



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

CS115

FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLE-BASED CHRIST-CENTRED WORLDVIEW

This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.

Unit code	CS115
Unit name	Foundations of a Bible-based Christ-centred Worldview
Associated higher education awards	Diploma of Social Science Bachelor of Applied Social Science Bachelor of Counselling
Duration	One semester
Level	Introductory
Core/elective	Core
Weighting	Unit credit points: 10 Course credit points: Diploma of Social Science 80 Bachelor of Applied Social Science 240 Bachelor of Counselling 240
Delivery mode	Face-to-face on site External
Student workload	<i>Face-to-face on site</i> Contact hours 35 hours Reading, study, and preparation 55 hours Assignment preparation 60 hours TOTAL 150 hours <i>External</i> Engagement with study materials 90 hours Assignment preparation 60 hours TOTAL 150 hours Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week.
Prerequisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions	Nil
Rationale	This unit seeks to lay a foundation for the ongoing development of a Christian worldview as a paradigm that guides professional life. It provides scaffolding for an understanding of the Bible as a whole and offers insight into key themes from within Scripture and the outcomes that arise from an effective grasp of the themes in practical terms. This unit provides knowledge at a broad level that may be used as a basis for independent lifelong learning and to assist students to develop self-awareness in communication skills.

Prescribed text(s)	<p>McClung, F. (2007).¹ <i>The Father heart of God</i> (Rev. ed.). Eastbourne, UK: Kingsway Publications.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Nouwen, H.M. (1994).¹ <i>The Return of the Prodigal Son: A story of homecoming</i>. London, UK: Darton, Longman and Todd.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Zacharias, R. (2010).¹ <i>The Grand Weaver: How God shapes us through the events in our lives</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.</p>
Recommended readings	<p>Books</p> <p>Benner, D. G. (2015). <i>The gift of being yourself: The sacred call to self-discovery</i> (Exp. Ed.). Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press.</p> <p>Hybels, B. (2009). <i>Courageous leadership: Field-tested strategy for the 360° leader</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.</p> <p>Pennington, M. B. (2000).¹ <i>True self, false self: Unmasking the spirit within</i>. New York, NY: The Crossroad Publishing Co.</p> <p>Sunshine, G. S. (2009). <i>Why you think the way you do: The story of western worldviews from Rome to Home</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.</p> <p>Smith, J. B. (2009). <i>The good and beautiful life: Putting on the character of Christ</i>. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press.</p> <p>Wright, N. T. (2010). <i>After you believe: why Christian character matters</i>. New York, NY: Harper Collins.</p> <p>Journal Articles</p> <p>Wydict, B., Glewwe, P., & Rutledge, L. (2013). Does international child sponsorship work? A six-country study of impacts on adult life outcomes. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i>, 121 (2), 393-436.</p> <p>Journals</p> <p><i>Journal of Pastoral Care & Counselling</i></p> <p><i>Journal of Psychology & Christianity</i></p> <p><i>Journal of Psychology & Theology</i></p> <p>In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as The Holy Bible: The New International Version 2011 (NIV 2011) or The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV).</p> <p>These and other translations may be accessed free on-line at http://www.biblegateway.com. The Bible app from LifeChurch.tv is also available free for smart phones and tablet devices.</p>
Specialist resource requirements	Nil

¹ Seminal text.

Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The story of Scripture 2. Who is God? 3. Who is Jesus? 4. Who is the Holy Spirit? 5. Created 6. Lost and separated 7. Transformation 8. Restoration through grace 9. Christian character 10. Agency in the Kingdom of God 11. Leadership and influence 12. Reflecting on the journey
Learning outcomes	<p>On completion of this unit, students will have demonstrated that they have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. understood the theological concepts which inform a Christian worldview; 2. evaluated the effect of a Christian worldview in relationships – with God (or not), self and others; 3. reviewed and discussed the impact of a Christian worldview on specific issues of human life; 4. applied an understanding of a Christian worldview to their own lives; 5. identified areas of personal challenge when reflecting on a Christian worldview; and 6. communicated at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammars, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing, and presentation.
Assessment tasks	<p>Task 1: e-Journal</p> <p>Provide written responses to the weekly readings provided on the CS115 Moodle™ site.</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 2,100 words</p> <p>Weighting: 50%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 2-6</p> <p>Assessed: Weeks 5-13</p> <p>Task 2: Essay</p> <p>Choose one of the prescribed texts for the unit. Identify the key themes of the text and discuss the validity of the author's arguments.</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 2,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 50%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-3, 5, 6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p>
Unit summary	<p>This unit seeks to lay a foundation for the ongoing development of a Christian worldview as a paradigm that guides professional life.</p>