

# COURSE DETAILS FOR GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY

## DISTANCE LEARNING CAMPUS

SUMMER 2019/2020

### **115.515 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

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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.

### **146.615/715 NEW TESTAMENT: ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF JESUS**

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This course introduces students 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.

### **215.515 BEGINNING THEOLOGY**

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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.

### **271.615/715 GOSPEL AND CULTURE**

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This course introduces students to theological integration by exploring how the Gospel, rooted in the Biblical narrative, informs all areas of life in contemporary culture and society. It asserts that the Gospel is embodied in culture, while at the same time serves to critique and enrich that same culture. Students are introduced to tools and techniques to faithfully "read the signs of the times" in both Aotearoa New Zealand and global contexts, and to evaluate how the Gospel might be expressed authentically and creatively across disciplines and contexts.

### **401.515 FORMATION**

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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**

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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.

### **505.515 MISSION, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

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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.

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