

PROSPECTUS 2010

GRACE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

“...the knowledge of the truth
that leads to godliness...”
(Titus 1:1)



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INTRODUCING GTC

For those of you who are new to GTC, it is a non-denominational college that was established in 1995 to help equip leaders and potential leaders for ministry in churches belonging to the Reformed and evangelical tradition. It provides a thorough basic training in the Scriptures, in theology, and in the practical skills required for effective ministry in churches.

It also seeks to nurture spiritual maturity and practical godliness in students as they learn. This commitment is captured in the College's motto, "*the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness...*" (*Titus 1:1*).

As a non-denominational College, GTC is free from the control of any one church or denomination. A self-perpetuating Board of Trustees and a Board of Governors direct and administer the College. Its courses are open to Christians, both men and women, of all denominations. In this way it seeks to minister to people from a broad cross-section of churches in the body of Christ.

At the same time, GTC has a definite theological stance. It is both evangelical – in the sense of its commitment to the Scriptures, the centrality of the gospel, and the need for vital Christian experience – and Reformed – adhering to the theological ideas and world-view of the Protestant Reformation and historic Presbyterianism. Board members and College teachers are required to subscribe annually either to the Westminster Confession of Faith or to the 1689 London Confession of Faith.



Peter Reynolds - Principal

College courses cater for both full-time and part-time students. Students are awarded College certificates upon the successful completion of prescribed courses of study. Students with a primary university degree are able to enrol with Birmingham Theological Seminary in Alabama, USA www.birminghamseminary.org, and have their course work at GTC credited toward postgraduate theological degrees from this

sister institution.

Since 2002 GTC has been located at 75 Rogers Road, Manurewa, South Auckland. Its facilities are ideally suited to teaching and study and include a spacious classroom, student common room, student computer workroom, offices, a library, and a networked computer system. A neighbouring property houses Grace Counselling and Conciliation Services, a ministry that assists the College in the training of our counselling students. Rental accommodation for students is available in the surrounding residential areas.

In 2010, at our Manurewa site, we will be offering courses in systematic and biblical theology, women's studies, pastoral counselling, preaching, and the Christian life.

In 2008 we also opened a GTC campus on Auckland's North Shore, using the facilities of the North Shore Reformed Church, 74 Trias Rd, Glenfield. This year (2010) we are offering Old Testament and New Testament Biblical Theology and Pastoral Counselling on this site.

Courses will also be offered at training centres in the South Island under the direction of our Associate Principal, Dr Andrew Young, and also in Pukekohe and Gisborne. See p 10 for details.

GTC is dedicated to bringing glory to God by equipping, supporting and encouraging godly servant leaders for the church. We are pleased to serve wherever we can, and welcome all enquiries and expressions of interest.



*Dr Andrew Young,
Associate Principal,
South Island*

For further information on Grace Theological College, check out our website at www.gtc.ac.nz

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Alex Robinson

A self-perpetuating Board of Trustees determines constitutional and policy affairs of Grace Theological College. The present Board members are:

Mr. Alex Robinson (Chairman)
Rev. Peter Boyd
Rev. Dirk van Garderen
Rev. Arthur Palmer
Rev. Murray Capill
Rev. Ross Thompson

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The practical management of Grace Theological College is in the hands of an independent, self-perpetuating Board of Governors. The present Board members are:

Mr Alex Robinson (Chairman)
Mr Tony Bracefield (Secretary)
Mr Ian Grant
Rev Arthur Palmer
Rev John Haverland
Rev. Peter Boyd
Rev. Ken Campbell
Rev. Geoff McPherson

Non-voting members of the Board:

Rev Peter Reynolds (Principal)
Dr Andrew Young (Associate
Principal, South Island)



Board Members: *Ken Campbell, Peter Boyd, Peter Reynolds, Andrew Young, Ian Grant, Arthur Palmer and Tony Bracefield.*
Absent: *Alex Robinson, John Haverland and Geoff MacPherson*

FACULTY

POLICY

The Board of Trustees requires that the teaching faculty of the College demonstrate both intellectual capability and spiritual maturity, and that they have proven ministry experience.

