

## School of Divinity

### Important Degree Information:

#### B.Sc./M.A. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

#### B.Sc./M.A. Honours with Integrated Year Abroad

The general requirements are 540 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved honours programme of 300 credits, of which 60 credits are gained during the integrated year abroad, 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

#### B.D. Honours

The B.D. Honours programme is a fast-track 3-year Honours degree open only to those who are already university graduates in another discipline. B.D. Honours degree students must accumulate a total of 390 credits normally over a period of three years, of which 150 credits will be in Honours modules (also referred to as 3000 or 4000 level modules). Refer to programme specification and degree regulations for details.

#### M.Theology Honours

In addition to the specific requirements listed below, the following general conditions must also be met in order to graduate with an Honours degree. All M.Theol. Honours degree students must accumulate a total of 480 credits over a period of normally four and no more than five years. The Honours Programme will normally involve the study of modules worth at least 240 credits gained during the 3rd and 4th years, of which at least 210 will be in Honours modules (also referred to as 3000 or 4000 or level modules) and at least 120 credits of which must be at 4000 level in Divinity. Refer to Faculty of Divinity regulations for subjects qualifying towards an M.Theol. degree.

#### M.Theology General

In addition to the specific requirements listed below, the following general conditions must also be met in order to graduate with a General M.Theol. degree. General M.Theol. degree students must accumulate a total of 360 credits over a minimum period of three years and no more than four years, or the equivalent period of part-time study, of which at least 80 are in Second Level modules (also referred to as 2000 level) and at least 60 are in Third level modules (also referred to as 3000 level) in Divinity. Refer to programme specifications and degree regulations for further details.

**Other Information:** In the case of students who spend part of the Honours Programme abroad on a recognised Exchange Scheme, the Programme Requirements will be amended to take into account courses taken while abroad.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.A. Honours): <b>Biblical Studies</b>	<p><b>Single Honours Biblical Studies Degree:</b></p> <p><b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1003 and DI1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at 11 or better in both DI2001 and DI2003.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits comprising DI3601</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 180 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502; and (b) 120 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4600 - DI4799, save that with the permission of the Head of School, 30 of the 150 credits may be taken in a 4000-level module or modules offered by another School.</p>

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<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Biblical Studies and Ancient History, Art History, Classical Studies, Economics, English, Film Studies, French<sup>^</sup>, German<sup>^</sup>, Greek, Hebrew, Integrated Information Technology, International Relations, Mathematics, Philosophy.</b>  <sup>^</sup> available also as ‘with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees’</p>	<p><b>Biblical Studies element of Joint Honours Degrees:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1003 and DI1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at 11 or better in both DI2001 and DI2003.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits from DI3601.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 60 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other Honours subject of the Joint Honours programme; and (b) at least 30 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4600 - DI4799. A total of 120 credits must be taken in 3000-level and 4000-level modules in Divinity. Students must ensure that their Joint Honours programme results in at least 90 credits at 4000-level.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Biblical Studies with Linguistics</b></p>	<p><b>Biblical Studies with Linguistics:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1003 and DI1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at 11 or better in both DI2001 and DI2003.</p> <p><b>Levels 3 &amp; 4:</b> 150 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other subject of the programme, and (b) at least 120 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4600-DI4799; LI1002/2, LI2001 and a pass at 11 or better in LI2002, LI3001 (or for qualified students, one of FR3053, GM3077, GM3078, IT3009, ML3009, RU3015, RU3107, SP3011) and 45 credits from LI3002, LI4001, LI4002, LI4098.</p>
<p>(B.D. Honours):  <b>Divinity</b></p>	<p><b>Single Honours Divinity Degree:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 100 credits comprising DI1001, DI1002, DI1003, DI1006, DI1007.</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> At least 80 credits of which: (a) 60 credits must be from DI2001, DI2003, DI2004, DI2005, DI2006 with a pass at Grade 11 or better in two of these modules; and (b) at least 20 credits must be from either a fourth module listed in (a) above or from one of the following: DI2002, DI2007, MO2001, PY2003, PY2004, PY2001 plus PY2002, PH2101 plus PH2102 or any other 2000-level module in a cognate subject-area chosen with the permission of the Head of School.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> At least 30 credits comprising DI3601 or DI3602.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 90 credits in Divinity modules, to include (a) either DI4501 or DI4502, and (b) at least a further 60 credits in 4000-level modules in Divinity.</p>

