

COURSE DETAILS FOR GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY

DISTANCE LEARNING CAMPUS

SEMESTER 1, 2019

106.515 BIBLICAL HEBREW: INTRODUCTION 1

John de Jong

This course is an introductory study of the grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew, and its application in translation and exegesis.

108.515 BIBLICAL GREEK: INTRODUCTION 1

Julia van den Brink

This course is an introductory study of the grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Greek, and its application in translation and exegesis.

111.615 BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Aitee Koh

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

This course introduces learners to the biblical metanarrative as the structure of biblical theology and with the Christian gospel as the centre of biblical theology.

125.615/715 OLD TESTAMENT: PSALMS

This course studies the growth of the Psalter, its present shape, theological significance and emergence and use as the Bible's book of praise and prayer.

140.515 NEW TESTAMENT: INTRODUCTION

Julia van den Brink

This course introduces learners to the New Testament including its origins, historical and social setting, literary nature, major themes and contemporary relevance.

142.615/715 NEW TESTAMENT: LUKE

Aitee Koh

This course involves a 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.

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.

205.615/715 THEOLOGY: CHURCH AND THE MISSION OF GOD

Aitee Koh

This course introduces students 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.

211.615/715 THEOLOGY: ETHICS

Aitee Koh

This course introduces students to ethical decision-making and Christian ethics, including the biblical underpinnings of ethics, morality, justice, and virtue. It is also an introduction to individual and social ethics, and concepts of justice, virtue and vice.

215.515 BEGINNING THEOLOGY

This course introduces students to theological reflection, providing opportunities for students to develop basic skills for working with biblical texts and theological ideas and applying those skills in everyday contexts.

307.615/715 HISTORY OF NEW ZEALAND CHRISTIANITY

Angelene Goodman

This course is an in-depth survey of the development of Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand, from the arrival of Samuel Marsden in 1814 until the present day.

401.515 FORMATION

David Wells

This course aims to help students' spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture and a variety of Christian spiritual traditions, reflection on their own and others' foundational experiences, and the development of spiritual practices for life and vocation.

403.615/715 SPIRITUALITY FOR MINISTRY

David Wells

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.

463.615 MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

This 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.

466.715 PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

This 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.

505.515 MISSION, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

David Wells

This course begins by asking, "Where is God at work in the world?" And asks, "How do we respond to change and the emerging challenges of 21st Century in ways that are intelligent, imaginative, and courageous?" The course examines theological, historical, and cultural aspects of ministry and explores some of the diverse expressions of the gospel in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. This course invites us to discover what part in the gospel story we are being called to play.

511.615/715 PASTORAL CARE IN COMMUNITY

This course explores pastoral approaches to significant life crises, including experiences of loss, death and dying, getting married, divorce, alcoholism, mild depression, past hurts, and developmental issues.

585.715 RESEARCH TOPIC

Alan Thomson

This full-year 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. 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.

611.515 INTERCULTURAL STUDIES: INTRODUCTION

John de Jong

This course introduces students to intercultural and mission studies, examining how culture, context, and understanding of God's mission in the world influences personal engagement in intercultural ministry and mission.

617.615/715 MERCY, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

David Wells

This course identifies the theological and global realities of suffering, injustice and need. It affirms the holistic nature of God's mission to the world and the call to express mercy and justice, seeking to bring social transformation through community, national and international aid and development. This course seeks to develop creative approaches to holistic social transformation through engagement with theology, history and contemporary interventions.

This timetable is correct at the time of publication; however the College reserves the right to cancel courses, or alter lecture times should circumstances arise. Up to date information is available at any time by contacting the College.