The College has one full-time faculty member, the Principal Rev. Peter Reynolds. Particular subject areas are taught by other experienced teachers, usually pastors from supportive local churches. Visiting lecturers also contribute to the teaching programme.

TEACHING FACULTY FOR 2010

MANUKAU CAMPUS

Rev Peter Reynolds, M Div., Th.M. *Principal of Grace Theological College; Lecturer in Pastoral Counselling, Hermeneutics and Preaching*

Margaret Reynolds, Dip Couns., MA (Hons) Couns. *Lecturer in Pastoral Counselling*

Ian Grant, B Architecture, B Th. *Lecturer in Biblical Theology I*

Rev Arthur Palmer, BA, BD. *Retired Presbyterian Minister; lecturer in Greek. and Hebrew*



Margaret Reynolds

Rev Dirk van Garderen, BD. *Lecturer in Systematic Theology*

Travis Scott, M.Div. *Lecturer in Spiritual 'Development and Evangelism*

Steve Williams, PhD. *Lecturer in Pastoral Counselling*

Sue Bracefield, M.A.Rel.Ed. and **Anne Camp**, *Lecturers in Women's Studies*



Faculty members: *Geoff Macpherson, David Bayne, Stuart Johnson, Travis Scott, Alex Robinson, Dirk van Garderen, Ian Grant, Steve Williams, Arthur Palmer and Andrew Young*

NORTH SHORE CAMPUS

Ian Grant, B Architecture, B Th.
Lecturer in Biblical Theology I

Rev Peter Reynolds, M Div.,

Th.M. Lecturer in Pastoral Counselling,

GISBORNE

Geoff McPherson, M.Div, *Lecturer in Biblical and Systematic Theology*

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Dr. Stuart Johnson PhD, *Lecturer in Biblical Theology*

WYNDHAM

Dr. Andrew Young, PhD, *Lecturer in Systematic and Biblical Theology and Pastoral Ministry*

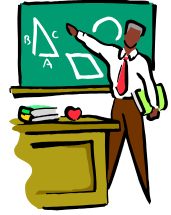
VISITING TEACHERS

Visiting overseas lecturers provide individual and short series of lectures at GTC from time to time, or sometimes speak at seminars organised by GTC. Visiting teachers have included Rev. Tom Cheely, Dr. Howard Eyrich, Rev. David Matthews, Dr. Jim Baird, Rev. Iain Murray, Jerry Bridges, Rev. Graham Harrison, Dr. Philip Eveson, Dr. Hywel Jones, Pastor Erroll Hulse, Mrs Judy Dabler, Dr Peter and Rebecca Jones, Dr Mark Kreitzer, Dr Ken Harris and Dr Frank van Dalen.



Dr Frank van Dalen

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



ADMISSIONS POLICY

GENERAL

Admission to courses at GTC is open to all sincere Christian men and women who want to grow in the knowledge of God and his Word.

No previous tertiary education is required for those wishing to pursue the College's Certificate programmes, but a previous university degree is required for those who register for post-graduate degree study in conjunction with Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS).

Students may complete their study programme on either a part-time or full-time basis. They may also enrol as either credit students who complete required assessments for accreditation, or audit students who attend the course but do not submit assessments.

All students are expected to be actively involved in a local church.

All applicants for study at GTC must agree to uphold basic standards of conduct. Academic honesty and integrity and appropriate Christian behaviour are required at all times. The Board of Governors shall have the authority to suspend, or to refer to their local church leaders, students whose behaviour is unacceptable.

PASTORAL MINISTRY STUDENTS

GTC offers both certificate and degree courses for men training to be pastors. The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is a three-year course suited to students without prior university training. The Master of Divinity is a three year degree course for university graduates who are training for the pastoral ministry.

Men enrolling at GTC with a view to becoming pastors must have the approval and formal endorsement of their local church leaders.

