

Faculty of Theology

- BL130.1 NT Greek IA** 3
This subject is the first stage of providing the student with the ability to use Hellenistic Greek as a tool for New Testament study. Following a thorough introduction to the grammar of New Testament Greek, some experience is given in the translation of simple texts from the Greek New Testament.
- BL131.2 NT Greek IB** 3
This subject is the second stage of providing the student with the ability to use New Testament Greek as a tool for New Testament study. Following a thorough introduction to the grammar of New Testament Greek, experience is given in the translation and exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text of the New Testament.
Prerequisite: BL130.1
- BL135 New Testament Greek 1A—Distance Mode** 3
This subject is the first stage of providing the student with the ability to use New Testament Greek as a tool for New Testament study. Following a thorough introduction to the grammar of New Testament Greek, experience is given in the translation and exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text.
- BL136 New Testament Greek 1B—Distance Mode** 3
This subject is the second stage of providing the student with the ability to use New Testament Greek as a tool for New Testament study. Following a thorough introduction to the grammar of New Testament Greek, experience is given in the translation and exegesis of selected portions of the Greek text of the New Testament.
Prerequisite: BL135 (DM) or BL130.1
- BL150.2 Hebrew A** 3
This subject introduces the student to the elements of Hebrew phonology, word formation and grammar, with particular emphasis on understanding the verb and building a vocabulary of the most frequently used words in the Old Testament. Students will translate selected Old Testament prose passages.
- BL151.1 Hebrew B** 3
The second semester of biblical Hebrew will complete the survey of the textbook and translate narratives selected from Genesis, Ruth and Jonah. Selected Psalms will be translated to introduce Hebrew poetry. Grammar and syntax issues will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on greater familiarity with the verbal system.
- BL240.1 New Testament Greek IIA** 3
This subject studies intermediate Greek syntax and grammar concurrent with translation and exegesis of selected passages of Koine Greek (mainly taken from the New Testament).
Prerequisite: BL131.2
- BL241.2 New Testament Greek IIB** 3
This subject studies intermediate Greek syntax and grammar concurrent with translation and exegesis of selected passages of Koine Greek (mainly taken from the New Testament).
Prerequisite: BL131.2
- BS101.1 Bible in Context** 3
This subject is a general introduction to the Bible in its social and historical context, and how it is studied in an academic context. Issues dealt with include the literature of the Bible, methods of interpretation, and a general overview of the biblical world. Selections from the Bible are studied to illustrate the added insights that are available from using published resources.
- BS270.1 Biblical Apocalyptic** 3
An introduction to the books of Daniel and Revelation, including study of principles of apocalyptic interpretation and exposition.
NOTE: Entry is limited to BA or BA/BTch students with major or minor in Religion or Religious Studies.
- CM115.2 Youth Ministry in the Local Church** 3
Odd years only
A study of the theology and practice of youth ministry covering the need for a special ministry for youth, the organisation of youth ministry in the local church, and developmental theory from ages 10 to 30. Particular attention is paid to faith development. Study will be given to how youth learn, and to small group theory. Students will learn to assess youth needs, and to develop programs to meet those needs.
- CM150.1 Spiritual Formation for Ministry** 3
This subject surveys different approaches to spirituality and self-awareness, and provides foundational spiritual preparation of the person for ministry. It examines the biblical foundations for ministry in a context of a theology of the church and its mission, and introduces basic ministry skills and professional boundaries. A church placement is included in this subject.
- CM151.2 Spirituality, Small Groups, and Communication** 3
This subject continues the spiritual preparation of the person for ministry. It introduces spiritual disciplines for encouraging spiritual growth, small groups theory and practice, and personal spiritual accountability. It also provides communication theory and practice, including preparation and delivery of speeches to inform and to persuade.

CM170.2 Christian Health, Philosophy and Practice 3
Even years only

This subject studies the philosophy and practice of health, particularly as it relates to Christian service. Special attention is given to the historical development and the scientific support of Adventist health beliefs; the determinants of health and theories of behaviour change; and the rationale and development of specific lifestyle programs.

CM235.2 Australian and New Zealand Religions 3

This subject comprises a study of the religious environment of Australia and New Zealand. Attention is given to indigenous religions, traditional Christianity, Christian cults and sects, and recent religious movements. The insights provided by this subject are intended to help students relate with greater understanding to persons of differing religious persuasions.

Prerequisite: 3 credit points of CM at 100 level or CR100

CM240.1 Ministry in Practice A 3

This subject comprises a further study of the theology and practice of ministry, giving special attention to the personal work of the pastor, worship services, and strategies for church-based pastoral and evangelistic ministry in a supervised field context. It incorporates both classroom and supervised field components.

