

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	T7217
Unit Name	The Church
Unit Weighting	9 cps
Type of Unit	Intermediate
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions	T7101 Introduction to Theology <i>or</i> T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines
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Curriculum Objectives	This unit introduces students to a central theme of theology, viz. that faith is lived within a community of believers. It prepares students for later units in the church's sacraments and ministry.
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this unit students will be able to: 1) Demonstrate a familiarity with the sources of ecclesiology 2) Demonstrate a coherent understanding of the nature and mission of the church 3) Analyse recent writing in ecclesiology 4) Critically evaluate influences currently shaping the church 5) Apply fundamental principles in ecclesiology to contemporary pastoral situations
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	The church is a theological community and not just a sociological community
Content	1) Sources for ecclesiology 2) The divine origin of the church 3) The nature and mission of the church 4) Images, models and marks of the church 5) The structure of the church: sacrament, communion and authority 6) The forms and exercise of ministry in the church 7) The unity of the church as an ecumenical imperative
Learning Activities	Lectures, tutorials, small groups
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	
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: 1) Review recent writing in ecclesiology (e.g. critical review, short essay) [Outcomes 3,4] 2) Demonstrate a coherent understanding of the nature and mission of the church (e.g. essay) [Outcomes 1, 2, 3] 3) Apply the theology of the church to current pastoral situations (e.g. class presentation, seminar) [Outcomes 2, 4, 5]
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