



Unit Descriptions and Textbooks for 2023

Trimester 1

Anthropology for Christian Mission (UG: M7220B)

Cultural Anthropology for Mission (PG: M8120B)

Why do some cultures choose fingers over forks, Santa on Jesus's birthday, or limited eye contact? How are beliefs and worldviews expressed in visible cultural expressions? It is possible to distinguish the Gospel from culture and yet express it in culturally appropriate forms? What must we understand in order to work and live together as part of God's multicultural kingdom? Use insights from anthropology to explore these and other questions.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Introducing Cultural Anthropology, Brian Howel and Janell Paris, Baker Academics, 2019. **Available on DTL2.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Introducing Cultural Anthropology, Brian Howel and Janell Paris, Baker Academics, 2019. **Available on DTL2.**
- Postgraduate Reader compiled by the lecturer (available on Google Classroom)

Church History, Introduction to (UG: H7100B)

Christian History, Introduction to the Study of (PG: H8100B)

Are you interested in the past and the people and events that have shaped your world and cultural experience? Did you know that Christianity was instrumental in the establishment of the first universities; that religion (in Europe) was once determined by where you lived and not by choice; and that the doctrine of predestination has been linked to the growth of modern capitalism? Examine the history of Christianity, while appreciating the role the Church has played in the development of contemporary Western cultures.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Dowley, Tim, ed. 3rd edition. *Introduction to the History of Christianity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Dowley, Tim, ed. 3rd edition. *Introduction to the History of Christianity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018.
- Noll, Mark, A. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity* 3rd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Academic, 2012.

Corinthian Correspondence, The (UG B7262B) Prerequisite: 9 cp of Biblical Studies units 1 & 2 Corinthians (PG B9262B) Prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 8100 Biblical Studies units

Have you ever dealt with someone who was destructive, divisive, selfish, or immature? If so, you will quickly empathise with the Apostle Paul and his interactions with the church in Corinth. Journey with Paul as he delves below the surface into issues of sexual immorality, lawsuits, marriage, idol food, speaking in tongues, leadership and authority, and as he

provides the Corinthians (and us) with a framework for both personal and community growth in Christ.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Witherington III, Ben. *A Week in the Life of Corinth*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2012.
- A Reader compiled by the lecturer.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Peppiatt, Lucy. *Women and Worship at Corinth: Paul's Rhetorical Arguments in 1 Corinthians*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2015.
- A Reader compiled by the lecturer.

Intercultural Mission, Introduction to (UG: M7227B)

Inter-cultural Communication (PG: M9227B)

Global cultures exist side by side in our increasingly "small world". Cross-cultural ministry happens on our street and in our neighbourhoods, not just in "overseas missions." It is not simply a modern good idea but is a biblical imperative. Those equipped to minister cross-culturally may be more effective as local churches become increasingly multicultural. Grasp the underlying biblical and theological frameworks, as well as practical aspects of cross-cultural ministry as you prepare yourself for a journey which crosses borders near and far.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Tucker, Frank. *Intercultural communication for Christian ministry*. Adelaide, SA: Frank Tucker, 2013.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Lingenfelter, Sherwood G., and Marvin Keene Mayers. *Ministering Cross-Culturally: A Model for Effective Personal Relationships*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016.

Old Testament, Introduction to the (UG: B7110B, PG: B8110B)

What does it mean to be an "image-bearer" of God? How can God's people be both "chosen" and flawed? What was the intent behind the animal sacrifices and strange laws of the Old Testament? And why doesn't Old Testament poetry rhyme? Wrestle with these and other questions as you explore the message, meaning, and artistry of the Old Testament.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Arnold, Bill T. *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Arnold, Bill T. *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015.
- Schlimm, Matthew R. *This Strange and Sacred Scripture: Wrestling with the Old Testament and Its Oddities*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015.

(The) Person & Work of Christ (UG: T7210B; Prerequisite: T7105 Intro to Christian Doctrines) Christology & Soteriology (PG: T9210B; Prerequisite: T8105 Basic Christian Doctrine)

Jesus Christ is the most revered and influential person in the history of the world. But why is this? What can be known? Who is this Jesus? Who is this first century peasant Jew, whom the

Christian Church affirms as fully human and divine? Explore the Church's historical witness of who Jesus is and discern what this Jesus means for you and the Church today.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* (various editions available)
<https://www.ccel.org/ccel/athanasius/incarnation>
- Macchia, Frank. *Jesus the Spirit Baptizer: Christology in Light of Pentecost*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018. Available on EBSCO.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Macchia, Frank. *Jesus the Spirit Baptizer: Christology in Light of Pentecost*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018. Available on EBSCO.
- Lé, Dan. *The Naked Christ: An Atonement Model for a Body Obsessed Culture*. Eugene: Pickwick, 2012. Available on EBSCO.
- Postgraduate Reader [PDF provided]

