



Overview of Level 4 Modules

TH4801 Introduction to Biblical Theology

This module introduces the discipline of biblical theology and considers briefly the contributions made by key figures. 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.

TH4802 Reading Skills for Exegesis

This module is a practical introduction to some key skills for biblical exegesis, and is a core module for those taking neither Hebrew Grammar nor Greek Grammar.

TH4803 Hebrew Grammar I & TH4808 Hebrew Grammar II

These two modules aim to give a foundational knowledge of Biblical Hebrew grammar. They are designed to be taken together. (The modules are also available at Level 5 for students who wish to begin the study of Hebrew at a later stage in their studies.)

TH4804 Greek Grammar I & TH4809 Greek Grammar II

These modules provide a foundational knowledge of *Koinē* Greek Grammar and form 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. The two modules are designed to be taken together and are also available at Level 5. This provision gives the student flexibility and opportunity in acquiring biblical languages.

TH4805 Introduction to Systematic Theology

This module lays a foundation for students by providing them with key definitions, a systematized framework, and gradual exposure to less familiar doctrinal traditions. The module will give students increased confidence as they tackle related biblical, doctrinal and historical modules later in the course.

TH4806 Women in Church and Mission

This module provides an overview of the role of women in church and mission. The subject is considered from biblical, historical and contemporary viewpoints, exploring the topic on both a theoretical and practical basis.

TH4807 Religion and Culture

This module focuses on the concepts of religion and culture. It introduces the complexities of definitions and the relationship of the two terms. The concept of worldview is introduced, and the way this is expressed in particular religious and cultural settings is explored. Other factors that influence religion and culture such as geography and economics are discussed. Presuppositions in the study of religions are also analysed at a basic level. In the workshops ethnography is introduced as a valuable research method for [earning about other cultures and religions. Students use this method to undertake fieldwork on a community outside their field of experience.

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TH4810 Philippians

This module presents an opportunity to engage with the full English text of a NT book. Many students embarking on a preaching/teaching ministry find this a useful module to teach them more of what it means to exegete Scripture.

TH4811 God and Humanity

This module builds on the foundation provided by Introduction to Systematic Theology and focuses on the most basic and strategic area of Christian theology. Consideration is given in the module to arguments for the existence of God, the revelation of God, the being of God, his attributes, his eternal decree, the doctrine of the Trinity, but also the doctrine of sin, its nature and transmission and its effect on social conduct and the environment.

TH4813 Youth and Children's Ministry

This module provides an opportunity for students to reflect on aspects of ministry among children and young people within the local church. The module explores the topic on both a theoretical and practical basis.

TH4814 Ministry Placement I

Students taking this module are placed in a church or other ministry situation where they will have the opportunity to put into practice the principles they have been learning throughout the programme. The module relates academic study to the practicalities of contemporary pastoral ministry and missionary service. Students work alongside, and gain from, the experience of Christian leaders.

TH4816 Introduction to Pastoral Theology

This module provides an introduction to the work of pastoral ministry. Biblical models of pastoral ministry are examined as well as the way these models have been worked out in the history of the church and in contemporary church life.

TH4817 Preaching I

This module provides an introduction to basic preaching skills in order to facilitate biblically faithful and effective communication and to encourage the exercise of preaching gifts. The importance of exegetical accuracy and doctrinal substance is emphasised, while questions of structure, illustration, application and delivery are fully explored.

TH4819 The Early Church

The focus of this module is on the history of the Christian Church from its origins to the beginnings of the Medieval Period, roughly AD100–500. In addition to the significant events, persons, and themes of the church in this period, the module also includes consideration of the two most important sources upon which the Church drew and against which it defined itself – ancient Judaism and Greco-Roman culture. Finally, during these years the Church formulated its most basic beliefs about the doctrine of God and the person of Christ, so some time is also spent exploring the historical development of these doctrines.

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