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**Semester 1 & 2 2024**  
**Summer Semester**  
**2024/25**

Take the opportunity to learn, grow, and gain further skills to serve your community through a Laidlaw College Course. These courses are all available to study by distance wherever you may be. You can do any of these courses for credit towards a qualification or for interest only.

## SEMESTER 1 2024

### 106.515 HEBREW 1

Explore an introductory study of biblical Hebrew, including basic vocabulary and key points of grammar.

### 108.515 GREEK 1

Explore an introductory study of Koine Greek, including basic vocabulary and key points of grammar.

### 111.6/715 INTERPRETING THE BIBLE

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 READING THE BIBLE

Be introduced to the broad shape of the biblical story and how the Christian gospel is integral to biblical theology. Explore the unity, diversity and central themes of the Bible to make sense of the relationships between the Bible, theology, and all of life.

### 125.6/715 PSALMS

**PRE-REQUISITES:** 120.515, AND 106.515/107.515 HEBREW OPTION  
**CO-REQUISITE:** 111.6/715

Explore the rich interplay between faith and life in the Old Testament Book of Psalms. Close readings of selected psalms examine core themes, imagery, forms, genre, and characteristic language to provide insight into the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of the book and its relevancy in historical and contemporary contexts. This course has an English option and a Hebrew language option.

### 140.515 READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Develop and apply a broad understanding of New Testament foundations, and their interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

### 150.6/715 GOSPELS 1: (SYNOPTICS)

#### SERMON ON THE MOUNT

**PRE-REQUISITES:** 140.515, AND 108.515/109.515 FOR GREEK OPTION  
**CO-REQUISITE:** 111.6/715

Explores the life setting, text, and theological perspectives of either the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Mark, or the Gospel of Luke. After diving into the background to the Gospel, selected texts from the Gospel will be exegeted in depth, key themes will be identified and explored, and the message of the letter will be applied to contemporary life and ministry. This course has an English and a Greek language option.

### 202.6/715 CHRISTOLOGY

#### PRE-REQUISITE: 201

Explore God's fullest and most complete revelation in Jesus Christ. Understand Christ's person and work through the lens of the Scriptures, the early patristic debates, and Christological developments sourced from the Protestant reformation and wider church traditions. Utilising the insights gained through these explorations, you'll develop a systematic understanding of Christ's being and saving work. Conclude by reflecting Christologically on contemporary issues.

### 219.6/715 NGAKAU MAIA: CHRISTIAN CONFIDENCE

Explore how we can genuinely know and authentically live out the truth contained within the Biblical narrative. Recognising that all truth is indwelt truth leads to a posture of "proper confidence" in the gospel. This "proper confidence" is contrasted with alternative constructions of truth and meaning common in contemporary New Zealand society and beyond. The course provides and encourages the development of new examples and practical outworking's of an indwelt gospel truth which is directly applicable to your everyday experience.

### 313.515 A HISTORY OF PACIFIC CHRISTIANITY

Engage with the spread of Christianity in the Pacific. Discover the critical role that Western and Pasifika missionaries played in the process of evangelisation and the historical development of Pacific churches. We will also look at the growth and influence of diaspora Pacific churches and communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. Reflect on the development of Pacific Christianity and its relevance for Christian life, mission, and ministry today.

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### **352.715 RESEARCH TOPIC 2: PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

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### **403.6/715 SPIRITUALITY FOR MINISTRY**

Explore approaches to life and ministry which will help you maintain balance, sustainability, and growth in yourself and others. The term 'ministry' is used here in the broad sense of employing our gifts and our time for God's service, whatever our context.

### **474.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP I**

Evaluate Christian leadership models within the context of church, mission, and community ministries. You will build, lead, and contribute to teams in a way which reflects your sense of call and personal strengths, and through the application of leadership practices that enhance the goals of your chosen ministry. Note: There is an additional course cost of about \$150 to pay for Clifton Strengths online assessment and coaching.

### **475.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II**

Apply a range of key Christian leadership skills to develop and lead a team. You will plan and execute an assigned ministry project which will contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community ministry.

### **476.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP I - FULL YEAR**

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### **477.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II - FULL YEAR**

Explore leadership principles and practices learnt in Leadership Internship I, in order to develop skills for team leadership.

### **478.615 PRACTICUM I**

Build ministry awareness, leadership resilience, and competence in a field of your choosing. Engage in an area of ministry or vocation to develop your proficiency in that field through reflective practice and field-based experience. Focus on embodied learning where specific fieldwork-related competencies are aligned to your practicum goals.