PASTORAL COUNSELLING STUDENTS

GTC also offers certificate and degree courses for men and women to be trained in pastoral counselling. Both certificate and degree courses are two-year full-time courses. Both have significant practicum requirements.

STUDY TERMS

The academic year at GTC comprises four terms. Each term's work is examined separately. Courses are designed to be completed within one, two or four terms.

The study terms for 2010 are as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 2nd February – Saturday 3rd April

Term 2: Tuesday 20th April – Saturday 3rd July

Term 3: Tuesday 20th July – Saturday 25th September

Term 4: Tuesday 12th October – Friday 11th December

COURSES

The courses offered at GTC in any particular year are tailored for the needs of students and the availability of part-time teaching staff. Intended courses for each year are advertised ahead of time in the College's newsletter, *Grace Alone*. [If you would like to receive *Grace Alone* regularly please let us know– see contact details on back page]

ACCREDITATION

The College awards its own certificates and co-operates with Birmingham Theological Seminary in the award of post-graduate degrees.

GTC currently offers the following five certificate awards:

- Certificate in Biblical Studies (1 year full time study)
- Certificate in Women's Studies (1 year full time study)
- Certificate in Christian Ministry (2 years full time study)

- Certificate in Pastoral Counselling (2 years full time study)
- Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (3 years full time study)

Students with an existing Bachelors (Baccalaureate) degree can also work toward gaining the following degrees through Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS):

- Master Arts in Religious Education (M.A.R.E.) (2 years full time study)
- Master Arts in Biblical Counselling (M.A.B.C.) (2 years full time study)
- Master of Divinity (M.Div) (3 years full time study)

GAP YEAR

The College offers a Gap Year for school leavers. In consultation with the student's home church we will design a year's work that includes GTC study, part-time work, ministry involvement, and a short term missions trip. The ministry and missions part of the year will be at the discretion of the home church and will take account of the student's expressed needs and sense of calling. Please contact the College for more information.

PROPOSED COURSES FOR 2010

MANUKAU CAMPUS, 75 Rogers Rd, Manurewa

Semester 1 (Terms 1&2)

Systematic Theology - *Dirk van Garderen*

Old Testament Biblical Theology I - *Ian Grant*

Introduction to Pastoral Counselling - *Peter Reynolds*

Counselling and Life Transitions - *Peter Reynolds*

Counselling Ethics (Term 2 only) - *Steve Williams*

Counselling Electives - *Peter and Margaret Reynolds*

Women and the Bible (Term 1 only) - *Sue Bracefield*

Women and the Church (Term 2 only) - *Ann Camp*

Ministry of the Word II (preaching workshop) - *Peter Reynolds*

Spiritual Development - *Travis Scott*

Biblical Hebrew - *Kay Christensen*

Semester 2 (Terms 3&4)

Systematic Theology - *Dirk van Garderen*

New Testament Biblical Theology I - *Ian Grant*

Biblical Interpretation - *Peter Reynolds*

Marriage and Family Counselling - *Steve Williams*

Counselling for Biblical Change - *Peter Reynolds*

Ministry of the Word II (Preaching Workshop) - *Peter Reynolds*

Evangelism (Term 3 only) - *Travis Scott*

Christian Life (Term 4 only) - *Travis Scott*

NORTH SHORE CAMPUS, 74 Trias Rd, Glenfield

Semester 1 (Terms 1&2)

Old Testament Biblical Theology I - *Ian Grant*

Introduction to Pastoral Counselling - *Peter Reynolds*

Semester 2 (Terms 3&4)

New Testament Biblical Theology I - *Ian Grant*

Counselling for Biblical Change - *Peter Reynolds*

Sunnynook Baptist Church, 138 Sunnynook Road, Glenfield

Semester 1 Preaching Workshop - *Peter Reynolds*

PUKEKOKE , 2 Victoria St, Pukekohe

Semester 1 (Terms 1&2)

