



Overview of Level 6 Modules

TH6801 Studies in Wisdom Literature

This module focuses on the biblical wisdom writing found in the Writings division of the Hebrew Bible, namely the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job. This body of literature gives expression to reflection on issues relating to the perplexities and practicalities of life.

TH6802 Pauline Studies

The module begins by examining what is known about the apostle Paul. The influence of the Old Testament on his thinking will be considered. This leads on to an examination of how Paul viewed himself and his ministry. Paul's anthropology is considered, and how Paul understood the sinfulness of man. This leads to considerations of Paul's Christology and soteriology.

TH6803 Greek Texts: Galatians

This module provides the opportunity to study Greek syntax and its relevance for exegesis at a more advanced level, including an introduction to some discourse features of the language. The linguistic and exegetical complexities of Galatians make it a suitable text for this purpose. The module has significant practical value for those whose work will involve preaching and teaching the New Testament.

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.

TH6806 Eschatology

This module focuses on key aspects of Christian theological reflection on the future. Extensive consideration will be given to the main theological developments in Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox eschatology. Key biblical themes and texts relating to death, the intermediate state, the final judgment, heaven and hell will also be studied.

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.

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TH6808 Islam

Taking an historical, comparative and theological approach, this Islamic 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. 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. Issues in contextualization, such as Bible translation, spiritual warfare, church growth, theological education, and partnership, are then looked at in more detail. Students then opt to attend four out of a range of seminars on the work of contextualization in tribal, Muslim, Hindu, and contemporary Western environments.

TH6811 Hebrew Texts: Jonah and Ruth

Although identical to TH5803 & TH5815 combined, this module earns credits at Level 6.

TH6812 Greek Texts I & II

Although identical to TH5804 & TH5816 combined, this module earns credits at Level 6.

TH6813 Hebrew Texts: Psalms

This module builds upon and develops the knowledge, understanding and skills gained through two years of prior learning. (The Hebrew Grammar I & II modules, as well as the Hebrew Texts: Jonah & Hebrew Texts: Ruth modules are all prerequisites for studying this module.) The module provides an opportunity to explore some of the distinctives of Hebrew poetry. The bulk of the module consists of the study of the text of selected Psalms in terms of grammar, syntax, text-critical matters and exegesis, although attention is also given to more general topics relating to the book of Psalms.

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.

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TH6815 Romans

This module focuses on the letter of Paul to the Romans, a letter commonly understood to deal with the key doctrines taught by the apostle Paul. An introduction to the letter is provided, covering issues of authorship, origin and destination of the letter and the study of Paul's theological method regarding his interpretation of the OT and theological themes that including his anthropology, his understanding of redemptive history and his doctrine of sin. The text of the letter is studied against the background of these explored themes.

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