### **479.715 PRACTICUM II**

Build ministry critical awareness, leadership resilience and competence in a field of your choosing. Engage in an area of ministry or vocation to develop your proficiency in that field through reflective practice and field-based experience. Focus on embodied learning where specific fieldwork-related competencies are aligned to your practicum goals.

### **480.6/715 FAITHFUL LIVING: INTRO TO REFLECTIVE PRACTICE**

Explores the dispositions and practices that are required to form life-long reflective practitioners. Be introduced to a range of models of theological reflection, evaluate and apply these within your context. Key theological themes and practices underlying ethical behaviour are explored and you will develop a contextualised code of conduct. Develop self- and other- awareness, and build resilience to the experience of receiving and processing feedback from others.

### **500.515 CONNECTING WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Be introduced to biblical and theological foundations for youth ministry, including effective and sustainable youth ministry, engagement with theory and practical approaches, and responses to the pastoral needs of young people.

### **505.515 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & MISSION**

Explore and evaluate a range of mission, church, and community-based programmes applying faith-based principles in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. Reflect on how personal and communal expressions of faith can enhance the wellbeing of others in a range of social and cultural contexts.

### **513.6/715 PASTORAL CARE IN LIFE'S CRISES**

Explore the foundations of pastoral care and pastoral approaches to significant life crises, including experiences of loss, death and dying, marriage and divorce, addictions, anxiety and depression, disability, sexuality, and gender identity.

### **579.515 NGĀ HUNGA MAIA (FAITH-LED MĀORI LEADERSHIP)**

Examine the impact of the Bible and the Gospel message on both traditional and contemporary Māori leadership. Explore the influence of early Māori Christian evangelists in changing traditional leadership roles and the continuation of Māori faith-led leadership in contemporary iwi, hāpori, and hāhi transformation.

### **605.6/715 BIBLE & CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY OF MISSION**

Develop an approach to mission that includes a missional hermeneutic for reading the Bible. Consider key missional developments historically, identifying significant topics, key actors, and how these have impacted missions in Aotearoa and beyond.

### **653.715 TIKANGA RANGAHAU**

Working closely with the course co-ordinator you'll have the opportunity for in depth individual research on a particular aspect of Māori theology studied in the indigenous courses. Identify and become familiar with resources on the chosen topic, strengthen your knowledge base, and comment and critique on findings.

### **907.515 T BICULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS: TIKANGA KAWENATA**

Be introduced to Tikanga Māori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts. Combine theological, theoretical, and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. Get an overview of tikanga Māori and theological views of kawenata (covenant) and justice and their application within community leadership in Aotearoa.

### **R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING**

Focus on the methodology and practical aspects of advanced research. 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 relate their own research experience and you'll engage with a number of contemporary approaches to critical research and writing. Develop and hone the skills of research and writing by designing and implementing a small research project in the field of your interest.

### **R361.830 RESEARCH PAPER**

Supervised research on an approved topic in an aspect of Theology and/or related disciplines.

### **R352.830 BTH(HONS) SPECIAL TOPIC**

Explore a directed course of study of a chosen discipline of theology. Through a selection of tutoring, class time, guided, and self-directed study, you will demonstrate a mastery of a specific area of theological study and will communicate effectively relevant theories, principles, and applications over a series of essays.

### **R362.830 BTH(HONS) RESEARCH PROJECT**

Develop and deepen, in more specialized areas of study, the skills and knowledge acquired through successful completion of the BTh (or equivalent). In discussion with a supervisor, you'll decide on a research project and conduct your research under supervision. The project must reflect the methodologies and skills appropriate to the subject area in which you are working. Develop your theological thinking in a systematic capacity, subject to the constraints and rigours of research methods appropriate to the respective disciplines. As part of the supervision process you will present regular summaries of your progress to the lecturer and receive feedback on the progress of your proposal.

## SEMESTER 2 2024

### 107.515 HEBREW 2 PRE-REQUISITE: 106.515

Continue to develop in preparation for translation and exegesis of biblical Hebrew.

### 109.515 GREEK 2 PRE-REQUISITE: 108.515

Continue to develop in preparation for translation and exegesis of Koine Greek.

