

# Courses

## Semester One 2018

### R140.830 THE GOSPEL AND ITS PROCLAMATION

*Dr Mark Keown* | Block 1: 12-16 Mar; Block 2: 30 Apr – 4 May

Our everyday world is an increasingly dynamic mix of faiths, philosophies, cultures and ideologies in both local and global contexts. In such a world, Christians and their communities still have the imperative to share Christ but often struggle with traditional paradigms of the gospel and its effective proclamation. This course goes deeply into New Testament understandings of the gospel and its presentation, providing a basis for sharing the gospel in today's complex situations.

### R215.830 THEOLOGIAN IN CONTEXT: T.F. TORRANCE, TRINITY AND CHURCH

*Dr Kate Dugdale* | Block 1: 21-23 Mar; Block 2: 9-11 May

This course is a close study of one major theologian (or a group of closely related theologians), past or present, in the intellectual context of their day. Through the study of selected writings of the theologian and secondary sources, their theological method and commitments will be analysed and their contribution to theology, faith and life. In 2018, the focus of the course is Scottish theologian, T.F. Torrance.

### R351.830 THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

*Dr Greg Liston* | Block 1: 26 Feb – 2 Mar; Block 2: 26-29 Mar

This course focuses 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.

### R540.830 FOUNDATIONS OF VOCATIONAL THEOLOGY

*Dr Roshan Allpress (Coordinator)* | TBA (Fortnightly evening seminars)

This course invites practitioners from a diverse range of vocations to critically reflect on the integration of faith and vocational practice. Engaging with theologically integrative frameworks, approaches and practices students are offered opportunities to reflect on their own vocational practices in relation to God and the world, to address key questions pertinent to their own vocation, and so faithfully enhance their own professional well-being and engagement.

### R361.830 RESEARCH PAPER

*Dependent on supervisor availability*

This course offers a student a supervised research essay on an approved topic in an aspect of Theology and/or related discipline.

*Students can apply to the Head of School for enrolment in this course upon the successful completion of R351.830 Theological Research and Writing.*

## Summer Semester 2018-2019

### R402.830 CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY AND WELLBEING

*Dr Stephen Garner* | Block: 14-18 Jan 2019

Christian spirituality reflects the everyday integration of beliefs, values and practices in relation to the person and work of Jesus Christ. This course critically examines the relationship between Christian spirituality and wellbeing – personal and communal. Topics covered include Christian spirituality in relation to food and hospitality, sport and recreation, the marketplace, health and medicine, and sexuality.

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## Semester Two 2018

### R128.830 ISSUES IN HEBREW WISDOM

*Dr Tremper Longman III (Westmont College) and Dr Tim Meadowcroft*  
Block 1: 6-10 Aug; Block 2: 10-14 Sep

Based primarily on the wisdom texts of Job, Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, this course addresses a range of key issues in connection with the concept of wisdom in the Old Testament and its place in Israelite society. Its distinctiveness and commonality with respect to the Old Testament and the wider ancient Near Eastern context is considered, as well as its relationship to broader themes of creation, covenant, law, and redemptive history. Both the sources of the wisdom tradition, and its connection with later wisdom in the Second Temple period and in the New Testament are also examined.

### R202.830 GOD'S WORLD: THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN CONVERSATION

*Dr Greg Liston & Dr Graham O'Brien*

Block 1: 3-4 Aug; Block 2: 17-21 Sep

Science and religion are often portrayed as being locked in a centuries old battle with each other. If God is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that's in it, then nothing should be further from the truth. This course is conversation between theology and science, with topics including: creation and cosmology; evolution; being human; the nature of science and theology interaction; and the ethical implications for theological and scientific beliefs in dialogue.

### R304.830 ENTREPRENEURS, EVANGELICALS, AND PHILANTHROPISTS: THE GOSPEL AND SOCIAL REFORM

*Dr Roshan Allpress* | Directed reading with tutorials

What does it mean to say that the Gospel transforms societies and cultures, as well as people? How have Christians engaged in reform in the past? This tutorial-based course covers the history of Evangelicalism in the British world during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, looking at how commercial, religious and reform networks interacted.

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