

Revised Course Structure – 2009-2013

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Introduction

Tabor College Tasmania and Tabor Adelaide have both been subject to re-accreditation under our different State Authorities for our courses for the next 5 years. As part of that process, the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies has been added to Tabor College Tasmania's offer of courses.

This course is designed for tertiary graduates from non-theological disciplines who desire to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and its application to their daily life and work, and to do so through relevant studies in an institution whose ethos accords with their own Christian convictions.

The purpose of this course is personal development rather than vocational, although it is envisaged that some professionals may see it as a useful way to ensure that they approach their vocation from the standpoint of an informed Christian believer.

On successful completion of the course, students will have developed a sound knowledge and understanding of the content and use of the Bible, Christian doctrines, and how the gospel relates to Christian living, and will be able to:

- express this knowledge and understanding clearly and appropriately in different situations;
- extend this knowledge and understanding by formal or self-directed study;
- enter into discussion on biblical/theological topics on the basis of an informed understanding; and
- apply biblical and theologically informed views to personal and professional situations.

Levels

For the 2009 re-accreditation Tabor College Tasmania has revised its classification of levels. The new system is set out in the table below. The new system:

- makes no reference to VET awards (previously levels 1 and 2). From 2009, Tabor College Tasmania will not be offering enrolment in VET awards. As a consequence undergraduate studies have been designated as Level 1.
- provides for three levels of study from undergraduate (Level 1) to graduate diploma (Level 2 or 3).
- differentiates between post-graduate awards for which a first degree in the same discipline is a pre-requisite (Level 3) and those for which any first degree will provide entry to the programme (Level 2)
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	ENTRY CRITERIA
level 1	Undergraduate entry into an undergraduate course <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 4,000 – 5,000 words per standard 6cp subject
level 2	Graduate entry into a course with no special prerequisites <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 5,000 – 6,000 words per standard 6cp subject OR equivalent of 8,000 words per 12cp coursework subject
level 3	Graduate entry into a postgraduate course with special prerequisites <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 5,000 - 6,000 words per standard 6 cp coursework subject OR equivalent of 8,000 words per 12cp coursework subject

COURSE STRUCTURE

Outline of course structure

Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies

Core subjects (12cps)

Two of the following four core subjects are needed

TM1101.2	Creative Living	[6]
TM2110.2	Understanding the Biblical Narrative	[6]
TM2111.2	Reading the Bible Faithfully	[6]
TM3112.2	Exploring the Christian Faith	[6]

Depending on a student's pathway, it may be appropriate to substitute, with the approval of the Faculty Head, an equivalent subject or subjects for a core subject. (For example, TM2115, TM2116, and TM2117 might be more appropriate than TM2110 and TM2111 for those intending to do advanced exegetical subjects.)

Elective subjects (36cps)

Plus 36 credit points of electives, selected from those listed below or other appropriate graduate level subjects approved by the Faculty Head. Electives should be chosen with respect to a student's personal or vocational needs. Students are expected to have completed the necessary prerequisites before enrolling in an elective subject. Electives have been grouped into fields of study to allow students the opportunity to choose to study a major (6 subjects) or a minor (4 subjects) in a particular area of interest.

Personal Formation

TM1102.2	Introduction to Christian Ministry	[6]
TM1103.2	Christians in a Multicultural World	[6]
TM1104.2	Spiritual Formation	[6]

Biblical Studies

TM2115.2	Introduction to the Old Testament	[6]
TM2116.2	Introduction to the New Testament	[6]
TM2117.2	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	[6]
TM2221.2	Pentateuch Exegesis	[6]
TM2322.2	OT Prophets Exegesis	[6]
TM2231.2	Synoptic Gospels Exegesis	[6]
TM2232.2	Romans Exegesis and Pauline Theology	[6]
TM3304.2	Kingdom of God	[6]
TM2340.2	Biblical Theology	[6]
TM4216.2	Preaching	[6]
TM2341.2	Issues in Contemporary Biblical Studies	[6]
TM2390.2	Biblical Studies Readings Elective	[6]
TM2391.2	Biblical Studies Special Elective	[6]

