



The University of Manchester



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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	20
Course Unit Title	Independent Study / Short Dissertation
Unit Code	391
Unit Level	3
Contact Hours	8 (including dissertation study day)
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Director of Undergraduate Studies
ECTS	10

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To enable students to explore a subject of special interest.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Demonstrate mature knowledge of the subject studied

Intellectual Skills

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

- Provide evidence that they have conducted their own research into a special topic within the theological field
- Engage creatively with the issues they have identified
- Exercise creativity in judgment and application

Practical Skills

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

- Work independently at HE level
- Show the skills to collect, analyse and evaluate appropriate data
- Demonstrate the ability to apply their results in an appropriate manner

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Present the outcomes of self-directed study and learning in an extended piece of work
- Demonstrate their ability to be self-disciplined and manage their own time effectively

Employability Skills

The skills learned in independent study are transferrable and valuable in employment contexts. These skills include:

- the ability to collate information, evaluate it and present the outcomes of such research in a sustained piece of writing (or other appropriate format);
- the ability to be self-disciplined, manage time well and produce work to agreed deadlines.

SYLLABUS

n/a

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Independent study

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft text	n/a	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A short dissertation	6000-7000 words	100%

FEEDBACK METHODS

- Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 20 working days

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

n/a

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

8 (including dissertation study day)

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

192 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES**APPROVAL**

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	