

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	T7101
Unit Name	Introduction to Theology
Unit Weighting	9 cps
Type of Unit	Foundational
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions	Nil
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Curriculum Objectives	This course unit introduces students into the nature and tasks of theology and to theological methodology. It provides a foundation for all future theology course units.
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and purpose of theology 2. Identify and explain the doctrinal presuppositions that are the foundation for theology 3. Analyse the writing of several theological thinkers and key theological texts, ancient and modern 4. Make use of an appropriate methodology for particular theological tasks 5. Apply the skills of theological reflection to life in the community of faith
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	Theology is an engagement with the data of revelation, using reason and the entire conscience of the person as well as prayer.
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nature and purpose of theology 2. Overview of history of theology 3. Theological method 4. Presuppositions for doing theology 5. Context for theology 6. The vocation of the theologian
Learning Activities	Lectures, tutorials, small group work
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	Nil
Assessment Profile	Assessments tasks are designed both to help students attain the unit outcomes and to enable teachers to assess student attainment. In this unit, the required assessment tasks will enable students to demonstrate how successfully they can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display an ability either to use some basic tools for theology or articulate the uniqueness of theology when compared other academic disciplines (e.g. literature review, annotated bibliography) [Outcomes 1, 4] 2. Engage with a theological text (e.g. critical review, class presentation) [Outcomes 3, 5] 3. Reflect on and explain a major doctrinal presupposition that is a foundation for theology (e.g. essay, class presentation) [Outcomes 1, 2, 4]
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