UNDERGRADUATE COURSE UNITS (Theology)

T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines

This course unit introduces students to the beliefs of the 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. Identify the major doctrines within a particular Christian tradition
2. Distinguish the core doctrines from alternatives held in other Christian traditions
3. Demonstrate an ability to think and reflect theologically
4. Analyse the writing of relevant theological thinkers and texts
5. Apply insights from their study to Christian life and ministry

T7231 The Person and work of Christ

This course unit is designed to provide students with an understanding of the person and saving work of Jesus Christ. It seeks to explore this understanding in the light of contemporary Christian thought and life.

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

1. demonstrate an understanding of the person and saving work of Christ in the New Testament
2. demonstrate a critical awareness of the evolution of Christological and soteriological doctrine
3. analyze source documents and theological literature relevant to Christology and Soteriology
4. critically explore issues in Christology and Soteriology in the context of contemporary culture and religion and
5. apply Christological and Soteriological insights to the Christian spiritual life and discipleship.
T7234 The Self-Revealing God
This unit builds on the knowledge and skills learned in the introductory unit in theology. It prepares the student for more specialised study at higher levels through a study of the nature, attributes and creative work of the Triune God as this is made known to us through his self-revelation.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a broad and coherent understanding of the literature and the major theological doctrines (Revelation, Trinity, God the Father, Creation, Providence) relevant to this unit
2. Demonstrate a critical awareness of the ways that the Church has understood the interaction between the self-revealing God and creation
3. Analyse a range of primary and secondary literature dealing with God’s self-revelation and his interaction with creation
4. Critically evaluate key issues arising from their study of God’s self-revelation in the light of our contemporary cultural and religious setting
5. Transfer this knowledge to pastoral situations arising within their ministry setting

T7287 Wesleyan Theology
This unit introduces students to the Wesleyan theological tradition. Wesleyan distinctives are explored and set within their broad social and historical context.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:
1. Identify the major theological influences on the developing Wesleyan tradition
2. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the historical context in which Wesleyan theology emerged as a discrete strand of theological thought
3. Evaluate key Wesleyan themes, such as prevenient grace, the new birth and Christian perfection, and their significance for subsequent theological thought
4. Analyse source materials in the unit
5. Creatively apply Wesleyan insights to Christian life and discipleship

T7305 Christian Apologetics
This course unit examines the history and shape of Christian apologetics. It considers models of apologetics found in Scripture and throughout church history in order to make application of them to contemporary challenges to the Christian faith.

At the end of this unit students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature of Christian apologetics, and the various approaches available
2. Discuss how various cultural and theological forces have changed the current environment for Christian apologetics
3. Critically analyse the apologetic literature relevant to this unit
4. Articulate both classical and contemporary arguments and defences for Christian life and faith
5. Critically apply the results of their study to contemporary questions raised by their society
T7333 The Trinity

The purpose of this unit is to focus exclusively on, and examine systematically, the Church’s teaching on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine that stands at the very heart of Christian belief. In so doing it will want to demonstrate the profound soteriological and existential consequences of this doctrine to the way Christians live their life.

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

1. Demonstrate a sound knowledge of the key themes in the doctrine of the Trinity
2. Identify the key biblical features of this doctrine and its trajectory into the Patristic and/or modern traditions
3. Critically review, analyse, and synthesise knowledge current literature on the Trinity
4. Show an ability to articulate a doctrine of the Trinity for a contemporary reader
5. Apply the doctrine of the Trinity to Christian living today

T7337 Christian Anthropology and Grace

This course unit seeks to provide students with a theological understanding of the human person and the ability to relate Christian anthropology to the theology of grace. It enables students to begin to integrate their prior theological learning into a coherent framework based on a Christian vision of human persons and their orientation to the divine life.

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

1. Understand the key features of the debates on grace that have occurred in Christian history
2. Comprehend the interdependency of Christian anthropology and the theology of divine grace particularly as it is manifest in attempts to reconcile understandings of grace and human free will
3. Relate the theology and life of grace to the Holy Trinity
4. Analyse and critique recent ecumenical dialogue on Christian anthropology and grace and
5. Apply the theology of the human person and grace to the dynamics of personal, cultural and social transformation.

T7338 Doctrine of Sanctification

This 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 broad knowledge of the writings of selected biblical and systematic theologians on the topic of sanctification
3. Critically evaluate 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
T7386 Reformation Theology

This course unit will examine the major theological developments during, and emerging from, the Protestant Reformation. These will be set within their broad historical and confessional context.

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

1. Explain how the intellectual developments of the renaissance and reformation periods have contributed to the origins of modern thought
2. Articulate a nuanced understanding of the complementarity and discontinuity of the various Reformers’ ideas
3. Critically analyse source materials of the Reformation
4. Evaluate the major doctrinal themes of the Protestant Reformers such as Justification, Grace and Election, the Church
5. Creatively apply insights from the Reformation to contemporary faith and practice

T7395 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. Identify for themselves a question to be posed or a topic to be investigated in the particular subject area
2. Demonstrate a good knowledge of the area chosen for consideration
3. Analyse in some depth a range of primary and secondary literature dealing with the issue
4. Evaluate the issue using the methodologies appropriate to the subject area
5. Apply the results of their study to enrich Christian life and ministry

T7396 Issues in the Theology of Work, Leisure and Vocation

If our work takes up the majority of our time, why do we often neglect to think about its relationship to our faith? This unit seeks to enable students to bring together their Christian convictions and the everyday world of work—whether in the household, the factory, or the marketplace. It will also consider the themes of vocation and profession, rest and leisure, and a host of other theological and ethical themes in our fast-paced, technological society. Whether you are engaged in a profession, have pastoral care of workers, or are just thinking about the meaning of your everyday life, this unit will give you space and resources to reflect on your roles in God's world.

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

1. Identify for themselves a question to be posed or a topic to be investigated in the particular subject area
2. Demonstrate a good knowledge of the area chosen for consideration
3. Analyse in some depth a range of primary and secondary literature dealing with the issue
4. Evaluate the issue using the methodologies appropriate to the subject area
5. Apply the results of their study to enrich Christian life and ministry