Prerequisite: CM150.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

CM241.2 Evangelism in Practice A 3

This subject comprises a study of personal evangelism as an aspect of the church's mission. After a survey of the biblical basis for evangelism and its theology, methods of personal evangelism are critically surveyed, and students develop and adapt, under guidance, evangelistic methods and skills for their future ministry.

Prerequisite: CM150.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

CM250.1 Cross-Cultural Ministry 3

This subject comprises a study of ministry in two contexts: (1) the multi-cultural Australia and/or New Zealand society of the twenty-first century; and (2) world mission. Particular attention is given to the theology of cross-cultural ministry and mission, and Christian perspectives on sociology and cultural anthropology.

Prerequisite: CM150.1 or CR100 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

CM260.2 Homiletics 3

This subject is a study of homiletic theory and practice in the context of contemporary worship. Preaching practice in the classroom and sermon presentations in local churches constitute the practical requirements.

Prerequisite: CM151.2 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

CM275.2 Church Ministry II (GD) 3

This subject is a study of the integration of the theory and practice of pastoral ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The assigned practical requirements are fulfilled in the context of local church with which the student is affiliated.

CM340.1 Ministry in Practice B 3

This subject comprises a study of the theology and practice of ministry with special attention to the administrative leadership of the pastor, an introduction to Clinical Pastoral Education, and preparation for the transition from student to practitioner. It incorporates both classroom and supervised field components.

Prerequisite: CM240.1

CM341.2 Evangelism in Practice B 3

This subject is a study of the theory and practice of public evangelism and its integration into ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It includes assigned practical requirements which are fulfilled in the context of a local church program of evangelism. Additional practical requirements in a local congregation are also attached to this subject.

Prerequisite: CM241.2

CM355.1 Church Ministry III (GD) 3

This subject provides a continuing opportunity for the integration of theory and practice of ministry. The subject provides practical experience in various types of evangelistic and pastoral ministry. The student in the field is supervised by church pastors, the lecturer, and/or an evangelist.

CM371.2 Seminar in the Philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist Ministry and Mission 3

To be taken in the student's final year

This subject provides an opportunity for the student to research the conceptual framework for the practice of ministry and mission in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Emphasis is given to the integration of sound theoretical perspectives with strategies and methods in pastoral and evangelistic practice in both present and emerging situations.

CR100/CR101.1/2 Christian Faith in an Adventist Context 3

This subject aims to present the essence of the Christian faith in an Adventist context. Certain key elements of Christian belief are examined. Emphasis is placed on the practicality of the Christian proclamation and the place of Adventism within the broader Christian tradition.

CR103 Christian Faith in an Adventist Context—Distance Mode 3

This course consists of six modules which begin with a discussion of Jesus, the Bible and God and ends with a study of Christ's Heavenly Ministry and the Second Advent. The other four modules deal with Salvation, Sanctification, Worship and the Church. Constantly we will be trying to

relate theological discussion to the practical Christian life as it exists in the modern world. To this end the student will be encouraged to refer to views of religion as expressed in serious media sources.

CR120.1/2 Human Relations and Multicultural Issues 3
This unit introduces the student to contemporary studies of human relationships across the life span. Particular attention is given to: attachment, psychosocial development, the family life cycle, family violence, child abuse, cultural diversity, Aboriginal culture, Maori culture, and issues in education relating to indigenous Australians.

CR130 Seventh-day Adventist History and Heritage—Distance Mode 3
A study of the background, rise and progress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from the Second Advent Awakening in the 1830s and 1840s to the present. Attention is given to personalities, events, and the development of Biblical understandings, with particular emphasis on the life, prophetic role and writings of Ellen G White.

CR200.1/2 Adventist Heritage 3
A study of the rise, development and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from the Second Advent Awakening in the 1830s and 1840s to the present. Attention is given to personalities, events and the development of biblical understandings.

CR210.1 Old Testament Literature and Faith 3
The social and historical background of the Old Testament, the content of representative Old Testament books, and the faith of their writers.

CR215.2 New Testament Literature and Faith 3
This subject is an introduction to the study of the New Testament. It looks at some of the major themes of selected New Testament books, illustrating these by means of key passages.

CR260.1 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion 3
This subject provides a survey of the philosophy of religion, and Christian apologetics. It also provides an introduction to Christian ethics.

CY104.1 Seventh-day Adventist History and Heritage 3
A study of the rise, development and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from the Second Advent Awakening in the 1830s and 1840s to the present. Attention is given to personalities, events and the development of biblical understandings, with particular emphasis on the life, prophetic role, and writings of Ellen G White.

CY205.2 Ellen White: Life and Writings 3
This subject presents an in-depth study of the life and writings of one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen Gould White (1828–1915). Particular attention is given to the issues that surround her on-going influence upon the church in the 21st century.

