



by distance

**Semester 1 & 2 2025
Summer Semester
2025/26**

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 2025

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

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122.6/715 PENTATEUCH

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

Engage in detailed exegesis of the English [or the Hebrew] text of selected parts of the Pentateuch, as well as studies in the theology of the Pentateuch with particular focus on the book of Deuteronomy.

140.515 READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Explore the New Testament and its world, and be introduced to basic skills of textual interpretation and the application of New Testament texts to contemporary contexts.

143.6/715 GOSPELS 2 (JOHN)

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

Explore exegetical and theological study of texts from the Gospel of John. Engage with the text and theology of one of these remarkable texts and reflect on the implications for Christian discipleship in today's world.

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

PRE-REQUISITE: 201

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.

351.715 RESEARCH TOPIC 1: CHRISTIAN THOUGHT & HISTORY

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406.6/715 MODELS OF SPIRITUALITY

Explore 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.

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

PRE-REQUISITES: 474 OR 476

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.

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.

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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.

603.6/715 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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

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.

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R361.830 RESEARCH PAPER

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

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 2025

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.

123.6/715 PROPHETS

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

Examine the nature of Old Testament prophecy, the language of prophecy, and the eighth century prophets with special reference to the book of Amos. Either a) exegesis of selections of the English text of Amos, or b) translation and exegesis of selections of the Hebrew text of Amos.

152.615/715 EPISTLES 2

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 Philippians, the Thessalonian letters, James, or 1 Peter. After exploring the background to the epistle, the letter will be thoroughly exegeted, key themes will be identified and explored, and the message of the letter will be applied to contemporary life and ministry.

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.

SEMESTER 2 2025 *continued*

205.6/715 CHURCH: THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE

PRE-REQUISITE: 201.515

Be introduced 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.

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.

310.615/715 TE HARINUI: THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AOTEAROA

This course explores the story of Christianity in Aotearoa, with particular attention to the spread of the Gospel among Māori and interactions between Christianity and New Zealand identity and institutions, and the contextualization of that story in Christian leadership in Aotearoa.

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540.6/715 MAKING DISCIPLES THAT LAST

Explore the key relational aspects of effective youth ministry with an emphasis on developing young people personally and spiritually. Gain a deeper understanding of relationships between aspects of youth culture and the discipleship of young people. Topics covered in the course include biblical and theological understandings of discipleship, cultural and personal identity formation, family dynamics, adolescent human development, and appropriate communications and mentoring strategies.

561.615/715 INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING

This course helps 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.

582.615/715 EVANGELISM 1

Explore the biblical and theological foundation for evangelism. Be provided with an introduction to the concepts, motivations, process, and issues of evangelism in the contemporary world.

590.715 CAPSTONE: INTEGRATIVE PRACTICE

Explore 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. Entry into this course for non-BTh students is by application to BTh programme lead.

609.615/715 WORLD CHRISTIANITY

Examine expressions of orthodox Christianity globally with special attention to the developing world. The theology, practice, and context of global expressions of Christianity will be considered along with a focus on the expansion of Christianity globally and the implications this has for the Church and missions.

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477.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II FULL YEAR

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

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