



School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities
Course Unit Descriptor

13.02.18

GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit rating	10
Course Unit Title	New Testament Theology
Unit Code	323
Contact Hours	22 hours
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Rev. Simon M. Jones
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

The unit begins with a brief orientation to the discipline of Biblical Theology and New Testament (NT) theology in particular. The theology of selected NT books or collections (e.g. Mark, Acts, Paul's letters, 1 Peter and James) is explored and comparisons made between them. Particular themes are examined, such as salvation history, unity and diversity, and NT ethics. Different models for the relationship between the Old Testament and the NT are critically discussed. Students are led in exegesis of selected texts and there is reflection on the implications of these texts for today.

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AIMS

To discuss selected passages and topics of the theology of the NT with a view to helping students to read the NT theologically and to increase their skills in exegesis and application.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Discuss the main theological ideas of the NT
- Assess the contribution of selected books of the NT to its message
- Compare the perspective of different NT writers on key theological themes
- Articulate the relationship of the NT to the OT

Intellectual Skills

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

- Offer in-depth exegesis of NT passages, relating texts to the contexts of the books in which they occur and of the NT as a whole

Practical Skills

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

- Draw on their study of the NT to produce theologically intelligent Bible studies, sermons and other teaching material

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Demonstrate integrity in the use of a complex corpus of ancient texts to inform contemporary praxis

Employability Skills

Students will fine-tune their developed learning skills as they handle a wide range of detailed material. They will be required to think innovatively and to reflect with insight and sensitivity on the views of others. Such skills are valuable in a wide range of employment contexts.

SYLLABUS

Introduction to NT Theology
Luke-Acts: narrative as theology
James
1 Peter
Revelation
Christology
Atonement
The Holy Spirit
The Church
NT Ethics
Unity and diversity in the NT

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Interactive lectures
Unit materials are available on Moodle to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An online test	10 questions	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An essay• An applied project	1500 words 2000 words	50% 50%

FEEDBACK METHODS

- Oral feedback in class
- Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days

REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Core unit (UG)
Pre-requisite units	112 Introduction to the Bible or 103 (8103) Reading and Using the Bible
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Caird, George B., *New Testament Theology* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994)
<https://oxford.universitypressscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0198263880.001.0001/acprof-9780198263883?rskey=bQIIB0&result=3>

The following Perlego books are available here:

<https://www.perlego.com/reading-list/210996/new-testament-theology>

DeSilva, David A., *An Introduction to the New Testament. Contexts, Methods and Ministry Formation* (Leicester: Apollos, 2004)

Dunn, James D. G., *The Theology of Paul the Apostle* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998)

Hays, Richard B., *The Moral Vision of the New Testament: Community, cross, new creation: A contemporary introduction to New Testament ethics* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1997)

Lampe, Peter, *New Testament Theology in a Secular World: A Constructivist Work in Philosophical Epistemology and Christian Apologetics* (London: Bloomsbury 2012)

Marshall, I Howard, *New Testament Theology: Many Witnesses, One Gospel* (Downers Grove IL: IVP Academic 2010)

Smith, Mitzi, J. and Yung Suk Kim, *Towards Decentering the New Testament: A Reintroduction* (Eugene OR: Wipf and Stock 2018)

Thielman, Frank, *Theology of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids MI: Zondervan 2011)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

22 contact hours

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

78 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	