

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	P7363
Unit Name	Selected Themes in Canon Law
Unit Weighting	9 cps
Type of Unit	Specialised
Prerequisites, corequisites	P7101
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Curriculum Objectives	This course unit serves as the primary way of acquainting students with the canonical tradition of the Church in the non-sacramental areas of Church life. As such, it is a particular expression of the theology of Church studied in Systematic and Pastoral Theology.
Learning Outcomes	At the end of the unit students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) demonstrate a knowledge of the universal law of the Catholic Church 2) critique the place of law in pastoral practice 3) articulate a critical understanding of the theological basis for that law 4) apply this law in practical way in pastoral life and ministry 5) validate aspects of the law to pastoral practice
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Book I of Code of Canon Law (General Norms and Rationale for Canon Law); Pope Paul VI's Principles for Revision of Code; post-Vatican II process of revision) 2) Book II (the People of God; ecclesiology; office in the Church and power of governance; church structures and ministries) 3) Book III (teaching office of Church; magisterium; preaching; catechetics; missionary activity; the profession of faith etc.) 4) Book V (temporal goods of the Church) 5) Book VI (penal law; sanctions, particularly laws pertaining to sexual abuse) 6) Book VII (Church procedures: juridical and administrative, , particularly laws pertaining to sexual abuse)
Learning Activities	Lectures, tutorials, student presentations, case studies
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	
Assessment Profile	In this unit, assessment of student achievement with respect to the Unit Outcomes will be based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An analysis of recent changes in the Church's penal laws by means of a short essay [Outcomes 1, 2] 2. A research project to find the historical antecedents of a particular canon of the Code of Canon Law by means of a written report [Outcomes 3, 4, 5] 3. An examination involving brief questions to elicit the student's mastery of the Church's legislation on key canonical institutes. [Outcomes 1-5]
Representative References	

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