Theological Study

TM3201.2	Trinitarian Theology	[6]
TM3302.2	Jesus the Christ	[6]
TM3203.2	Holy Spirit	[6]
TM3304.2	Kingdom of God	[6]
TM3305.2	The Church	[6]
TM3307.2	Theology for Intercultural Contexts	[6]
TM3212.2	Ethics	[6]
TM3313.2	Doing Theology with Karl Barth	[6]
TM3314.2	Apologetics for Contemporary Australia	[6]
TM3315.2	Twentieth Century Theology	[6]
TM3316.2	Contemporary Theological Issues	[6]

TM3317.2	Renewal Theology	[6]
TM3131.2	The Story of the Church	[6]
TM3132.2	History of the World Christian Movement	[6]
TM3234.2	Early Church History	[6]
TM3335.2	Medieval Church History	[6]
TM3336.2	Reformation Church History	[6]
TM3338.2	Australian Church History	[6]
TM2340.2	Biblical Theology	[6]
TM4102.2	Christian Spirituality	[6]
TM5202.2	Cultural Anthropology	[6]
TM5203.2	Introduction to World Religions	[6]
TM3390.2	Theology Readings Elective	[6]
TM3391.2	Theology Special Elective	[6]
<i>Ministry Skills</i>		
TM4101.2	Communication Skills	[6]
TM4102.2	Christian Spirituality	[6]
TM4203.1	Christian spirituality Classics	[6]
TM4120.2	Introduction to Children's Ministry	[6]
TM4148.2	Clinical Pastoral Education 1	[6]
TM4149.2	Clinical Pastoral Education 2	[6]
TM4210.2	Christian Leadership	[6]
TM4211.2	Pastoral Care	[6]
TM4212.2	Pastoral Counselling Skills	[6]
TM4215.2	Worship	[6]
TM4216.2	Preaching	[6]
TM4221.2	Issues in Children's Ministry	[6]
TM4230.2	Denominational History and Polity	[6]
TM4313.2	Mentoring	[6]
TM4361.2	Issues in Ministry	[6]
TM4390.2	Ministry Readings Elective	[6]
TM4391.2	Ministry Special Elective	[6]
CO2124.2	Counselling Skills 1	[6]
CO2227.2	Understanding Systems and Families	[6]
CO2234.2	Grief, Loss & Attachment *	[6]
CO2327.2	Marriage and Relationship Counselling	[6]
<i>Intercultural Studies</i>		
TM5100.2	Global Mission Today	[6]
TM5101.2	Intercultural Life and Work	[6]
TM5202.2	Cultural Anthropology	[6]
TM5203.2	Introduction to World Religions	[6]
TM5304.2	Intercultural Communication	[6]
TM3307.2	Theology for Intercultural Contexts	[6]
TM5210.1	Poverty and Integral Mission	[6]
TM5311.1	Building Aussie Churches	[6]
TM3314.2	Apologetics for Contemporary Australia	[6]
TM5315.1	Global Health Principles	[6]
TM5316.1	International Health and Development	[18]
TM3132.2	History of the World Christian Movement	[6]
TM5350.2	Area Study	[6]
TM5351.2	Specific Language Study	[6]
TM5390.2	Intercultural Readings Elective	[6]
TM5391.2	Intercultural Special Elective	[6]
<i>Research Electives</i>		
TM3398.2	Minor Research Project (5-6,000 words)	[6]

Course structure regulations

1. The Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies comprises subjects to the value of 48 credit points, including at least two core subjects (or their equivalent). The Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies comprises subjects to the value of 24 credit points, including at least one core subject (or its equivalent).
2. All subjects are taken at Tabor College Tasmania's level 2. In any subject that corresponds to undergraduate subjects of the same name, graduate students are required to do more complex assignment work.
3. Students may choose to include a minor thesis (6cps) as part of their Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies. Where a thesis is undertaken, part of the thesis should relate to an integration of their learning and their vocational aims.
4. Electives will normally be selected from the above list; however, with the permission of the Faculty Head, other subjects available at the level 2 and relevant to a student's course of study may be included.
5. In selecting and sequencing electives, students should note prerequisites and any other restrictions specified in individual subject descriptions. Students will be guided by the Faculty Head in their choice of electives, taking into account their former studies and experience. All elective choices must be approved by the Faculty Head.

Exit point

Students who successfully complete 24 credit points of the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies, including at least one of the core subjects (or its equivalent), may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies.

