POSTGRADUATE COURSE UNITS
(Theology)

T8505 Introduction to Christian Doctrines
This graduate course unit introduces students to the beliefs of a Christian tradition, enabling them to explore their faith within the context and shape of that tradition. It provides a foundation for all future theology course units.
At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. interpret the major doctrines within a particular Christian tradition
2. appraise the core doctrines from alternatives held in other Christian traditions
3. demonstrate an ability to research widely, think critically, and reflect theologically
4. critically analyse the writing of relevant theological thinkers and texts
5. creatively apply insights from their study to Christian life and ministry

T9633 Focused Study in Trinitarian Theology
The purpose of this graduate unit is enable students to build upon their prior theological learning via a study of a significant issue in Trinitarian theology
At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. display a perceptive knowledge of the broader historico-theological framework that give rise to major issues in Trinitarian theology
2. display a profound knowledge of the issue under examination together with the relevant developments in scholarship
3. evaluate recent scholarship on the Trinitarian question
4. critically analyse the manner in which many questions in Trinitarian theology hold social implications
5. compose a graduate-level research paper focused on a major question in Trinitarian theology that demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the relevant literature and developed analytical skills
T9638 Doctrine of Sanctification

This graduate course unit seeks to enable students to interpret and integrate the biblical material on sanctification into a coherent doctrinal framework. It lays the doctrinal framework for use in pastoral ministry settings.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a critical knowledge of the chief forms in which sanctification is expressed in the Old and New Testaments
2. demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the writings of selected biblical and systematic theologians on the topic of sanctification
3. evaluate in depth from a biblical perspective representative constructive theologies of sanctification
4. integrate the material studied into their own articulation of the doctrine of sanctification
5. critically apply the results of their study to contemporary issues raised by their ministry situation

T9639 Theological Perspectives on the Environment

This graduate course unit aims to introduce the students into the main characteristics of, and causes leading to, the environmental crisis. It will also look for possible solutions in light of the theory and practice of an ecclesial tradition together with contemporary witnesses and attitudes.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the environmental crisis
2. discern the main historical, cultural and civilizational causes that led to the environmental crisis
3. analyse the writings of several theological thinkers and key theological texts, ancient and modern
4. critically evaluate traditional theory and practice to a consistent Christian approach to the environment
5. apply fundamental principles in theology to contemporary issues relating to the environment

T9666 Readings in selected Theologians

This graduate course unit enables students to appreciate, via a detailed study of the key works selected theologians, that theology is an evolving and historically embedded discipline.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. thoroughly understand the historical context and methodological approach of selected theologians
2. comprehensively identify the primary concerns of selected theologians
3. analyse/critique/compare, at an advanced level, the writings of at least two theologians
4. accurately and creatively employ the chief insights of selected theologians in answering contemporary questions in theology
5. systematically evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of the writings of selected theologians and substantiate their stances
**T9687 Wesleyan Theological Perspectives**

This graduate course unit provides students with a broad foundational knowledge of the doctrines that were articulated as a result of the 18th century Wesleyan awakening. It will introduce students to the antecedents of Wesleyan theology, its ecumenical setting and its developments up to the present. It will also develop student’s ability to apply insights from the course to Christian life and discipleship.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. elucidate a broad knowledge of the social and historical context in which Wesleyan theology emerged as an identifiable theological tradition.
2. explain the major theological themes of Wesleyan theology such as prevenient grace, the new birth and Christian perfection and their significance for subsequent theological thought.
3. analyse the impact of Wesleyan thought on contemporary theological developments.
4. critically evaluate source materials in the subject.
5. creatively apply Wesleyan insights to Christian life and discipleship.

**T9695 Issues in Theology: A Loving God in a suffering World**

This subject considers the relationship between theology and cosmology, paying particular attention to the fundamental question of how evil and suffering in the world relates to the nature of God, and his stated victory which is implicit in Christian conversion.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the topic selected for consideration.
2. critically analyse a range of primary and secondary literature dealing with the topic.
3. critically evaluate the topic using the methodologies appropriate to the discipline.
4. show advanced competence in practical skills and/or descriptive, critical and analytic skills with respect to the topic.
5. perceptively apply the results of their study to enrich Christian life, ministry, or theology.

**T9695 Issues in Theology: Theology and Film**

This unit examines the relationship between theology and culture, through critical interpretation of the cinematic arts. A series of films from a variety of genres will be viewed and interpreted theologically. The unit aims to enhance the students’ appreciation of the intersection between theology and the arts and empower them to appreciate the power of cinema not simply to entertain but to provoke theological reflection.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the topic selected for consideration.
2. critically analyse a range of primary and secondary literature dealing with the topic.
3. critically evaluate the topic using the methodologies appropriate to the discipline.
4. show advanced competence in practical skills and/or descriptive, critical and analytic skills with respect to the topic.
5. perceptively apply the results of their study to enrich Christian life, ministry, or theology.