Professional Chaplaincy (PG only: C8127B)

This unit equips students to manage the unique dilemmas, challenges, and opportunities faced by chaplains in the practice of professional chaplaincy. It explores the role of the chaplain, the development of partnerships and leading volunteer teams, case management, organisational standards, and professional effectiveness.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Postgraduate Reader (articles will be provided)

Wesleyan Theology (UG: T7267B) Prerequisite: T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines
Wesleyan Theological Perspectives (PG: T9267B) Prerequisite: 18 credit points in Theology

While Wesleyan churches share most of their theology with other Christian traditions that are anchored in Scripture and the major Creeds, they have several theological emphases that contribute to their denominational identity. This unit briefly examines the major theological influences on John Wesley and how this shaped his theological framework. This is followed by an examination of several key theologians in the tradition and their contributions, particularly how this engages both with the culture and the wider church. The final section examines how to make use of our theological framework in ministry settings.

Undergraduate Textbooks: TBD

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Collins, Kenneth J. and Ryan N. Danker, eds. *The Next Methodism: Theological, Social, and Missional Foundations for Global Methodism*. Franklin: Seedbed, 2021. DTL2
- Marsh, Clive, Brian Beck, Angela Shier-Jones, and Helen Wareing, eds. *Methodist Theology Today: A Way Forward*. London: Continuum, 2004.
- Tyson, John R. *Born in Crisis and Shaped by Controversy: The Relevant History of Methodism*, Volume 1: Born in Crisis. Eugene: Cascade, 2022.
- Wesley Reader (PDF supplied)

Trimester 2

Christian Doctrines, Intro to (UG: T7105B)

Christian Doctrines, Basic (PG: T8105B)

Have you ever wondered about God, the meaning or purpose of life, the problem of evil, or the possibility of a future life? Explore these questions and others within the context of Christian understanding. No prerequisites, including faith, are required. Come with an openness to explore the meaning of life with some helpful guides from the past and present.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 3rd edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans, 2016.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- McGrath, Alister E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. 6th edition. Oxford, Blackwell, 2016. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**
- Plantinga Richard J. et.al. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*: Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Church Planting Through Neighbourhood Engagement (UG: P7233B; Prerequisite: P7101B and 9cps P/M)

Church Planting Through Community Engagement (PG: P9233B; Prerequisite: P8101B and 9cps P/M)

What would a new church look like and how does it meet the needs of its community? What types of people and resources are required? Explore the historical, biblical, and theological foundations for church planting, principles of Community Development, cultural “exegesis,” strategies for and measurements of a successful church plant. Learn how to assess the need for new churches and develop a church-planting toolkit.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Sparks, Paul, Tim Soerens, and Dwight Friesen. *The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014. **Available on EBSCO.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Sparks, Paul, Tim Soerens, and Dwight Friesen. *The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014. **Available on EBSCO.**
- Kreminski, Karina. *Urban Spirituality: Embodying God’s Mission in the Neighborhood*. Skyforest, CA: Urban Loft Publishers, 2018.

Doctrine of Sanctification

UG: T7218B Prerequisites: T7210B The Person & Work of Christ and T7215 Spirit & Church

PG: T9217B Prerequisites: 27 credit points in Theology

All Christian churches believe that God has called Christ-followers to be holy, and that through his grace, the work of transformation has begun. But how far does this work of transformation go in this present life? What are the critical points in the debate? What exactly does a holy life look like today? Does it even matter if people are saved by grace alone? Answer these and other questions as you examine the biblical and theological material and then reflect on its impact for your life and ministry.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Diane LeClerc. *Discovering Christian Holiness: The Heart of Wesleyan-Holiness Theology*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2010. Available on EBSCO.
- John Wesley, Treatises: “Farther Thoughts upon Christian Perfection,” “A Plain Account of Christian Perfection” [Either Bicentennial Edition (library only) or Jackson edition is widely available on-line]
- _____ . Sermons: “The Circumcision of the Heart,” “Christian Perfection,” “On Perfection”, “On Sin in Believers”, “On Visiting the Sick” [PDF provided]

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Noble, Thomas A. *Holy Trinity, Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfecting*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2013. Available on EBSCO.
- Wesley, John. Treatises: “Thoughts on Christian Perfection,” “Farther Thoughts upon Christian Perfection,” “A Plain Account of Christian Perfection” [PDF provided]
- _____ . Sermons: “The Circumcision of the Heart,” “Christian Perfection,” “On Perfection,” “On God’s Vineyard”, “On Patience”, “On Sin in Believers”, “On Working Out Our Own Salvation”, “The Repentance of Believers”, “The Scripture Way of Salvation,” “The Imperfection of Human Knowledge”, “The Great Privilege of Those Born of God,” “Justification by Faith,” “On Original Sin,” “On the Fall of Man,” “On the Image of God,” “The More Excellent Way”, “On Visiting the Sick” (Either Bicentennial Edition (library only) or Jackson edition is widely available on-line: <http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/>)

