



# POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT DEGREES

## Postgraduate Course Unit Descriptions

### **Master of Arts** **Postgraduate Diploma in Theology** **Postgraduate Certificate in Theology**

#### **AS7595 Literature Review and Research Methods**

Designed to support students in MA research, the research methods element of this unit helps students to develop skills needed for postgraduate study, to identify research areas, and to engage with methodological and ethical issues from a range of perspectives. The literature review element encourages detailed study of relevant literature under an appropriate supervisor that will serve as the foundation for the postgraduate dissertation research.

#### **BS7600 Christian Holiness in Biblical Perspective**

A critical examination of the scriptural basis for our understanding of Christian Holiness, particularly but not exclusively as understood in the Wesleyan tradition.

#### **BS7610 Contextualising Scripture**

This course introduces the genre, content and context of selected Second Temple Period Texts; and examines the socio- historical context in the Graeco-Roman period relevant to students of the New Testament.

**NT7600 Advanced Greek Texts** Designed to develop a mastery of Koiné Greek to allow the student to begin advanced research in New Testament studies.

#### **NT7610 Christian Holiness in Pauline Perspective**

The epistles of Paul make a major contribution to a biblical theology of Christian holiness. This course unit is designed to enable the student to engage in a critical discussion with this corpus in an attempt to understand this aspect of Paul's theology.

#### **OT7600 Hebrew Texts**

Designed to develop a mastery of Hebrew to allow the student to begin advanced research in Old Testament Studies.

#### **CHT7600 Holiness in the Christian Tradition**

This unit explores the lives and writings of a range of Christian theologians and movements to develop an understanding of the ways in which holiness in the Christian life has been envisaged. Particular attention is paid to the continuities, discontinuities, and developments in the understanding of holiness within the Christian church.

#### **CH7620 Life and Ecclesial Context of John Wesley**

This course unit will critically evaluate the life of John Wesley within his eighteenth-century Anglican context in order to lay a foundation for further studies in Wesley and early Methodism. Attention will be given to major developments in his life and theology and his role both within Methodism and in the wider Evangelical Revival. Gaining a contextual understanding of Wesley will inform assessments his legacy in the Wesleyan tradition.

#### **CH7640: The Evangelical Revival in Britain, c. 1680-1830**

Examines British religious revivals within the context of broader European and Transatlantic revivals, examining, for example, German Pietism and the Great Awakening in North America, and their connections with the British experience. The course will also explore religious revival and renewal within the established Church.

#### **CT7630 Theology & Culture**

The aim of this course unit is to explore Modern and Post-Modern culture, and to encourage students to develop a theological and missiological approach that is relevant to their culture.



**CT7640 Theology of John Wesley**

This course will critically examine the sources and key doctrinal teachings in John Wesley's theology in the context of theology in Britain in the eighteenth century.

**CT7650 Prayer and Personhood**

The unit examines the construction of the self in the Christian practice of prayer, explores different accounts of personhood, and examines how the Christian practice(s) of prayer constitute identity as identity-in-relation.

**PT7500 Christian Spirituality**

A critical study of five traditions of spirituality, drawing on the historical resources of these traditions and exploring their contribution to selected inward, outward and corporate disciplines within contemporary spiritual formation.

**PT7620 Models of Theological Reflection**

The course unit aims to equip pastoral practitioners to develop theoretical frameworks and selected practical skills necessary for pastoral ministry in a variety of settings.

**PT7631 Leadership and Change**

This unit explores and analyses issues and questions around the practice of leadership and change management. It considers a range of theories and practices which students will critically analyse and which they can apply into a variety of contexts.

**PT7640 Ability and Disability in Theological and Pastoral Perspective**

This unit offers theological, spiritual and practical perspectives on ability, disability and the Christian faith. It looks at a breadth of questions arising from a variety of disabilities--physical, learning, chronic illness--and examines the way that these questions impact Christian theology and practice.

