

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	T7337
Unit Name	Christian Anthropology and Grace
Unit Weighting	9 cr pts
Type of Unit	Specialised
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions	One 7200 series unit in Theology
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Curriculum Objectives	This course unit seeks to provide students with a theological understanding of the human person and the ability to relate Christian anthropology to the theology of grace. It enables students to begin to integrate their prior theological learning into a coherent framework based on a Christian vision of human persons and their orientation to the divine life.
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the key features of the debates on grace that have occurred in Christian history; 2. Comprehend the interdependency of Christian anthropology and the theology of divine grace particularly as it is manifest in attempts to reconcile understandings of grace and human free will; 3. Relate the theology and life of grace to the Holy Trinity; 4. Analyse and critique recent ecumenical dialogue on Christian anthropology and grace; and, 5. Apply the theology of the human person and grace to the dynamics of personal, cultural and social transformation.
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	The distinction between nature and grace
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scriptural foundations of Christian anthropology and the theology of grace; 2. Augustine's theology of grace and the Pelagian controversy; 3. The Eastern tradition on grace and the notion of deification; 4. Medieval developments in the theology of grace; 5. Developments in the theology of grace in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation period; 6. Contemporary debates on grace, and their connection with ecumenism; and, 7. Personal, social, and cultural implications of the life of grace.
Learning Activities	Lecture, Tutorial, Student Presentations
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	Nil
Assessment Profile	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"> 1) Demonstrate a familiarity with the methodological issues/foundational concepts that underpin the study of Christian anthropology and grace (e.g., short essay) [Outcomes 1, 2] 2) Identify and critique current topics in Christian anthropology and the theology of grace (e.g., book review or presentation) [Outcomes 3, 4] 3) Creatively apply their theological understanding of the human person and the life of grace to their understanding of Christian praxis (e.g., long essay) [Outcomes: 3, 5]
Representative References	

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