Prerequisite: CY104.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

CY235.1/335.1 Early and Medieval Church 3
This subject consists of the study of the history of the Christian church from the Council of Jerusalem through the medieval period. Emphasis is placed on the ethical, doctrinal and ecclesiological issues that confronted the early church and led to the development of an institutional orthodoxy in the West. In addition, students will examine some of the major themes of medieval church history.

Prerequisite: Three credit points of history (CY or HI subjects) or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program or CR100.

NT120.2 Gospels A 3
This subject is concerned with the study of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark as witnesses to the person, life and teaching of Jesus Christ and to the earliest church's faith in him. While the focus of the course is on the exegesis of the Gospels, attention will also be given to issues of introduction, historical background, and theology.

NT201.1 Gospels B 3
This subject studies the Gospels of Luke and John as witnesses to the person, life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Particular attention is devoted to Luke's historical and social milieu, his eschatology, and the Lukan parables. With John there is a focus on his unique language, dialogues and "sign-miracles". The Gospels' distinct portrayals of the Passion are also analysed.

Prerequisite: BS100.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

NT204.1 Gospels A (GD) 3
This subject is concerned with the study of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark as witnesses to the person, life and teaching of Jesus Christ and to the earliest church's faith in him. While the focus of the course is on the exegesis of the Gospels, attention will also be given to issues of introduction, historical background, and theology.

NT205.2 Gospels B (GD) 3
This subject studies the Gospels of Luke and John as witnesses to the person, life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Particular attention is devoted to Luke's historical and social milieu, his eschatology, and the Lukan parables. With John there is a focus on his unique language, dialogues and "sign-miracles". The Gospels' distinct portrayals of the Passion are also analysed.

Prerequisite: BS100.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

NT310.1 New Testament Epistles A 3
This subject is concerned with the study of Romans and I and II Corinthians, as well as selected passages from other New Testament Epistles. Attention will first be given to

the problems of introduction related to the epistle under consideration. This will be followed by analysis of the letter's overall message and exegesis of some of the more significant sections of each letter. The English text will usually be used, but frequent reference will be made to the Greek text where relevant. Key passages will be studied in the Greek text.

Prerequisites: BL131.2, NT201.1

NT311.2 New Testament Epistles B 3
This subject is concerned with the study of Galatians and Hebrews, as well as selected passages from other New Testament Epistles. Attention will first be given to the social milieu and introductory problems related to the epistle under consideration. An analysis of the letter's overall message and an exegesis of the most significant sections of each letter will follow this. The English text will be used as a base, but frequent reference will be made to the Greek text. Key passages from the Greek text of the New Testament are also studied.

Prerequisites: BL131.2; NT201.1 or NT120.2

NT371.2 New Testament Apocalypses 3
This subject is a study of the parts of the New Testament which are considered to have the characteristics of apocalypses, namely the Gospel "synoptic apocalypse", selected passages from Paul's Thessalonian letters, and the book of Revelation. The subject focuses on exegesis, and includes a survey of the history of interpretation, plus application to the present church and society

Prerequisites: BL131.2; NT120.2 or NT201.1

OT212.1 Pentateuch 3
This subject introduces the student to exegesis of the Hebrew Bible by focusing on its first five books. It also continues the survey of Hebrew grammar begun in the subject Hebrew A. Passages are selected for exegesis which highlight the main themes of the Pentateuch.

Prerequisite: BL150.2

OT217.1 Pentateuch 3
This subject introduces the student to exegesis of the Hebrew Bible by focusing on its first five books. Passages are selected for exegesis which highlight the main themes of the Pentateuch.

Prerequisite: Admission to the Graduate Diploma in Theology or to the BA or BA/BTch with major or minor in Religion or Religious Studies.

OT225.2 Assyrian Era Prophets and Kings 3
This subject provides a general introduction to the phenomenon of prophecy and prophetic literature, followed by specific introduction to and exegesis of Hebrew passages selected from Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Micah and Isaiah. Their political and religious contexts will be examined by

reference to Old Testament historical texts.

Prerequisite: OT212.1 or OT217.1

OT271.1 Old Testament Seers and Sages (GD) 3
This subject is a study of the Hebrew apocalypses and wisdom literature, with special focus on the book of Daniel, to discover their meaning and relevance for today.

Prerequisite: OT225.1 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

OT325.2 Babylonian Era Prophets and Kings 3
This subject provides selected coverage of the political and religious context of Judah during neo-Babylonian domination, focusing on the ministry of the prophets of that era. Selected Hebrew passages will be exegeted in an attempt to recover their contribution to the moral and religious issues of their time.