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Hebrew and Arabic, Art History, Biblical Studies, English, French<sup>^</sup>, Geography, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, Middle East Studies, New Testament, Russian<sup>^</sup>.</b></p> <p><sup>^</sup> also available as 'with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p><b>Hebrew element of Joint Honours Degrees:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1003 and DI1004</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising a pass at Grade 11 or better in both DI2001 and DI2002.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits comprising DI3601</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 90 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other Honours subject of the Joint Honours programme; and (b) at least 60 credits must be in modules chosen from modules with Hebrew, Aramaic or Syriac content chosen from DI4700 to 4799  A total of 120 credits must be taken in 3000-level and 4000-level modules in Divinity. Students must ensure that their Joint Honours programme results in at least 90 credits at 4000-level.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>New Testament and Classical Studies, German<sup>^</sup>, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Modern History</b></p> <p><sup>^</sup> available also as 'with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p><b>New Testament element of Joint Honours Degrees:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1006 and a pass at Grade 11 or better in one of DI1005 and GK1001, or a pass in Higher Greek or A level Greek</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 20 credits comprising a pass at Grade 11 or better in DI2003.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits from DI3601.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 90 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other Honours subject of the Joint Honours programme; and (b) at least 60 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4600 - DI4699 with Greek language content.  A total of 120 credits must be taken in 3000-level and 4000-level modules in Divinity. Students must ensure that their Joint Honours programme results in at least 90 credits at 4000-level.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>New Testament with Linguistics</b></p>	<p><b>New Testament with Linguistics:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1006 and a pass at Grade 11 or better in one of DI1005 and GK1001, or a pass in Higher Greek or A level Greek</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 20 credits comprising a pass at Grade 11 or better in DI2003.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits from DI3601.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 150 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other subject of the programme, and (b) at least 120 credits must include modules with Greek language content chosen from DI4600-DI4799; LI1002/2, LI2001 and a pass at 11 or better in LI2002, LI3001 (or for qualified students, one of FR3053, GM3077.GM3078, IT3009, ML3009, RU3015, RU3107, SP3011) and 45 credits from LI3002, LI4001, LI4002, LI4098</p>

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Theological Studies</b></p>	<p><b>Single Honours Theological Studies Degree:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1001 and either DI1002 or DI1007.</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at Grade 11 or better in both DI2004 and DI2005.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits comprising DI3602.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 180 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502; and (b) 120 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4800 - DI4999, save that with the permission of the Head of School, 30 of the 150 credits may be taken in a 3000-level or 4000-level module or modules offered by another School.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Theological Studies and Classical Studies, English, Film Studies, French<sup>^</sup>, Geography, German<sup>^</sup>, Integrated Information Technology, International Relations, Mathematics, Mediaeval History, Modern History, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Spanish<sup>^</sup>.</b></p> <p><sup>^</sup> available also as ‘with Integrated Year Abroad Degrees’</p>	<p><b>Theological Studies element of Joint Honours Degrees:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1001 and either DI1002 or DI1007.</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at Grade 11 or better in both DI2004 and DI2005.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits from DI3602.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 60 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other Honours subject of the Joint Honours programme; and (b) at least 30 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4800 - DI4999. A total of 120 credits must be taken in 3000-level and 4000-level modules in Divinity. Students must ensure that their Joint Honours programme results in at least 90 credits at 4000-level.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Theological Studies with Linguistics</b></p>	<p><b>Theological Studies with Linguistics:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits comprising DI1001 and DI1002</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits comprising passes at 11 or better in both DI2004 and DI2005.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 30 credits from DI3602.</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 150 credits of which (a) 30 credits must be either DI4501 or DI4502 unless a 4000-level dissertation is taken in the other subject of the programme, and (b) at least 120 credits must be in modules chosen from DI4600-DI4799; LI1002/2, LI2001 and a pass at 11 or better in LI2002, LI3001 (or for qualified students, one of FR3053, GM3077.GM3078, IT3009, ML3009, RU3015, RU3107, SP3011) and 45 credits from LI3002, LI4001, LI4002, LI4098.</p>

