

Course Unit Outline	
<b>Unit Code</b>	T7333
<b>Unit Name</b>	The Trinity
<b>Unit Weighting</b>	9 cps
<b>Type of Unit</b>	Specialised
<b>Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions</b>	One 7100 series unit in Theology
<b>Academic Staff</b>	Philip Kariatlis, ThD (SCD, 2010), MTh (SCD, 2001), BA (USyd, 2000), BTh (SCD, 1995)
<b>Curriculum Objectives</b>	The purpose of this unit is to focus exclusively on, and examine systematically, the Church's teaching on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine that stands at the very heart of Christian belief. In so doing it will want to demonstrate the profound soteriological and existential consequences of this doctrine to the way Christians live their life.
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	At the end of this unit students will be able to: 1) Demonstrate a sound knowledge of the key themes in the doctrine of the Trinity; 2) identify the key biblical features of this doctrine and its trajectory into the Patristic and/or modern traditions; 3) Critically review, analyse, and synthesise knowledge current literature on the Trinity; 4) show an ability to articulate a doctrine of the Trinity for a contemporary reader; 5) apply the doctrine of the Trinity to Christian living today
<b>Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit</b>	The importance of the Trinitarian doctrine for Christian living
<b>Content</b>	1. Biblical foundations of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity; Old and New Testaments 2. The historical developments of the Trinitarian doctrine 3. Modern understandings of the Trinity 4. Systematic considerations: for example, <i>persons, essence/substance, koinonia</i> 5. Salvific and existential implications 6. Contemporary Trinitarian theology: problems and perspectives
<b>Learning Activities</b>	Lectures, tutorials and small groups
<b>Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment</b>	Nil
<b>Assessment Profile</b>	Assessment 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"> <li>Critically review one recent article on Trinitarian theology [Outcomes 3 and 5]</li> <li>Analyse the impact of the Scriptural and/or Patristic of the Trinitarian doctrine on the present understanding of Trinitarian theology (e.g. essay, seminar paper) [Outcomes 1, 2 and 4]</li> <li>Show how Trinitarian theology informs a Christian way of living (e.g. tutorial presentation, short essay) [Outcomes 3, 4 and 5]</li> </ol>
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