



Overview of GDip Modules

TH6804 The Church in the Modern World

This module will focus on the challenges and opportunities the Christian Church faced in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. During this period the Church witnessed rapid growth in certain regions, as well as unprecedented decline in others. Consideration will be given to the way the Church responded to these challenges and made use of these opportunities, as well as to the major developments in Christian doctrine during these years.

TH6807 Independent Study / TH6835 Dissertation

Students undertake an extended piece of writing on a selected topic. Whilst receiving some guidance from a supervisor, students are to view their study principally as an opportunity for Independent Study / Dissertation. During the summer term of the second year of full-time study (or equivalent for part-time study) initial discussions on proposed topics take place. Students may either submit their own suggested topic or request suggestions from teaching staff.

TH6808 Islam

Taking an historical, comparative and theological approach, this Islamics module covers the life of Muhammad, the Qur'an, Hadith, and Sunnah, and Islamic festivals.

TH6809 Studies in Preaching and Pastoral Theology

This module investigates the hermeneutics and homiletics of the New Testament apostles and argues for a return to these long-neglected approaches in contemporary preaching. The apostolic interpretation of the Old Testament is analysed, and theological foundations and practical applications for this approach are proposed. Examples of historical and present-day preaching styles are also examined.

The pastoral theology element explores the pastoral and ethical implications of various social categories, such as education, marriage, gender, disability, life issues and racism.

TH6810 Church and Context

In this module the factor of cultural context in ministry is developed to some depth. In the first half, the concept of indigeneity is defined in its historical context, and the limitations of the concept are delineated. The crucial element of hermeneutics is outlined, as are the concepts of ethnotheology and metatheology. The work of Paul Hiebert, Harvie Conn and Charles Kraft are examined and issues such as Bible translation, church growth and theological education, are then looked at in more detail. Students then opt to attend a range of seminars on the work of contextualization in primal, Muslim, and Eastern Religious environments.

The second half of the module focuses on church planting.

TH6814 Female Spirituality

This module gives an opportunity for students to reflect upon the vast arena of women's or feminine spirituality, specifically in the era from 1900 to the present day. Topics include a historical overview of women's spirituality, contemporary feminine and feminist spiritualities, Reformed feminine spirituality, complementarianism and gender in Genesis, and Union with Christ.



TH6816 Studies in Religion and Culture

This module focuses on concepts of religion and culture, the complexities of definitions and relationships of the two terms to each other and to the concept of worldview. Factors that influence religion and culture such as geography and economics are discussed. In the workshops quantitative and qualitative research methodologies are introduced and assessed for their relative usefulness. Ethnographic research method is outlined and an opportunity is given to practise that method in a real intercultural setting.

In the second part of the module intercultural communication is explored from theological, theoretical and practical perspectives, with social and cultural issues in communication being examined in some depth.

TH6831 Hebrew Grammar

This module aims to give a foundational knowledge of Biblical Hebrew grammar.

TH6832 Greek Grammar

This module provides a foundational knowledge of *Koiné* Greek Grammar and forms a basis for further study of the Greek New Testament. These studies will help students to evaluate the bewildering variety of translations of the Bible into English, enable them to use the best Greek-based reference works and commentaries, and will equip them to engage in detailed exegesis of the New Testament in its original language.

TH6833 Studies in Biblical and Historical Theology

This module introduces the disciplines of biblical and historical theology. In the first part a number of themes are examined that illustrate the contribution that biblical theology can make to the theological quest, such as creation and fall, the Abrahamic covenant, the election and call of Israel, David's kingdom and God's kingdom, Solomon and Israel's failure, the prophetic response, the promise of a new covenant, the promise of a new temple, the blessing of the nations, the ministry of Jesus, Jesus' death and resurrection, the restoration of Israel, the fulfilment of the promises and mission. In the second part the module provides an introduction to historical theology through the examination of key texts, such as those of Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzus, Aquinas and Calvin.

TH6834 Studies in Systematic Theology

This module lays a foundation in systematic theology by providing key definitions, a systematised framework, and some exposure to less familiar doctrinal traditions. It helps students to position systematics in relation to biblical and historical theology. A definition of theology is developed through clarifying definitions of biblical, systematic and historical theology. Concentrating upon developments within the Calvinistic tradition, each of the major doctrines is then visited, including Scripture, God, Creation and Providence, Humanity, the Person and Work of Christ, the Church and the Last Things. The module then goes on to focus on the work of Christ in accomplishing redemption for the individual, the church, and the world, and, in addition, the work of the Holy Spirit in applying it.

TH6841 Studies in Christology and Redemption

The first part of the module considers the person of Christ both from biblical and theological perspectives. Special attention is given to the incarnation, with exegesis of key biblical texts, evaluation of the major conciliar decisions of the early church (Ephesus, Chalcedon, Constantinople II and III), the Christology of Cyril of Alexandria, and more recent developments. The module then considers the work of Christ, with a particular focus on the atonement, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the *ordo salutis*.