**Intensive Units of Study
at Nazarene Theological College**

**What is an intensive unit?**

* An intensive is a regular subject which is taught in a different form. The content and assessment required is similar to subjects taken as semester subjects but the content is presented over a compressed period of time.
* The format of an intensive may vary. Some are taken over one week from Monday to Friday. Other intensives may be held over a series of weekends, or a combination of week nights and weekends. Intensives may also be done in a number of full days over a period of weeks (e.g. five Mondays).
* Subjects taken as intensives are credited to your study program in the same way as any other subject. There are due dates and similar requirements for assessments as in the same subject studied as a semester subject.

**What are the advantages of doing an intensive unit?**

* Intensives mean that you can complete the lectures for a subject quickly and have fewer lectures throughout the semester. This may allow you to complete more subjects during a semester.
* Intensives allow students to focus on one subject for a short period of time.
* With some intensives you may finish the subject before the end of the semester. This can mean fewer assignments to complete in the last weeks of the semester.
* For those combining study and work, intensives may allow you to complete subjects that are otherwise unavailable to you.
* Intensives may mean you can meet other students face-to-face. Some students, who live away from our NTC campuses, may wish to do a week-long intensive as a face-to-face subject. This also means you have access to the library during your intensive.
* All intensives have a live video feed. This means that you can access classes from your own home, anywhere in the world.
* Intensives allow you to interact with inspiring lecturers from around the world.

**What do I need to be aware of when considering an intensive unit?**

* Check the dates: You need to attend at least 80% of class time for the intensive. If you need to apply for leave from work, do this in plenty of time.
* Check the times: The intensive may be held in a different time zone than your own. This may mean early mornings or late nights depending on the session times. Make sure you are aware of whether daylight saving applies in the location of the lectures. Check details with the registrar.
* Make arrangements for travel and accommodation as needed: If you wish to travel to complete an intensive at an NTC campus, talk to the registrar about accommodation. Dormitory accommodation is available at the NTC Brisbane campus. The NZ coordinator may be able to assist you with accommodation to attend an intensive in Auckland.
* Give yourself time to prepare for the subject: Intensives often require extensive pre-reading. Check what textbooks are required and plan your reading before the intensive.
* Give yourself time to do extra reading during the intensive: There will be reading to be completed during the intensive, which needs to be done each day.
* Give yourself time to work on assignments during the intensive: Often there is assignment work to be completed during the intensive itself or just afterwards. This may include doing a class presentation during the intensive.
* Be aware of due dates for assignments: You need to be self-disciplined after the intensive to complete and submit assignments by due dates. You will not receive reminders about assignments.

**If you’ve never done an intensive, why not try one this year? Contact the Registrar for more information.**

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