

Unit Code
B7364
Unit Name
Pauline Literature
Unit Weighting
9 cr pts
Type of Unit
Specialised unit
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions
18 Biblical Studies cpts
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Curriculum Objectives
This course unit builds on the knowledge and skills developed in the prerequisite Biblical Studies units. It examines the historical context, literary forms and theological content of the New Testament literature associated with Paul.
Learning Outcomes
At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. describe the various social, cultural and pastoral contexts of each of Paul's letters 2. identify the key Pauline theological themes 3. demonstrate well-developed hermeneutical and exegetical skills in critical essays on selected passages from the Pauline letters 4. integrate significant secondary literature into the critical study of Pauline literature 5. incorporate insights from Pauline literature to a range of life and ministry situations
Content
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul's background and conversion 2. Introduction to the Pauline literature: historical, geographical, social and religious factors 3. Literary structure, style and purpose of the Pauline letters 4. Key Pauline theological themes 5. Exegesis of selected passages from the Pauline literature 6. The 'new perspective' debate in current scholarship
Teaching Methods
Lectures, tutorials, field work, student presentations, seminars - in class and/or online
Assessment Profile
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical book review that might be linked to class or online discussion [Outcomes 1, 2, 5] 2. Formal exegetical essay on a selected passage from the Pauline letters using accepted methodology [Outcomes 3, 4] 3. Thematic essay and/or seminar presentation on either a key theological theme or critical issue related to the Pauline literature [Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 5]
Representative References

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