**PT7655 Studies in Christian-Muslim Apologetics**

This unit focuses on the role of apologetics in Christian-Muslim relations. It considers the historical and contemporary approaches to apologetics, and critically examines the core issues of the Christian-Muslim debate.

**PT7660 Urban Ministry and Mission in the Global World**

Set in a Global City, this unit draws on contemporary theological and missiological studies to explore models of the missional church in urban situations today. It exposes participants to the realities of urban Christianity in varied cultural contexts, and in particular to the forms the church takes in the mega-cities of a globalising world. Sits alongside ST7600 Urban Ministry and Mission, and draws on the setting to enhance learning about global urban mission in an appropriate context.

**PT7670 Developing Coaching and Mentoring**

The unit draws on theological, biblical and psychological perspectives in adult learning, growth and transformation to develop a framework for the theory and practice of coaching and mentoring. It provides space for participants to reflect on the possibilities of leading and developing a coaching and mentoring ministry, suited to their organisational contexts. This unit does not lead to professional accreditation in coaching and mentoring.

**PT7680 Contemporary Spirituality**

This unit examines the concept of spirituality in a contemporary diverse, multicultural Western setting, with a particular focus on the British context. It is designed to enable students to engage in advanced critical, theological reflection with contemporary expressions of spirituality and the relationship of those expressions to Christian spirituality.

**ST7600 Urban Ministry and Mission: Foundations**

Offers a foundation in reading the city, including consideration of aspects of the city, its culture, its nature and its needs. Drawing on key resources, the course will explore and critically consider the multifaceted nature of cities.

**ST7610 Social & Pastoral Implications of Christian Holiness**

An exploration of the pastoral, social and ethical dimensions of Christian experience within the Holiness tradition, reinterpreting them in the light of the theological and biblical concept of 'transformation'.

**ST7620 Contextualising Theological Education**

This unit explores and evaluates different approaches to theological education, and examines key issues and their application in different global Higher Education contexts.



**ST7630 The Church and the City**

The course unit seeks to provide the student with the opportunity to engage with the crucial issues related to the urban context and to interact creatively with them through personal research, corporate learning experiences and critical reflection.

**ST7640 Practices of Social Justice**

To explore critically the fulfilment of the Church's mission of social transformation through programmes of social justice ministry in cross-cultural and urban settings.

**ST7650 Towards a Christian Engagement with British Islam**

The unit explores the nature of Islam in Britain, considers issues faced by Muslim communities and examines Christian engagement with Islam and Muslim communities.

**ST7665 Contemporary Missiology and Culture: Mapping the Landscape**

The unit examines the current landscape of contemporary global mission by considering missional patterns and paradigm shifts that are shaping and informing missional theology and practice.

**ST7666 Contemporary Missiology and Culture: Emerging Issues**

The unit explores the contemporary global mission scene by examining emerging issues and debates that are shaping and informing missional theology and practice in transcultural and intercultural dimensions.

**ST7670 Christian Approaches to Humanitarian/Development Practices**

The unit will develop an understanding of humanitarian/development practice and grapple with key issues that emerge in relation to ethics, good practice, and theological frameworks. Theology will be drawn upon as a method of critique and a dialogue partner to shape good practice in humanitarian/development work as practised primarily by the church or other faith-based organisations within a wide range of contexts.

**ST7680 Community Engagement: Building Communities of Shalom**

This course unit explores contextual theologies of community engagement. Students will encounter values that need to be embraced by the church if its community engagement is to be effective. Participants will explore tools for the identification of community assets that can be drawn upon to engage with complex problems occurring within communities and thus help the whole community move towards God's picture of shalom.

**ST7900 Spiritual Maturity and Aging**

The course unit seeks to provide the student with the opportunity to engage with crucial issues related to spirituality, maturity, and ageing, and to interact creatively with them through personal research, corporate and contextual learning experiences and critical reflection.

**NT7660, OT7660, CH7660, CT7660, PT7660, ST7660 Independent Study**

The unit allows for detailed independent study on a selected topic under an appropriate supervisor.