### 120.515 READING THE OLD TESTAMENT

Develop and apply a broad understanding of Old Testament foundations, and your interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

### 126.6/715 WISDOM PRE-REQUISITES: 120.515, AND 106.515/107.515 HEBREW OPTION CO-REQUISITE: 111.6/715

Explore wisdom literature in the Old Testament, with particular reference to the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. Examine the historical settings, content, theological perspectives, and contrasting voices of wisdom literature, and evaluate its application to faith and life.

### 149.6/715 EPISTLES 1 PRE-REQUISITES: 140.515; 108.515/109.515 FOR GREEK OPTION CO-REQUISITE: 111.6/715

Explore the life setting, text, and theological perspectives of selected New Testament epistles from either Galatians, Colossians, Ephesians, or 1 John. Thoroughly exegete the letter, identify and explore key themes, and apply the message of the letter to contemporary life and ministry. This course has an English and a Greek language option.

### 201.515 ENGAGING THEOLOGY

Explore systematic theology and learn to think theologically. Examine God's self-revelation, how that revelation can be understood, and why it is foundational for Christian faith. Explore the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living.

### 203.6/715 THE TRINITY PRE-REQUISITE: 201.515

Be equipped to analyse and evaluate Christian understandings of the Trinity as presented in Scripture and Tradition and bring those insights into dialogue with contemporary issues. Examine the biblical accounts of the Spirit, taking particular notice of developments in presentation of the Spirit from the Old to the New Testament.

### 217.515 PASIFIKA THEOLOGY

Explore how theology is done contextually in the Pacific region through the examination of Pacific concepts, stories, and socio-politico-economic structures of life. Develop an understanding which will provide a foundation for shaping Pacific ministries based on biblical interpretation, theological reflection, and religious practice.

### 308.515 CHRISTIAN HISTORY: OUR STORY

Get an overview of major developments in the history of Christianity from the early church through to the 21st century with attention to the life and thought of key individuals.

### 309.6/715 A HISTORY OF EVANGELICALISM

Explore the history of the Evangelical movement, from its emergence in eighteenth and nineteenth century Britain to its present global reach, and examine Evangelicalism's distinctive theological and missional character in the contemporary context and in Aotearoa.

### 312.515 NGĀ HUNGA HOHOURONGO (THE GOSPEL PEACEMAKERS)

Explore Māori responses to the introduction of Te Rongopai—the Gospel—to Māori society. The message of the Gospel contends with utu, war, and the law/lore of tapu. Initially, chiefly mana resisted any Christian pacifist ideas which were seen as a part of conversion. Get an overview of 'peace-orientated Christianity' and its impact on Māori society through the agency of the bible as a book of peace.

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Reflect on personal and communal spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture, theological understandings and a variety of Christian spiritual traditions. Evaluate key aspects of your own formation, and your experiences of personal and communal strategies intended to facilitate spiritual growth. Develop spiritual practices which will strengthen your contribution to enhancing human wellbeing within your own social and cultural contexts.

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### 542.6/715 YOUTH MINISTRY: LEADERSHIP

Explore the topic of leadership with an emphasis on developing quality leaders with safe and sustainable leadership practices. Consider these practices for a church context that includes young people. Examine biblical and theological reflection on leadership; personal, spiritual, and communal practices to support effective and sustainable leadership; personal attributes that shape leaders and build teams, and consideration of an indigenous model of leadership from within Aotearoa.

### 575.6/715 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Explore the identity, calling, and vocation of a pastor in theological, biblical, historical, and cultural perspective. Examine the unique challenges and dynamics of pastoral leadership, and what sets it apart from other forms of Christian and organisational leadership. Evaluate a range of approaches to pastoral ministry and work toward a personal philosophy of church leadership.

### 590.715 CAPSTONE: INTEGRATIVE PRACTICE

Explores biblical, theological, and practical studies by means of a process of spiritual formation. Reflect on your key learnings and faith journey over the course of your study and articulate a personal ethos for your vocation in the mission of God through interaction with peers and faculty members.

### 607.6/715 CHRISTIANITY & OTHER RELIGIONS

Explore the central belief systems of the world religions, local religions and spiritualities, and secularism. Explore a range of interreligious relationships and develop of theology of religion. Examine key cultural, political, historical, and religious factors, and how these factors affect Christian witness in present day contexts both in Aotearoa and beyond.

### 618.6/715 ECOLOGICAL MISSION

Explore the biblical, traditional, theological, ethical, and practical issues surrounding justice and creation care. Analyse the implications of global and local inequalities and environmental changes for mission praxis in Aotearoa, the Pacific, and beyond.

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