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.Theology Honours): <b>Master of Theology Honours</b></p>	<p><b>Single Honours Master of Theology Degree:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 100 credits comprising DI1001, DI1002, DI1003, DI1006, DI1007.</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> At least 80 credits of which: (a) 60 credits must be from DI2001, DI2003, DI2004, DI2005, DI2006, with a pass at Grade 11 or better in two of these modules; and (b) at least 20 credits must be from either a fourth module listed in (a) above or from one of the following: DI2002, DI2007, MO2001, PY2003, PY2004, PY2001 plus PY2002, PY2101 plus PY2102, or any other 2000-level module in a cognate subject-area chosen with the permission of the Head of School.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 60 credits comprising DI3601 and DI3602</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> At least 150 credits in 4000-level modules in Divinity, including either DI4501 or DI4502, save that, with the permission of the Head of School, 30 of these 150 credits may be taken in a 3000-level or 4000-level module or modules offered by another School.</p>
<p>(M.Theol. General): <b>Master of Theology General</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Theology General Degree;</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 100 credits comprising DI1001, DI1002, DI1003, DI1006, DI1007</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> At least 80 credits of which: (a) 60 credits must be from DI2001, DI2003, DI2004, DI2005, DI2006; and (b) at least 20 credits must be from either a fourth module listed in (a) above or from one of the following: DI2002, DI2007, MO2001, PY2003, PY2004, PY2001 plus PY2002, PY2101 plus PY2102, or any other 2000-level module in a cognate subject-area chosen with the permission of the Head of School.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> At least 60 credits from DI3601 and DI3602</p>

## Modules

Normally the prerequisite for each of the following Honours modules is entry to the Honours Programme(s) for which they are specified, as well as any additional specific prerequisite(s) given.

General degree students wishing to enter 3000 modules and non-graduating students wishing to enter 3000 or 4000 level modules must consult with the relevant Honours Adviser within the School before making their selection.

## **Divinity – Honours 2005/06 – August 2005**

### **Divinity (DI) Modules**

#### **DI3601 Biblical Exegesis**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: DI2001 or DI2003 plus, for those planning to do honours work in Hebrew and/or Greek, 11 or better in DI2002 and/or DI1005 as relevant

Description: This is one of the modules that serves to complete the General Degree (M.Theol.) and to prepare honours students for 4000-level modules in the general area of biblical studies. The content may vary from year to year, but will always include training in biblical interpretation and the exegetical study of specific texts from the Old Testament and the New Testament through lectures, seminars, student presentations, and the writing of a substantial exegesis paper on a biblical passage. Students wishing to pursue honours –level work in a biblical language must engage in exegesis of the passage in the original language in this essay.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture and one two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

#### **DI3602 Theological explorations: texts, issues and applications**

Credits 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: DI1001, DI1002, and DI2004 or DI2005

Description: This is one of the modules which serves to complete the General Degree (M.Theol.) and to prepare Honours students for 4000-level modules. It will consider a range of issues fundamental to belief and practice which have been central to and have shaped the Christian theological tradition over the past two millennia. It will do this through the study of texts in seminars, through lectures, and through private study and written assignments. Issues selected for study will be considered both from a historical perspective, and with a view to contemporary criticisms and reformulations of them.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One hour lecture, Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

#### **DI4013 Christian Experience and Identity in Rome to 337CE (Greek Version)**

Credits 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: Honours entry and DI1005 or GK1001, or A level or Higher in Greek, or an equivalent qualification.

Anti-requisite: DI4014

Description: The module will consider the development of Christian experience and identity in Rome from the late 40s to the death of Constantine in 337 CE. It will assess the distinctive Roman context, the history of Christianity there in the period, community formation, everyday Christian experience, the intellectual and artistic heritage and external challenges. The focus will be on covering both key texts (with passages from some of them studied in Greek and the rest in English), including Philo's *Legatio ad Gaium* Romans, *First Clement*, the *Shepherd of Hermas*, selections from Justin Martyr and the *Apostolic Tradition* and the *Adversus Haereses* of Hippolytus, and key sites, including the Forum, the Colosseum, St Peters, St Clemente, San Sebastiano and the catacombs.

Class Hour: To be arranged

Teaching: One Hour lecture and one two-hour seminar with an additional six one-hour translation seminars

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

**DI4014 Christian Experience and Identity in Rome to 337CE (English Version)**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Anti-requisite: DI4013

Description: The module will consider the development of Christian experience and identity in Rome from the late 40s to the death of Constantine in 337 CE. It will assess the distinctive Roman context, the history of Christianity there in the period, community formation, everyday Christian experience, the intellectual and artistic heritage and external challenges. The focus will be on covering both key texts (studied in English), including Philo's *Legatio ad Gaium* Romans, *First Clement*, the *Shepherd of Hermas*, selections from Justin Martyr and the *Apostolic Tradition* and the *Adversus Haereses* of Hippolytus, and key sites, including the Forum, the Colosseum, St Peters, St Clemente, San Sebastiano and the catacombs.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One hour lecture and one two-hour seminar per week

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

**DI4501 Honours Dissertation in Divinity**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Anti-requisite: DI4502

Description: This project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 10,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 12,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

**DI4502 Honours Research in Divinity**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Anti-requisite: DI4501

Description: The Research in Divinity enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length. The Research in Divinity is assessed summatively by an assessed presentation and a three-hour essay written under exam conditions.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: To be arranged.

Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

**DI4511 Church History Special Topic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Description: This module allows students the possibility of pursuing a special topic in Church History by arrangement with the staff of the subject area and the Head of School. The topic will be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

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### **DI4513 Augustine and Thomas Aquinas in History and Effect**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Description: As well as leading students to a rounded yet in places profound appreciation of these two major theological thinkers in their contexts, the question will be framed: what has been the legacy of Augustinianism and Thomism on theology, church and culture? In the present day, what about Eastern Orthodox and Eastern religious perspectives on these systems? How much do the two systems express and how much distort or muffle the voice of the bible and the gospel? What we might call the reception of the two thinkers will be relected on in the seminars and presentations, but will also feature strongly in the examination component.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture and one 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

### **DI4612 Studies in the Pauline Corpus (A) : English Text**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: 11 or better in DI2003

Anti-requisite: DI4613

Description: This module aims to develop skills in critical exegesis of Pauline letters in English. It will introduce central features of Pauline theology, aspects of current controversy in Pauline study, and current methodological interests in the study of Paul. Selections of Pauline texts will be studied in detail.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar and occasional lectures.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4613 Studies in the Pauline Corpus (B) : Greek Text**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: DI1005 or GK1001 or Higher/A-Level Greek, and pass at 11 or better in DI2003.

Anti-requisite: DI4612

Description: This module aims to develop skills in critical exegesis of Pauline letters in both English and Greek. It will introduce central features of Pauline theology, aspects of current controversy in Pauline study, and current methodological interests in the study of Paul. Selections of Pauline texts will be studied in detail.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar and occasional lectures.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4615 New Testament Special Topic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: 11 or better in DI2003

Description: This module allows students the possibility of pursuing a special topic in the field of New Testament studies by arrangement with the staff of the subject area and the Head of School. The topic will be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of Divinity.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%



**DI4623 Fictionalising the New Testament**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: 11 or better in DI2003, DI2004, DI3601 or DI3602

Description: This module will study modern fictional accounts of Jesus, those who met him and those who followed him, narratives written by committed believers, staunch atheists, humorists, professional scholars and everything in-between. The narratives to be studied will include a selection of texts from the following: *The Shadow of the Galilean* (Theissen), *Rabbi Jesus* (Chilton), *The Lost Letters of Pergamum* (Longenecker), *Lamb: The Gospel according to Biff, Christ's Childhood Friend* (Moore), *The Gospel according to Jesus Christ* (Saramago), *Testament* (Ricci), *The Gospel of the Son* (Mailer), *The Memoirs of Pontius Pilate* (Mills), *Living Water* (Hendricks), *The Jerusalem Scrolls*, *The Stones of Jerusalem*, and *Jerusalem's Hope* (Thoene and Thoene).

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

**DI4705 Biblical Aramaic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: 11 or better in DI2002

Description: This module introduces students to a Semitic language related to Hebrew, in which parts of the Hebrew Bible are written. It consists of an introduction to basic elements of the language and study of selected texts from the biblical books of Daniel (court tales describing life in the Babylonian capital during the exile) and Ezra (diplomatic texts from the post-exilic period dealing with the return of the exiles to Palestine and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem).

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

**DI4711 Old Testament Special Topic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: 11 or better in DI2001

Description: This module allows students the possibility of pursuing a special topic in Hebrew Bible Old Testament by arrangement with the staff of the subject area and the Head of School. The topic will be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

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### **DI4718 Second Isaiah (Isaiah 40-66) : Hebrew Exegesis**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: DI2001 and DI2002

Antirequisites: DI3222, DI3218, DI4722

Description: Students will read selected portions of the Hebrew Text of Isaiah 40-66, illustrating important matters of exegesis and interpretation in respect of the given passages. Special attention shall be paid to (a) the place of these chapters within the larger book of Isaiah; (b) the phenomenon of intertextuality and inner-biblical exegesis; (c) the emergence of prophecy as a written phenomenon; (d) the social and historical implications of such a thesis, and its relationship to the question of prophecy's end; (e) reviewing basic exegetical methods (form and redaction criticism); and (f) theological appropriation and reflection on Isaiah as divine speech today.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4719 Prophets and Prophetic Books**

