



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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	Evangelism and Contemporary Society
Unit Code	8271
Unit Level	2
Contact Hours	n/a
FHEQ Level	5
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Roger Standing
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To introduce students to the theory and practice of evangelism, and to develop skills in communicating the Christian gospel in contextually appropriate ways.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- Present a biblical understanding of the concept and basic principles of evangelism

Intellectual Skills

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

- Analyse the nature of contemporary society as it impacts the task of evangelism

Practical Skills

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

- Communicate the Christian Gospel and encourage appropriate responses

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

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

- Communicate clearly, relevantly and creatively to audiences that are unfamiliar or who do not necessarily share a similar worldview and/or set of presumptions

Employability Skills

This unit prepares students with the skills and methodologies to offer leadership in the area of outreach for a Christian community

SYLLABUS

1. Motives for evangelism
2. The content and concept of evangelism
3. Contemporary contexts
4. Scope and strategy
5. The evangelist
6. A spirituality for evangelism
7. Methods of evangelism 1
8. Methods of evangelism 2
9. Personal evangelism
10. Corporate evangelism
11. Models of evangelism

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Distance learning

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

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An essay plan	500 words	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An essay• A learning journal*	3000 words	100% Pass/fail*

* Distance learning students are required to pass this element. So long as this element has been passed, they will be eligible for compensation if the overall unit mark is within the compensation zone (30-39%), and the compensatable credit allowance as set out in the Degree Regulations has not been exceeded.

FEEDBACK METHODS

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)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

Abraham, William J., *The Logic of Evangelism* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1989)
Brueggemann, Walter, *Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993)
Croft, S., *Evangelism in a spiritual age* (London: Church House Publishing, 2005)
Drane, John, *Faith in a Changing Culture* (London: Marshall Pickering, 1997)
Finney, J., *Finding Faith Today* (Swindon: Bible Society, 1992)
Green, Michael, *Evangelism in the Early Church* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1970)
John, J., *Calling Out* (Milton Keynes: Authentic Publishing, 2000)
Singlehurst, L., *Sowing, Reaping, Keeping* (Leicester: Crossway, 1995)
Tomlin, Graham, *The Provocative Church* (London: SPCK, 2002)
Watson, David, *I Believe in Evangelism* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1979)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

n/a

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

100 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	