the history of evangelism and evangelistic methods. An analysis of the current evangelism scene, with a particular emphasis on how evangelism needs to be tailored to the mindset and presuppositions of contemporary society and trends (e.g. postmodernism, generation X, etc.) A survey of possible future trends in evangelism based on current research in the area.

561.615

Introduction to Preaching

The purpose of this course is to help prepare students to preach biblical sermons that witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Preaching is an event where we participate with the triune God in faithfully proclaiming the Gospel so that people may faithfully respond.

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Preaching in Cultural Context

Through this course, students will identify trends in culture and explore modes of communication likely to be effective in a variety of cultural contexts. Students will examine how narrative functions to create meaning, and will engage multiple genres within and without the Scriptural narrative to engage, interpret, apply, and incarnate the text in faithful, creative, and prophetic ways. Special attention will be given to the link between ecclesiology and preaching. Considerable time will be given to the role of the imagination in communicating the Gospel. This course will integrate the right and left-brain, engaging participants as artists in a studio and students in a classroom. Using a collaborative environment, we will seek to nurture the heart and head of the preacher as well as the art and craft of preaching.

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Pastoral Leadership and Management

The integration of Biblical, theological and management perspectives for church leaders and pastors. Students will critically evaluate a range of approaches and work towards a personal philosophy of church leadership.

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Missional Church Leadership

This course will investigate the life and theology of the missional church and its practices, with specific attention to formative processes that occur for leaders and communities in the midst of cultural engagement.

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Issues in Pentecostal Theology and Practice

An integrated (historical, biblical, theological and pastoral) and critical analysis of key distinctive issues in the theology and pastoral practice of the Pentecostal, Charismatic, Third Wave and Word of Faith/Prosperity churches. This course is a 'critique from within' which aims to bring together academic and pastoral concerns and to foster a critical engagement between academic Pentecostal studies and popular global Pentecostalism.

585.715

Research Topic

This course provides an opportunity for preparing an extended research paper of 6000–8000 words on a topic not specifically covered elsewhere in a student's programme of study in their final year. It requires the development of research skills and the ability to present a sustained argument on an issue of some complexity. A Research Topic may be proposed in any subject area. Only one Research Topic may be credited to a BMin, a BTheol, or a GradDipTh. Research topic may only be undertaken with the approval of the head of school.

600–39 Cross-Cultural Mission

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Cultural Anthropology

This course offers an introduction to cultural anthropology as an aid to cross-cultural mission. The course focuses on the use of anthropological tools and concepts as a means of understanding one's own culture and of being able to engage effectively with people in other cultural settings.

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Biblical and Contemporary Theology of Mission

This course considers what is a biblical theology of mission and examines the application of the bible to contemporary issues in mission. It also provides an overview of how these issues developed and were debated through some of the major mission conferences in the twentieth century. It provides an opportunity to integrate biblical, theological and other studies for mission in today's world.

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Christianity and World Religions

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.

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Cross-Cultural Ministry Elective

Palestine/Israel Study Tour

This course offers the opportunity to explore a range of issues – historical, socio-cultural, religious and theological – relating to present-day realities faced by people of faith in 'the Holy Land', but in particular the challenges of Palestinian Christians. The Study Programme incorporates an 18 day visit from mid-November 2012 to early December 2012 and includes visits to key places and a series of lectures at Bethlehem Bible College.

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Majority World Theology

This course offers an introductory look at 'local' theologies. It considers how cultures bring differences of emphasis and insight into their reading of Scripture and ways in which evaluation is still required and possible as the Gospel is related to the worldviews of particular contexts.

615.615

Mission in Practice

This course examines specific practical issues that cross-cultural workers face in ministry. It covers such subjects as "the call," entry and re-entry, culture shock, relationships with other colleagues, the local church, government and the home church, as well as authority, spiritual warfare, business as mission, being single or married, communication, stress and wellness.

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Mercy, Justice and Social Transformation

A study of the theological and biblical bases for aid and development, discussion of alternative Christian and secular viewpoints on development issues. A study of practical responses and an evaluation of project methodology in particular cases. A study of the particular features of urban mission, taking into account a biblical view of the city, the development of urbanisation in history, and the range of Christian developmental responses to the special needs of people in cities.

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Research Topic

This course provides an opportunity for preparing an extended research paper of 6,000 – 8,000 words on a topic not specifically covered elsewhere in a student's programme of study in their final year. It requires the development of research skills and the ability to present a sustained argument on an issue of some complexity. A Research Topic may be proposed in any subject area within the field of missiology. Only one Research Topic may be credited to a BMin, a BTheol, or a GradDipTh. Research topic may only be undertaken with the approval of the head of school.

640–49 Maori Studies

640.505

Introduction to Maori Cultural Awareness

This course is an introduction to Maori Oral Cultural Awareness and all its implications for the different aspects of Te Reo Maori and for Christian Ministries. Students will be expected to complete contact learning in Cultural Awareness in order that they have a basic understanding of taha Maori, biculturalism, multiculturalism, knowledge of the Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi and the history of Maori and Pakeha relationships in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

641.510

Te Reo Maori: Culture and Language Studies for Christian Ministry A

An introduction to conversational Maori, reading the Bible in Maori, marae greetings, karakia and waiata. It will further develop students' appreciation and understanding of Maori culture.

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Te Reo Maori: Culture and Language Studies for Christian Ministry B

Further development of conversational skills, written and spoken Maori, songs, hymns, proverbs, and marae protocol, culture, customs and tradition.

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Current Maori Issues

A study of contemporary issues facing Maori in New Zealand today, including the Treaty of Waitangi, land, language, health, education, employment, law, representation, bi-cultural relationships, Maori and Pakeha Christianity.

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Maori Christian Theology

A study of the Bible and theology with a focus on passages of Scripture of special relevance to Maori society, the understanding of prayer, miracles, healing, conversion, and the nature and mission of the Church from a Maori point of view. Study will also be made of Maori understanding of Jesus' humanity, divinity and salvation. There will be discussion of issues of contextualisation, including the relationship between traditional Maori spirituality and terminology and Christian faith.

650–99 Marketplace Studies

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Vocation Work and Ministry

This course explores the biblical and theological concept of calling in the light of the centrality of Christ. It examines historical developments in the understandings of vocation, work and ministry and different approaches to vocational guidance related to work and ministry in the community of faith and the world. Students will examine their own sense of calling and seek to clarify the nature of that call. It will also look at the role of the church in resourcing Christians for ministry in daily life.