2009 TIMETABLING - Hobart

2009 SEMESTER 1		2009 SEMESTER 2	
FIRST YEAR		FIRST YEAR	
		Spiritual Formation	M / C
Intro to Biblical Interpretation <i>incorporating</i> Reading the Bible faithfully	M / C	The Story of the Church	M
Intro to Old Testament	M	Intro to the New Testament	M
Creative Living	M / C	Communication Skills	M
Intro to Christian Ministry	M	Exploring the Christian Faith	C
Counselling Skills 1	C	Counselling Skills 2	C
Understanding the Biblical Narrative	C	Intro to Worldviews & Human relationships	M / C
		Human Lifespan Develop	C
		Christians in a Multicultural World	M
School Chaplaincy Theory	M / C	School Chaplaincy Practice	M / C
SECOND YEAR		SECOND YEAR	
Spiritual Formation	M / C	Spiritual Formation	M / C
Synoptic Gospels Exegesis	M	Pastoral Care	M
Holy Spirit	M	Trinitarian Theology	M
Intro to counselling Theories	C	Counselling theories and practice	C
Understanding Systems & Families	C / M		
Introduction to Psychology	C		
Introduction to Sociology and Culture	C		
World Religions	M		
Grief, Loss & Attachment	C / M		
THIRD YEAR		THIRD YEAR	
		Christian Leadership	M
Supervised Field Education 1	M	Supervised Field Education 2	M
Supervised Placement / Case Management	C	Supervised Placement / Case Management	C
Marriage & Relationship Couns	C	Ethics	M
Jesus the Christ	M	Counsellor Professional Ethics	C
Educational principles	M		

M = Ministry C = Counselling

2009 COLLEGE CALENDAR

Orientation Week	10-13 February	Easter week off	10 – 17 April
Semester 1	16 February – 25 May	School holidays off	7 – 18 September
Semester 2	20 July – 6 November		

COMPARATIVE UNITS 2008 – 2009

In the process of re-registration for our courses covering the years 2009-2013, there have been significant changes in the structure of the courses and in some unit names & codes.

All units completed up to end of 2008 will be recognized under their old name.

Units taken in 2009 and beyond will be known under their new names.

Code	Ministry Units 2008	Code	Ministry Units 2009
1101	Creative Living 1	TM1101	Creative Living
1102	Old Testament Introduction	TM2115	Introduction to the Old Testament
1103	New Testament Introduction	TM2116	Introduction to the New Testament
1109	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	TM2117	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
1111	Introduction to Christian History	TM3131	The Story of the Church
		TM1102	Introduction to Christian Ministry
		TM1104	Spiritual Formation
1205	Christology	TM3302	Jesus the Christ
1206	Ministry of the Spirit	TM3203	Holy Spirit
1209	Theological Foundations	TM3201	Trinitarian Theology
1107	Introduction to Christian Belief	TM3112	Exploring the Christian Faith
1230	Christian Spirituality	TM4102	Christian Spirituality
1246	Exegesis 1 (New Testament)	TM2231	Synoptic Gospels Exegesis
1305	Church, Mission & Ministry	TM3305	The Church
1307	Ethics	TM3212	Ethics
1308	Kingdom of God	TM3304	Kingdom of God
2120	Counselling Foundations	CO2120	Introduction to Worldviews & Human Relationships
2124	Counselling Skills 1	CO2124	Counselling Skills 1
2227	Marriage & Relationship Counselling	CO2327	Marriage & Relationship Counselling
2234	Grief & Loss Counselling	CO2234	Grief, Loss and Attachment
2308	Australian Church & Society	TM1103	Christians in a Multicultural World
3110	Public Speaking & Preaching	TM4101	Communication Skills
3226	Pastoral Care	TM4211	Pastoral Care
3241	Leadership 1	TM4210	Christian Leadership
3243	Homiletics	TM4216	Preaching
3341	Leadership 2		
3343	Issues in Ministry	TM4361	Issues in Ministry
3352	Mentoring	TM4313	Mentoring
3366	Ministry Field Education	TM4241	Supervised Field Education 1
4171	Intercultural Life & Work	TM5101	Intercultural Life & Work
4274	Cultural Anthropology	TM4202	Cultural Anthropology
4373	World Religions	TM5203	Introduction to World Religions
		TM2340	Biblical Theology