



The University of Manchester



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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	English Baptist History in Context
Unit Code	344
Unit Level	3
Contact Hours	22 hours
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Thomas A. Breimaier
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

Students give attention to the early development of English Baptist life in the seventeenth century; the differences between General and Particular Baptists; persecution and Baptist growth; the effects of the eighteenth-century Evangelical Revival on Baptists; the formation of the Baptist Union in the nineteenth century; home mission, church planting and social involvement; Baptist developments in other places; the shaping and re-shaping of Baptist life in the twentieth century. Regarding the wider church, among developments that receive attention are the progress and results of the evangelical revival; Nonconformity and the social gospel; the Oxford Movement in the Church of England; the influence of the holiness movements and the world-wide growth of Pentecostalism and of charismatic movements; features within Roman Catholicism in Europe, with particular reference to the effects of Vatican II.

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AIMS

To develop an understanding of Baptist history and modern church history by a survey of some of the major themes and episodes in these Language from the seventeenth century to the present day. Particular emphasis is given to the church in England, although this is firmly set in the context of wider developments.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Explain how theological, social, political and cultural factors have influenced the development of Baptists and other churches

Intellectual Skills

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

- Analyse and critically evaluate a range of historical and theological data

Practical Skills

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

- Reflect on how developments in English Baptist History and its wider context can illuminate issues of faith, discipleship and church life today

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Use an historical perspective to illuminate, evaluate and address contemporary issues in Baptist life in a constructive manner

Employability Skills

Graduates of this unit will be able to offer leadership within the contemporary Baptist Church which is informed by the historical foundations of Baptist thought

SYLLABUS

1. Introduction and Overview / Baptist Principles in the Light of Baptist History / English Baptist Beginnings in Context
2. Baptist Life Amid Persecution: Confessions and Covenants / A Case Study of Baptist Spirituality: Benjamin Keach
3. Decline and renewal in Eighteenth-Century Baptist Life (part 1) / An example of Eighteenth-Century Baptist Devotion: Anne Steele
4. Decline and renewal in Eighteenth-Century Baptist Life (part 2) / Andrew Fuller and the Foundation of the BMS
5. English Baptists and Slavery: Responses to the Trade in Enslaved Africans in the British Colonies / Overview of the Nineteenth-Century Context / Baptist Life in the 'Nonconformist Century' / Baptists in Europe
6. A Case Study: The Life and Ministry of C.H. Spurgeon
7. Baptists and Socialism: The Life and Ministry of John Clifford
8. Holiness Movements/ Baptist Thinking on the Sacraments
9. Women in Baptist life / A Case Study: Marianne Farningham
10. Developments in Roman Catholicism / Baptists and Ecumenism
11. Overview of the Twentieth-Century / Baptist Principles Revisited / A Baptist Approach to Ethics

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Interactive lectures

Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: • A class test	n/a	n/a
Summative: • An essay	3000-3500 words	100%

FEEDBACK METHODS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral feedback in class • Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days
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REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Specific electronic resources will be recommended separately while the physical library is closed.

Aalders, Cynthia Y., <i>To Express the Ineffable: the Hymns and Spirituality of Anne Steele</i> (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2008)
Bebbington, David W., <i>Evangelicalism in Modern Britain: A History from the 1730s to the 1980s</i> (London: Routledge, 1994)
Bebbington, David W., <i>Baptists Through the Centuries: A History of a Global People</i> (Waco: Baylor Univ. Press, 2010)
Briggs, J. H. Y., <i>The English Baptists of the Nineteenth Century</i> (Didcot: Baptist Historical Society, 1994)
Copson, Stephen, Peter J. Morden (eds), <i>Challenge and Change: English Baptist Life in the Eighteenth Century</i> (Didcot: Baptist Historical Society, 2017)
Cross, Anthony R., Peter J. Morden and Ian M. Randall (eds), <i>Pathways and Patterns in History: Essays on Baptists, Evangelicals and the Modern World in Honour of David Bebbington</i> (London: Baptist Historical Society / Spurgeon's College, 2015)
Grass, Tim G., <i>Modern Church History</i> (London: SCM, 2008)
Hayden, Roger, <i>Baptist History and Heritage</i> (Didcot: Baptist Union, 2005)
Lalleman, Pieter J. (ed.), <i>Challenging to Change: Dialogues with a Radical Baptist Theologian</i> (London: Spurgeon's College, 2009)
McBain, Douglas, <i>Fire Over the Waters</i> (London: DLT, 1997)
Morden, Peter J., 'Communion with Christ and his People': <i>The Spirituality of C.H. Spurgeon (1834-92)</i> (Centre for Baptist History and Heritage Studies 4; Oxford: Regent's Park College, 2010 / Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2014)
Morden, Peter J., <i>The Life and Thought of Andrew Fuller (1754-1815)</i> (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2015)
Randall, Ian M., <i>The English Baptists of the Twentieth Century</i> (Didcot: Baptist Historical Society, 2005)
Stanley, Brian, <i>The History of the Baptist Missionary Society, 1792-1992</i>

(Edinburgh: T and T Clark, 1992)
Wilson, Linda, *Marianne Farningham: A Plain Woman Worker* (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2007)
Wright, Stephen, *The Early English Baptists, 1603-1649* (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2006)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

22 contact hours

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

78 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	