History of the Church in the Middle Ages (UG H7240B; Prerequisite: H7100 Intro to Church History)

Christian History in the Middle Ages (PG H9240B; Pre/Co-requisite: 9 cp of 8100 H or T units)

Was it really the Dark Ages? Contrary to popular belief, the medieval period of church history is one of the most interesting and important eras which continues to inform and influence the Church today. To be sure, there are things from this period the Church should never repeat: Crusades, Indulgences, and Exploitation. But when we look closely, we find there are countless things the Church today would do well to rediscover. Learn what these things are in this fascinating class.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Madigan, Kevin. *Medieval Christianity: A New History*. New Haven, Yale University Press, 2015. Available on EBSCO.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Madigan, Kevin. *Medieval Christianity: A New History*. New Haven, Yale University Press, 2015. Available on EBSCO.
- Venerable Bede, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. Oxford University Press, 1994. Available on DTL2.
- Postgraduate Reader [PDF provided].

Pastoral Counselling, Introduction to (UG: C7100B)

Pastoral Counselling in Ministry (PG: C8102B)

Those engaged in Christian ministry will often find themselves called upon to offer Pastoral Counselling formally or informally. How does one prepare? What is Counselling? What is distinctive about Pastoral Counselling? What is its relationship to the Bible, theology, and the behavioural sciences? And what are the attitudes, values, strategies, and skills that help turn a well-meaning conversation into a therapeutic dialogue? Explore these and other questions while developing the basic skills of this very practical and important aspect of pastoral ministry.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Pembroke, Neil. *Foundations of Pastoral Counselling*. London: SCM, 2017. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Pembroke, Neil. *Foundations of Pastoral Counselling*. London: SCM, 2017. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**
- Tan, Siang-Yang. *Counselling and Psychotherapy: A Christian Perspective*. 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022
(Tan, Siang-Yang. *Counselling and Psychotherapy. A Christian Perspective*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**)

Pastoral Preaching, Intro to (UG: P7150B)

Pastoral Preaching, Foundations of (PG: P8150B)

Preaching can be a challenging task. How do you make sermons engaging and enjoy communicating the Good News? Examine the fundamental principles and initial skills involved in the preparation and delivery of sermons. Then take the opportunity to deliver a sermon and learn by doing.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Estep, Steve. *The Call to Preach: The Art of Sermon Preparation*. Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2018. **Available on EBSCO.**
- Robinson, Haddon W. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. 3rd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Craddock, Fred B. *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching*. Atlanta, GA: Chalice Press, 2011. **Available on EBSCO.**

Pastoral Theology and Ministry, Introduction to (UG: P7101B)

Pastoral and Practical Theology, Introduction to (PG: P8101B)

How do we apply what we believe to practical situations? What does it mean to serve others in and through the Body of Believers? Explore the biblical and theological foundations for ministry. Learn ways to reflect theologically and respond to the needs and situations around us in biblically and theologically coherent ways.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Ward, Pete. *Introducing Practical Theology: Mission, Ministry, and the Life of the Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2017. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Seamands, Stephen. *Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2005. (ebook available)
- Willimon, William, *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of the Ordained Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2016. **Available on EBSCO.**

Trimester 3

Hermeneutics (UG: B7203B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 7100 B units)

Hermeneutics of the Bible (PG: B9203B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 8100 B units)

How often have you said, “I don’t understand this passage/verse from the Bible”? If Scripture is the Word of God, why not equip yourself with the skills necessary to better understand and apply it? Explore old and new techniques that will deepen and expand your appreciation of the Bible and make you a more effective biblical scholar, Christ-follower, teacher or preacher.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. **Limited availability on EBSCO.**
- McKnight, Scot. *The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018.