Introduction to Pastoral Counselling - *Peter Reynolds*

GISBORNE

Biblical Theology I & II - *Geoff Macpherson* gmacpherson@ihug.co.nz

SOUTH ISLAND

Dunedin - *Dr Stuart Johnson* stuartbjohnson@gmail.com

Christchurch - *Trevor Webb* webbt@paradise.net.nz

OT, NT Biblical Theology

Wyndham - *Dr Andrew Young* andrew.nola.young@gmail.com

Westminster Confession of Faith

Ministry of the Word I

TIMETABLE FOR 2010 (Auckland Campuses)

MANUKAU CAMPUS, 75 Rogers Rd, Manurewa

Semester 1 (Terms 1&2)

Day	Time	Subject	Instructor
Monday	7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.	Biblical Hebrew	Kay Christensen
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Systematic Theology	D. van Garderen
	2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Electives	P./M. Reynolds
	7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.	Spiritual Development	T. Scott
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Life Transitions	P.D. Reynolds
	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Counselling Ethics (T2)	S. Williams
	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	OT Biblical Theology I	I. Grant
Thursday	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Intro to Pastoral Counselling	P.D. Reynolds
	7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.	Women & Bible (T1) Women & Church (T2)	S. Bracefield A. Camp
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Preaching Workshop	P.D. Reynolds

Semester 2 (Terms 3&4)

Day	Time	Subject	Instructor
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Systematic Theology	D. van Garderen
	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Biblical Interpretation	P.D. Reynolds
	7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	Spiritual Development	T. Scott
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon	Marriage and Family Counselling	S. Williams
	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	NT Biblical Theology I	I. Grant
Thursday	10:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon	Counselling for Biblical Change	P.D. Reynolds
	2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.	Evangelism (T3) Christian Life (T4)	T. Scott
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Preaching Workshop	P.D. Reynolds

NORTH SHORE CAMPUS, 74 Trias Rd, Glenfield

Semesters 1 and 2 (Terms 1-4)

Day	Time	Subject	Instructor
Tuesday	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Biblical Theology I	Ian Grant
Wednesday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Intro to Pastoral Counselling (T1,2) Biblical Change (T3,4)	P.D. Reynolds

Sunnynook Baptist Church, 138 Sunnynook Road, Glenfield

Tuesday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Preaching Workshop	P.D. Reynolds
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PUKEKOHE CAMPUS, 2 Victoria St, Pukekohe

Semester 1 (Terms 1-2)

Day	Time	Subject	Instructor
Thursday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Intro. to Pastoral Counselling	P.D. Reynolds

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All students wishing to receive credit for their courses at GTC must complete a registration form before commencing study. Students preparing for pastoral ministry are also required to attend an interview with representatives of the Board, and to provide written endorsement from the leaders of their church. Registration forms may be obtained by writing to or e-mailing the GTC Administrator (contact details on back page) or by downloading from our website (www.gtc.ac.nz) and faxing to 268-1471.



Wendy Kerr - GTC Administration



GRACE COUNSELLING AND CONCILIATION SERVICES (GCCS) –

83 Christmas Road, Manurewa
www.gracecounselling.org.nz



GTC has a close connection with Grace Counselling and Conciliation Services. GCCS has established a counselling centre adjacent to the College and provides an internship programme where counselling students can complete their internship under the supervision of Margaret Reynolds, part-time counselling lecturer at Grace College. Margaret can be contacted by emailing gracecounselling@gmail.com, or by phoning 09 267-4613

FINANCIAL MATTERS

FEES POLICY AND FINANCIAL AID

The Board of Grace Theological College has adopted a fees policy that aims to make College courses available to all irrespective of their financial circumstances. A fee structure has been established, but students are able to apply for variations according to their personal circumstances.

The tuition fee is \$100 per credit (including GST), payable on a term by term basis. (For example Biblical Theology I is a 2 credit per term course, running over 4 terms. The cost per term is \$200.) For those wishing to sit in on classes but do no assessments (audit students) the fee is 50% of the fee for doing the course for credit.