Prerequisite: OT212.1 or OT217.1

OT371.1 Old Testament Seers and Sages 3
This subject is a study of the Hebrew apocalypses and wisdom literature, with special focus on the book of Daniel, to discover their meaning and relevance for today.

Prerequisite: OT225.1

PS100.1/2 General Psychology 3
An introduction to the study of general psychology is taught in the context of Christian values. Areas include research methods and critical thinking, sensation and perception, learning and memory, motivation and emotion, stress and coping, personality, intelligence, mental health and abnormal behaviour, social behaviour, and attitudes.

PS210.2 Pastoral Psychology 3
Pastoral Psychology examines psychological theories of human development within the context of a Christian understanding of what it means to be human. The vital impact of early attachment and parenting styles upon the development of personal identity, faith, and the concept of the image of God over the life span are considered. Psychological models of personality are evaluated from a Christian perspective. Applications of theoretical material are made to pastoral ministry throughout the subject.

Prerequisite: PS100 or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology.

PS305.1 Marriage and Family Psychology 3
This subject examines marriage and family psychology giving particular attention to family systems theory and Christian perspectives. Current research relating to the family life cycle, family influences on adolescent development, attitudes toward religion, and family relationships are considered. Health and dysfunction provide the context for an investigation of systemic approaches to facilitating individual, couple, and family change. Cultural sensitivity is seen as essential to the study of this subject. Students are

trained in basic interview skills, pre-marital counselling and appropriate referral.

Prerequisite: PS210.2, TH260.1

PS306.2 Pastoral Counselling 3

This subject explores the application of selected psychological theories to counselling situations. These approaches are critiqued from a Christian perspective. Specific counselling skills are practiced and examined in various role-play situations. Particular emphasis is given throughout the subject to the counsellor-client interaction and relationship, the development of personal awareness, and personal growth. The ethics relating to the provision of counselling in pastoral setting are carefully considered and the issues of appropriate referral explored.

Prerequisite: PS210.2

RN345.1/2 Seminar in Religion 3

This subject takes students through the necessary steps for writing a research project as part of the requirements of the BA Religion major. The major components include tentative choice of topic, guided reading, preparation of a proposal, and writing of a research paper. The topic will be selected by the student in consultation with relevant staff, and will take into consideration staff availability, research interests, and access to resources.

Prerequisites: 6 credit points at 300 level in major field.

RN347.1-2 Seminar in Religion 6

This subject takes students through the necessary steps for writing a research project as part of the requirements of the BA Religion major. The major components include tentative choice of topic, guided reading, preparation of a proposal, and writing of an extended research paper. The topic will be selected by the student in consultation with relevant staff, and will take into consideration staff availability, research interests, and access to resources.

Prerequisites: Average grade of 75% in two 200-level major subjects in semester 4.

Corequisites: 6 credit points at 300 level in major field.

TH260.1 Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion 3

This subject provides a survey of the philosophy of religion, and Christian apologetics. It also provides an introduction to Christian ethics.

Prerequisites: CR100 or CR101

TH310.1 Contemporary Issues in Science and Bioethics 3

A one-semester subject discussing historical, philosophical, contemporary and ethical issues arising from or pertinent to modern scientific thought. It covers such topics as: the nature of science, medical and biological ethics, ecology and the environment, and science and religion including issues within the origins debate.

Prerequisite: TH260.1

TH320.2 Comparative Religions 3

This subject examines in some detail the historical roots, beliefs, practices, cultural influences and contemporary diversity in the following living faiths: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and indigenous religions in Australia and New Zealand.

Prerequisites: CR100 and at least one subject from the BS, OT, NT or TH strands at 200 level.

TH330.1 Systematic Theology A 3

As an in-depth study of the underlying principles of Christian theology, this subject covers the following areas: revelation and inspiration, anthropology and salvation. These doctrines are examined in regard to their biblical foundations, historical expressions, and practical and social implications.

Prerequisite: 3 credit points of theology (TH) at 200 level or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

TH331.2 Systematic Theology B 3

As an in-depth study of the underlying principles of Christian theology, this subject covers the following areas: doctrine of law, Sabbath, and eschatology. These doctrines are examined in regard to their biblical foundations, historical expressions, and practical and social implications.

Prerequisite: 3 credit points of theology (TH) at 200 level or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.

TH341.2 Historical Theology (Modern Period) 3

This subject comprises a study of the history of theology from the Reformation to the present. Attention is given to Christology, the doctrine of the atonement, soteriology, the interpretation of Scripture and eschatology; particularly as they are illustrated in the thought of Wesley, early Adventism, and the nineteenth- and twentieth-century theologians. The subject concludes with a discussion of contemporary trends and how to anticipate and adapt to them.

Prerequisite: Three credit points of theology (TH) at 200 level or acceptance into the Graduate Diploma in Theology program.