



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

JB105

THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY

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	JB105	
Unit name	Theology of Ministry	
Associated higher education awards	Diploma of Ministry Bachelor of Ministry	
Duration	One semester	
Level	Introductory	
Unit coordinator	Ps Brian Mulheran	
Core/elective	Core	
Weighting	Unit credit points: 10cp	Total course credit points: Diploma of Ministry 80cp Bachelor of Ministry 240cp
Student workload	Face-to-face on-site	External
	Timetabled hours: 39	Directed study hours: 39
	Readings and study hours: 51	Readings and study hours: 51
	Assignment preparation hours: 60	Assignment preparation hours: 60
	Total hours per unit: 150	Total hours per unit: 150
Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week		
Delivery mode	Face to Face on site External	
Pre-requisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions	Prerequisites: Nil Co-requisites: Nil Restrictions: Nil	
Rationale	Christian 'ministry' is commissioned to all believers, who through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and loving service to God, minister to the church and the wider community in fulfilment of God's mission and mandate which He began in Christ (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 1:1-8; Mark 12:30-31; Eph 4:12; 2 Cor 5:18-20). In order for such ministry to be faithfully and responsibly discharged an accurate understanding of the premises and precepts which form the theological basis for ministry are required. Such precepts arise out of a profound vision of who God is, His character, His nature and His purposes. Likewise, in order to outwork ministry according to such a vision an incarnation of these theological premises and divine attributes are required within the faith, belief systems, character and nature of the minister of God. This unit sets forth foundational aspects for the formation of a theology of ministry from rich prevailing thought patterns of biblical and historical truths as the basis of ministry praxis in contemporary society. This core unit contributes to establishing foundational knowledge and Christian belief in order to provide a framework for the student's theological, personal and ministry formation and practice.	

Prescribed text(s)	Flemming, D 2013, <i>Recovering the Full Mission of God, a Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing, and Telling</i> , IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL.
Recommended readings	Anderson, RS 2009, <i>The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry with Theological Praxis</i>, IVP Academic, Downers Grove, IL. Bass, DC & Dykstra, C (eds.) 2008, <i>For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education and Christian Ministry</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI. Bloesch, DG 2009, <i>A Theology of Word and Spirit</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. Burns, JS, Shoup, JR & Simmons Jr., DC (eds.) 2014, <i>Organizational Leadership: Foundations & Practices for Christians</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. Carson, DA 2012, <i>Christ and Culture Revisited</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI. Cartledge, MJ 2010, <i>Testimony in the Spirit: Rescripting Ordinary Pentecostal Theology</i>, Ashgate, Aldershot, UK. Flett, JG 2010, <i>The Witness of God; the Trinity, Missio Dei, Karl Barth and the Nature of Christian Community</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI. Leclerc, D & Maddix, MA (eds.) 2014, <i>The Essential Church: A Wesleyan Ecclesiology</i>, Beacon Hill, Kansas City, KA. Ma, JC & Ma, W 2010, <i>Mission in the Spirit: Towards a Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology</i>, Wipf & Stock, Eugene, OR. Pickard, S 2010, <i>Theological Foundations for Collaborative Ministry</i>, Ashgate, Surrey, England. Tyra, G 2014, <i>A Missional Orthodoxy: Theology and Ministry in a Post-Christian Context</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as <i>The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV)</i>. This translation and many others 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.
Specialist resources requirements	Nil
Content	1. Defining Christian ministry 2. The nature of Trinitarian ministry 3. A biblical foundation for ministry – ‘Missio Dei’ 4. Historical overview of ministry 5. The ministry of Christ – Incarnational 6. Called by God – responding to the call 7. Faith – our participation in Christ’s ministry 8. A commissional approach to ministry 9. The ministry of the Holy Spirit through the minister – ‘Pneumatikos’ 10. Vocational identity formation 11. Theological and cultural contexts of the ministry environment 12. Church: Incarnational community in society 13. Toward the formation of a theology of ministry

Learning outcomes	On completion of this unit, students should be able to: 1. Identify and discuss biblical and theological foundations for ministry and mission; 2. Comprehend Christian ministry within the theological paradigm of participation in the Missio Dei; 3. Examine key foundational biblical elements (such as faith) for ministry and mission; 4. Correlate insights of biblical and theological foundations to the practice of ministry; 5. Understand the synergistic relationship whereby theological concepts and ministry practice mutually influence each other; and 6. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.
Assessment tasks	Task 1: Investigative Paper Word Length/Duration: 2,500 words Weighting: 40% Learning Outcomes: 1-3, 5-6 Assessed: Week 6 Task 2: Personal Theological Audit and Reflection for Ministry Word Length/Duration: 3,000 words Weighting: 60% Learning Outcomes: 1-6 Assessed: Week 13
Unit summary	This unit contributes to establishing foundational knowledge and Christian belief in order to provide a framework for the student's theological, personal and ministry formation and practice.