GTC is unable to provide financial aid for student fees. However, a variation in fees can be applied for in circumstances of need. Students wishing to apply for a variation must do so in writing to the Administrator.

GTC courses are not NZQA accredited and consequently, students are unable to apply for tertiary student loans or allowances.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

CERTIFICATE COURSES



GTC offers five certificate courses, all of which can be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis.



Certificate in Biblical Studies 1 Year Full Time

An introductory course of study in Bible, Theology, Church History and Practical Christianity

(32 credits from the following)

Core: (16-20 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Westminster Confession of Faith 8 credits
- or Systematic Theology 12 credits

Options: (12-16 credits) from the following:

- Church History I 8 credits
- Evangelism 2 credits
- Discipleship 2 credits
- Worship 2 credits
- Ministry of the Word I 8 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Spiritual Development 4 credits
- Women and the Bible 2 credits
- Women and the Church 2 credits
- Cults and New Religious Movements 4 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits



Certificate in Women's Studies 1 Year Full Time

A course equipping women in general and specialist areas of study.

(32 credits from the following)

Core: (28 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Westminster Confession of Faith 8 credits
- Women and the Bible 2 credits
- Women and the Church 2 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Biblical Interpretation 4 credits

Options: (4 credits) from the following:

- Spiritual Development 4 credits
- Evangelism 2 credits
- Discipleship 2 credits
- Christian Mind 4 credits
- Cults and New Religious Movements 4 credits
- Church History I 8 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits



Certificate in Christian Ministry 2 Years Full Time

Includes advanced courses in Bible and Theology, and training in practical ministry skills

(64 credits from the following)

Core: (52 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Systematic Theology 12 credits
- Church History I 8 credits
- Ministry of the Word I 8 credits

- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Spiritual Development 2 credits
- Evangelism I 2 credits
- Worship 2 credits
- Discipleship 2 credits

Options: (12 credits) from the following:

- Biblical Theology II 8 credits
- Hermeneutics for Preaching 2 credits
- Christian Mind 4 credits
- Westminster Confession of Faith 8 credits
- Ministry of the Word II 8 credits
- Evangelism II 4 credits
- Church Polity and Practice 2 credits
- Pastoral Life and Skills 4 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits
- Women and the Bible 2 credits
- Women and the Church 2 credits
- Cults and New Religious Movements 4 credits



Certificate in Pastoral Counselling **2 Years Full Time**

Designed to prepare students to minister effectively to a range of pastoral care issues

(64 credits from the following)

Year 1: (32 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Introduction to Systematic Theology 8 credits*
- Biblical Interpretation 4 credits
- Spiritual Development 4 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits

* Master's degree students will be required to do further studies in Systematic Theology.

Year 2: (28 credits + 2 electives (2 credits each))

- Counselling and Life Transitions 4 credits
- Counselling Ethics 2 credits
- Counselling in the Local Church 4 credits
- Counselling and Psychology 4 credits
- Marriage and Family Counselling I&II 4 credits
- Counselling Internship 6 credits
- Counselling Skills 4 credits
- Electives (choose 2) 4 credits
 - Counselling Children and Adolescence
 - Christian Conciliation
 - Counselling for Sexual Abuse
 - Cross Cultural Counselling in NZ



Certificate in Pastoral Ministry **3 Years Full Time**

A non-degree course for men training to be pastors

(96 credits from the following)

Core: (86 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Systematic Theology 12 credits
- Church History I 8 credits
- Ministry of the Word I 8 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Spiritual Development 4 credits
- Evangelism I 2 credits
- Worship 2 credits
- Discipleship 2 credits
- Biblical Theology II 8 credits
- Hermeneutics for Preaching 2 credits
- Christian Mind 4 credits
- Ministry of the Word II 8 credits
- Pastoral Life and Skills 4 credits

- Church Polity and Practice 2 credits
- Practicum (Pastoral & Counselling) 8 credits

Options: (10 credits) from the following:

- Westminster Confession of Faith 8 credits
- Evangelism II 4 credits
- Greek 8 credits
- Hebrew 8 credits
- Cults and New Religious Movements 4 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits

POST-GRADUATE DEGREE COURSES



GTC offers three postgraduate degree courses in association with Birmingham Theological Seminary, Alabama, U.S.A. To register online for these programmes please go to www.birminghamseminary.org

Master of Arts in Religious Education (80 credits)

- Old Testament Introduction 2 credits
- Old Testament Biblical Theology I, II 10 credits
- New Testament Introduction 2 credits
- New Testament Biblical Theology I, II 10 credits
- Systematic Theology 12 credits
- Christian Mind 2 credits
- Hermeneutics 2 credits
- Church History I, II 12 credits
- Ministry of the Word I 8 credits
- Christian Education 2 credits
- Evangelism I 2 credits
- Discipleship 2 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Electives 10 credits

Master of Arts in Biblical Counselling (80 credits)

- Biblical Theology I 8 credits
- Systematic Theology 12 credits
- Biblical Interpretation 4 credits
- Spiritual Development 4 credits
- Introduction to Pastoral Counselling 4 credits
- Counselling for Biblical Change 4 credits
- Counselling and Life Transitions 4 credits
- Counselling Ethics 2 credits
- Counselling in the Local Church 2 credits
- Counselling and Physiology 4 credits
- Counselling and Psychology 4 credits
- Marriage and Family Counselling I, II 4 credits
- Counselling Internship 6 credits
- Christian Conciliation I, II 4 credits
- Conciliation Internship 6 credits
- Electives 8 credits

Master Of Divinity (158 credits)

- Old Testament Introduction 2 credits
- Old Testament Biblical Theology I, II 10 credits
- Hebrew I, II 12 credits
- New Testament Introduction 2 credits
- New Testament Biblical Theology I, II 10 credits
- Greek I, II 12 credits
- Systematic Theology 12 credits
- Westminster Confession of Faith 8 credits
- Christian Mind 4 credits
- Hermeneutics for Preaching 2 credits
- Ethics 2 credits
- Contemporary Theology 2 credits
- Church History I, II 14 credits

• Ministry of the Word I, II, III	24 credits
• Spiritual Development	2 credits
• Christian Education	4 credits
• Pastoral Life and Skills	4 credits
• Evangelism I, II	4 credits
• Discipleship	2 credits
• Polity and Practice	2 credits
• Worship	2 credits
• Missions I, II, III	6 credits
• Church Planting	2 credits
• Introduction to Pastoral Counselling	4 credits
• Counselling Internship	6 credits
• Electives	4 credits

EVENING CLASSES

GTC wants to make its courses accessible to the wider Christian community. One of the main ways it does this is by offering evening classes. Courses have been offered in such areas as biblical theology, preaching, evangelism, and effective Bible study.

In 2010 GTC plans to offer evening classes on our Manukau campus in Womens Studies, Biblical Theology and Spiritual Development, plus a Saturday morning Preaching Workshop (Ministry of the Word II). On our North Shore campus we plan to offer Biblical Theology, Introduction to Pastoral Counselling and Counselling for Biblical Cahnge in the evening, while in Pukekohe we plan to offer Introduction to Pastoral Counselling as an evening class.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Summary descriptions of the courses referred to in the study programmes are given below.

A. BIBLICAL STUDIES



Old and New Testament Introduction: A study of essential introductory concerns, such as revelation, canon, history, geography and archaeology, relevant to the study of the text of the Bible.

Old and New Testament Biblical Theology: Biblical Theology shows how all the Bible points to the glory of God in Christ. A study of foundational courses in both Bible and theology, tracing the development of theology and biblical themes through the great epochs of redemptive history, incorporating also pertinent Bible introduction and survey material.

Greek and Hebrew: Introduction to the original languages of Scripture aimed at producing competence in reading and exegesis, and proficiency in the use of language aids.

Introduction to the Biblical Languages: An introductory course in Biblical Greek and Hebrew that will enable students to use the biblical helps available for accessing the original languages of the Bible.