History of the Reformation (UG: H7250B; prerequisite: H7100 Introduction to Church History)

Reformation in the 16th Century (PG: H9250B; pre/co-requisite: 9 cp of 8100 H or T units)

Why did the sixteenth century see such a monumental shift in Christian worship and ministry? Was the Church really in need of these changes? This class will explore the key figures, events, and doctrines which make up what we call the Protestant Reformation. The main causes, developments, and consequences of the Reformations in Europe from the early sixteenth century to the beginning of the seventeenth century will be examined. Doing these things will help us envision what a reformation might look like today.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Atherstone, Andrew. *The Reformation: A World in Turmoil*. Oxford: Lion Hudson, 2015.
- Undergraduate Reader [PDF provided]

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Eire, Carlos. *Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1650*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018.
- Hendrix, Scott. *Martin Luther: Visionary Reformer*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016.
- Postgraduate Reader [PDF provided]

Nazarene Identity

UG: P7259B Distinctives of Church Movements

PG: P8159B Denominational Distinctives

Understanding the identity of the Church, its values, and core beliefs is the foundation of doing of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Gain both theoretical and practical insight into the Church’s formation, membership, and how it operates at local, district, and international levels.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Bartle, Neville and Scott Stargel. Church Member's Handbook (Revised Edition 2017-2021). Lenexa, KS (USA): Global Nazarene Publications, 2018. [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)
- Cunningham, Floyd T. Expressing a Nazarene Identity. Lenexa, KS: Global Nazarene Publications, 2018. [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)
- Manual 2017-2021, Church of the Nazarene <https://2017.manual.nazarene.org/> (accessed May 20, 2020). [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Bartle, Neville and Scott Stargel. Church Member's Handbook (Revised Edition 2017-2021). Lenexa, KS (USA): Global Nazarene Publications, 2018. [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)
- Cunningham, Floyd T. Expressing a Nazarene Identity. Lenexa, KS: Global Nazarene Publications, 2018. [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)
- Manual 2017-2021, Church of the Nazarene <https://2017.manual.nazarene.org/> (accessed May 20, 2020). [Free Download on Google Classroom.](#)
- Reader of current issues in the Church of the Nazarene

New Testament, Introduction to the (UG: B7150B, PG: B8150B)

Experience the New Testament from a fresh perspective, through the eyes and circumstances of its first hearers. Who were the authors of the NT books? How did their writings come to be in the Bible? Why do we have more than one account of Jesus' earthly life? Explore these and other questions as we seek together to understand what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Powell, Mark A. *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. **Limited availability on EBSCO and DTL2.**

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Powell, Mark A. *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. **Limited availability on EBSCO and DTL2.**
- Additional Postgraduate Readings: Provided by lecturer

Self-Revealing God, The (UG: T7213B; prerequisite: T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines)

Triune God & Revelation (PG: T9212B; prerequisite: T8105 Basic Christian Doctrines)

Explore the nature, attributes, and creative work of the Triune God, and how this impacts our understanding of God's action in his world. Reflect on how the Triune God makes himself known through Creation and Scripture, and how this impacts all subsequent theologising. Examine the interaction between the self-revealing God and creation in the light of our contemporary culture and religious setting, while addressing a range of pastoral situations arising within the student's ministry setting.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Bird, Michael F. *Evangelical Theology: a Biblical and Systematic Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020. DTL2
- *Collins, Kenneth J. *The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007. DTL2 *Do not purchase before June 2023; there is a chance this textbook will be replaced.
- Powell, Samuel M. *The Trinity*. Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2020. EBSCOhost (unlimited)

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Bird, Michael F. *Evangelical Theology: a Biblical and Systematic Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020. DTL2
- Collins, Kenneth J. *The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007. DTL2
- Noble, T. A. and Jason S. Sexton, eds. *The Holy Trinity Revisited: Essays in Response to Stephen R. Holmes*. Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2015.

Studies in Chaplaincy: Complexities & Tensions (PG only: C8195)

The practice of chaplaincy (across a broad range of contexts) comes with its fair share of tensions and complexities. This unit will explore how chaplains navigate difficult territories of practice, including diversity of gender and sexuality, interfaith engagement, child protection, family violence, critical incidents, etc. It will delve into the personal, professional, and contextual dimensions of these issues, building up a practice framework for chaplaincy along the way.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Postgraduate Reader (provided by Lecturer)

Transformational Leader, The (UG: P7261B)**Transformational Leadership in Ministry (PG: P9261B)**

There are many perspectives on Christian leadership. Which of them makes sense biblically and theologically? What does it look like to lead in ways that honour Christ and His Church? Delve into the biblical and theological bases for leadership and reflect on your own leadership potential.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- TBD

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- TBD

Wisdom Literature: The Book of Job (UG: B7229B; prerequisite: 9 cp Biblical Studies)**Interpreting Wisdom & Poetry in Israel: The Book of Job (PG: B9229B; pre: 9 cp 8100 BibSt)**

Come and meet an uncommonly good man named Job from a remote land and a well concealed setting in time. Wrestle with the story and the questions that emerge. Questions like: What is 'Wisdom Literature' and how is this story an example of it? Is the Accuser's accusations against God or Job? Does the book help us answer the question of why bad things happen to good people? Is this book about God's justice, "talking back" to God, or something else? The answers may surprise you, and they will certainly stretch you.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- TBD

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- TBD