Credits 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: DI2001

Anti-requisites: DI4709 and DI4710

Description: This module introduces the literature of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. A survey of various approaches to interpreting the prophets, pre-modern as well as modern, will be undertaken in the course of the semester. Questions of socio-historical context, tradition-history, and literary criticism will be taken up and critically evaluated. Newer approaches to the Twelve as a collection will be examined in the final weeks of the semester. Exegesis of individual texts will be undertaken in English language versions of the Old Testament.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4726 Hebrew Readings**

Credits 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: DI1004 and 11 or better in DI2002

Description: This module intends to acquaint the student with a range of Hebrew Readings. Three areas of specialisation will be pursued: text criticism, exegesis, and reading and translating texts from the Old Testament, with a particular focus on the last of these. Text criticism is an advanced subject area, requiring cognate language skills and detailed work in the history of the Hebrew language. To this end, the module will familiarise students with the textual apparatus of (BHS) *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* and will attend to the logic of text-critical decisions deployed by the standard technical commentary series, notably The International Critical Commentary Series and the Hermenia Commentary Series.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

**DI4805 Practical Theology Special Topic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisites: DI1002 and 11 or better in DI2005

Description: This module allows students the possibility of pursuing a special topic in Practical Theology by arrangement with the staff of the subject area and the Head of School. The topic will be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

**DI4816 The Theology of the Musical**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Description: This module examines the theological and spiritual dimension of one of the most powerful and distinctive cultural form and icon of the twentieth century – the musical. It involves detailed textual, linguistic, musical and cultural analysis of key musicals, including The Sound of Music, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar, Godspell, Fiddler on the Roof, Les Miserables and Whistle Down the Wind, and examination of their implicit and explicit theological agendas and philosophies. The module also considers the musical as a liturgical vehicle and post-modern theological and spiritual experience.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Three hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

**DI4821 Modern Theological Exegesis**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Description: This module will focus on a selection of biblical books in relation to how they have inspired an exegesis which is self-consciously aware of the Church's doctrines. For instance the Christology and Ecclesiology of Ephesians will be considered in the exegetical writings of Bucer, Lapsche, Rollock Barth, Schlier, Balthasar, Schweitzer, and Schnackenburg. We shall ask: to what extent are these treatments indebted to a responsible criticism which takes the otherness and historical 'situatedness' of the text seriously and to what extent does this awareness, along with a 'faithful' reading of the text and its way of speaking contribute to a richer theological interpretation?

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One lecture and one two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

**DI4915 Theology Special Topic**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: Either

Availability: 2005-06

Description: This module allows students the possibility of pursuing a special topic in Theology by arrangement with the staff of the subject area and the Head of School. The topic (which may focus on the work of a theologian/religious thinker or a theme in theology, philosophy of religion, or apologetics) will be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

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### **DI4917 Contemporary Issues in Christian Doctrine**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2005-06

Description: This module will tackle some contentious issues lying at the heart of Christian doctrine in its contemporary manifestations. A weekly seminar will explore differing perspectives based on the study of set texts. Students will be required to present occasional papers to the seminar. Topics for discussion (one topic will be allocated for each week) may include the following: Infant baptism and Christian initiation; Eucharist and symbolism; The sinlessness of Christ; God and suffering; Divine creation and human creativity; God and the world - immanence or transcendence?; Chalcedonian Christology - outdated metaphysics or biblical truth?; Punishment or sacrifice? Theological entailments of soteriological metaphors; Scripture and tradition - which comes first?; 'From the Father (and the Son?)' Why the filioque matters.

Class Hour; To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4928 Theological Anthropology**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2005-06

Prerequisite: 11 or better in DI2004

Description: This module considers what it is to be a self or person in dialogue with issues raised by the sciences, philosophy of mind and theology. The module is divided into two parts. The first considers a) the impact of Descartes on the theological debate; b) contemporary dualist and physicalist debates with an eye to developments in neuroscience; and c) the nature of the self-relation (self-awareness, self-understanding, self-knowledge, self-governance) together with associated issues relating to moral autonomy and agency. The second part engages primarily with the contrasting theological anthropologies of Karl Rahner and Karl Barth but also with those of contemporary personalist and feminist theologians.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: 2 hour seminar and occasional lectures.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%

### **DI4930 Christian Symbolics: Creeds and Confessions of Faith**

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: 2006-07

Prerequisite: 11 or better in DI2004

Description: This module traces the history and use of statements of faith (creeds, confessions and other symbols) within the Christian tradition, and considers the relevance of such statements for Christian theology today. Accounts of the authority of creeds and confessions from major Christian traditions will be considered, and a close reading undertaken of three particular documents, to include the Chalcedonian definition, the Westminster Confession, and one other document, to be chosen each year by the class.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: 2 hour seminar and occasional lectures.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%