B. THEOLOGY

Systematic Theology: A systematic study of the major doctrines of the Bible with reference to current theological disputes as well as heresies throughout history.



Westminster Confession of Faith: An introduction to the background and relevance of creeds, and a detailed study of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The Christian Mind: Implications of the Christian way of thinking for the whole of life, and an introduction to principles and issues relating to the defence of the faith in the contemporary world.

Hermeneutics: Principles and issues relating to the redemptive historical interpretation of Scripture.

Contemporary Theology: Trends and developments in the fields of Systematic and Biblical Theology

Ethics: Introduction to a biblical approach to ethical issues, and consideration of critical issues facing contemporary Christians.

C. PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Pastoral Life and Skills: A study of the pastoral function, the pastoral life, and pastoral skills or disciplines designed to equip pastors and elders for their ministries.



Ministry of the Word I: Comprehensive study and practise of the disciplines associated with biblical preaching and teaching.

Ministry of the Word II: A preaching workshop designed to develop and practice Christ-centred preaching from all the Scriptures. Students will be assisted throughout the year to preach at least one 30 minute sermon per term.

Christian Education: Principles and practical skills for developing educational ministries within churches, including youth ministries.

Polity and Practice: A study of principles and practices relating to the government of the Church with special attention given to Presbyterian church government.

Evangelism: A study of evangelism in both the Bible and history, and an examination of current approaches to evangelism.

Discipleship: Examining and exploring Biblical principles relating to discipleship and to the nurture of new Christians.

Church Planting: Basic principles and practices associated with developing new congregations.

Missions: A biblical theology of missions and the practice of developing church mission programmes.

Spiritual Development: An examination of the Bible's teaching on spiritual maturity, what it looks like and how it is obtained.

Cults and New Religious Movements: An analysis of their histories and teachings, study and discussion of principles for communicating the biblical gospel with such, and opportunity to put what is learned into practice.

D. HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

Church History: A study of the development of the Christian church in post-apostolic times, with emphasis on events, issues, people and lessons from the different eras.



New Zealand Church History: An historical survey of Presbyterianism, with a special focus on Presbyterianism in New Zealand.

E. COUNSELLING COURSES

Introduction to Pastoral Counselling: A study of the principles, approaches and issues essential for developing skills and discernment in pastoral care.

Counselling for Biblical Change: An in-depth investigation into the biblical teaching on life change, spiritual growth, and Christian maturity.



Counselling Ethics: The application of Biblical ethics to secular ethical requirements in the field of pastoral counselling.

Counselling and Life Transitions: An examination of the counselling implications of the major transitions and crises

of the individual life cycle, in the context of family, community and culture.

Counselling and the Local Church: Here we will look at the relationship of counselling to the authority structures of church polity to ensure safety, accountability and oversight for the helper and the seeker.

Counselling and Psychology: In this course we will look closely at how biblical counselling theory and practice speaks to secular theories and therapies of counselling and psychology.

Elective – Christian Conciliation: The Bible principles of resolving conflict, applied to marriage, family, church and institutional conflict. Prerequisite, Introduction to Pastoral Counselling; Dynamics and Methods of Biblical Change.

Elective - Counselling Children and Adolescents: Here we will look at the special considerations that need to be taken into account when counselling young people.

Elective - Counselling and Sexual Abuse: In this class we will look at the effect of sexual abuse and bringing grace-centred counsel for comfort and mercy.

Elective - Cross-Cultural Counselling in NZ: A consideration of the challenges in counselling people of different ethnicity to our own, with special reference to bi-culturalism in New Zealand.

F. WOMEN'S STUDIES

Women and the Bible: A survey of the Bible's teaching on women and their distinctive roles in the home and in the church, with special reference to current controversy over this issue.



Women and the Church: A practical paper looking at ways women can serve in the church and ways of establishing a comprehensive women's ministry programme.

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"...the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness" (Titus 1:1)

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