



## Overview of Level 5 Modules

### TH5801 Pentateuchal Studies

This module considers the distinctives of the individual books of the Pentateuch. In addition, it aims to explore issues relating to the origin, structure, theme(s) and theology of the Pentateuch as a whole. It also introduces some standard methodologies used in biblical studies.

### TH5802 Gospel Studies

Since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, scholarship has progressively appreciated that the Gospels can be treated as authentic records of the life and teaching of Jesus, rather than being the writings of a community that produced them to justify their beliefs to a pagan world. This module surveys recent scholarship and demonstrates that the Gospels are just as important and relevant for today as they were for the generation for which they were originally written.

### TH5803 Hebrew Texts: Jonah

This module is a natural sequel to the prior Hebrew Grammar modules. The module consists of a study of the text of the book of Jonah in Hebrew.

### TH5804 Greek Texts I: John's Gospel

It is vital for a first course in Greek text to build the confidence of students and to promote their enjoyment in developing their basic skills in translation and exegesis. John's Gospel provides material that is eminently suitable for encouraging students' progress at this level. Experience has shown that a significant stimulus to study is also provided by the literary and theological dimensions of the text.

### TH5805 Hebrew Grammar I & TH5811 Hebrew Grammar II

These are the same modules as Hebrew Grammar I & II at Level 4, but earn credits at Level 5. They are designed to be taken together.

### TH5806 Greek Grammar I & TH5812 Greek Grammar II

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### TH5807 Christology

This module focuses on the New Testament writers' witness to Christ. Doctrinal issues posed by the incarnation are also considered, such as the virgin birth, the humiliation, exaltation and sinlessness and impeccability of Christ. Early heresies and the churches' answers will also be considered.

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## TH5809 The Bible: Inspiration and Authority

The doctrine of Scripture is foundational to Christian theology and ministry. This module seeks to develop a greater awareness by which to consider pre-suppositional issues attaching to this foundational subject. Students are challenged to consider revelation in its two-fold aspect, principally from a biblical but also from a broader theological perspective. The issues involved are formative in preparing students to use the Bible responsibly in further studies and in future ministries.

## TH5810 Active Listening for Pastoral Practice

This module provides an opportunity for students to learn and practice listening skills. The core elements of the module include the identification of and theoretical understanding of active listening skills, and the biblical grounds and ethical framework for their use. Practical listening skills are applied to pastoral situations.

## TH5813 Isaiah

The prophecy of Isaiah is arguably the greatest of the canonical writing prophets. The module aims to give a study of the book of Isaiah which combines an overview of some significant themes throughout book, as well as more focused exegetical study of selected portions of the text. Where relevant, the historical and political background to the text is considered. In addition, the module covers issues of composition, structure and authorship.

## TH5814 New Testament Ethics

The module develops the students' understanding of the ethical teaching of Christ and the New Testament writers, thus enabling them to apply New Testament teaching on ethics to their own lives, the life of the church and society.

## TH5815 Hebrew Texts: Ruth

The book of Ruth is one of the great love stories of the world! The module consists of a study of the text of the book of Ruth in Hebrew, along with exegetical comment. This module is a natural sequel to the Hebrew Text: Jonah module.

## TH5816 Greek Texts II

This module is a natural sequel to Greek Texts I. Texts will be studied in detail, taking into account particulars of grammatical syntax, word studies, textual variants, historical, social and theological contexts, hermeneutical issues, literary critical questions, etc.

## TH5817 Book of Revelation

The aims of this module are to examine the structure and message of the book of Revelation, to explore the various ways in which Revelation has been interpreted and applied, and to introduce students to the challenges of preaching on apocalyptic. The module includes an analysis of the outline and structure of the book, discussion of approaches to Revelation, exposition of selected passages, and a consideration of Revelation in history and politics, including Christians' attitudes to the modern state of Israel.

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## TH5818 Redemption

This module approaches the subject 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.

## TH5819 Introduction to Historical Theology

The lack of familiarity with the theology of the past prevents the effective contextualization of theology in the present. This module helps towards overcoming this by providing an introduction to historical theology through the examination of key texts, such as those of Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzus, Aquinas and Calvin.

## TH5821 Pastoral Issues in Women's Ministry

This module provides an opportunity for students to explore issues affecting women in contemporary society from a pastoral perspective. The core elements of the module include the role of women in contemporary society, abuse & the Bible, the family, health, and sex & sexuality. The module also explores cross-cultural issues in ministry to women, the support & supervision in ministry to women and stress in ministry.

## TH5823 Ministry Placement II

As with Ministry Placement I, this 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.

## TH5824 Pastoral Ministry

In this second pastoral studies module the foundation given at level 4 is built on, with particular attention to the application of principles of pastoral theology to particular issues that arise in church life. The pastoral work of dealing with spiritual problems and life crises are addressed, as well as the practicalities of the sacraments of baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

## TH5825 Preaching II

Building on basic preaching skills, this module explores the application of biblical theology to expository preaching, and seeks to ensure a consistently Christ-centred approach to sermon preparation and delivery. Students are taught how to approach and handle the various challenges presented by different genres of Scripture. Developing skills are tested by the regular preparation of sermon outlines for classroom discussion.

## TH5826 Ecclesiology

This module explores the nature, task, government, unit and sacraments of the church. Episcopalian, congregational and independent, and presbyterian and reformed perspectives are explored in some depth.

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## TH5828 The Age of the Reformation

The Renaissance-Reformation period formed a watershed in the history of Europe, and was also to have far-ranging repercussions for many other parts of the world. A theological education is hardly complete without the opportunity to gain at least some understanding of Protestantism. The particular form of Protestantism subsequently represented so influentially by Puritanism shows no sign of losing its fascination. The aim of this module is to explore both these movements with a view to understanding and evaluating their historical and theological significance.

## TH5829 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion

This module will introduce students to the use of philosophical reasoning in thinking about religion. Students will gain some knowledge and understanding of key philosophical debates about such issues as the rationality of theism, the existence of God, and the challenges to faith from the existence of evil, scientific theory and the postmodern critique of metanarratives. Students will have the opportunity to tackle both classical and contemporary philosophical texts.

## TH5830 Issues and Trends in Mission

A consideration of current global issues, including globalization, urbanization, poverty and migration, leads to the critical examination of trends in missiological response to these issues in areas such as integral mission, business as mission, and church planting among unreached peoples. Changes in mission structures and funding, as well as the phenomenon of short-term missions are also explored.

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