



## BRISBANE COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY UNIT OUTLINE

### MASTER OF THEOLOGY MASTER OF MINISTRY

UNIT TITLE	READING & PREACHING PAULINE LITERATURE
UNIT CODE	B74043
UNIT STATUS	Elective
HOST FIELD	B
PREREQUISITE/S	A/B51014 Studying the Scriptures 1 – Method & Hermeneutic
INCOMPATIBLES	-
CREDIT POINTS	10cp
REQUIREMENTS	3 hours per week contact and 7 hours per week study over a 13 week semester or as intensive 35 hours contact and 95 hours study time.
FREQUENCY OF OFFERING	Odd years
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#### **Rationale**

The letters attributed to Paul take up a significant proportion of the New Testament. The study of this tradition is important in the study of the broader theologies of the New Testament, and to the study of theology in general. These letters particularly are regularly used in preaching and thus they have had a significant impact on the life of the Church within the differing traditions of Christianity.

#### **Relation to program**

This unit will contribute to the wider field of biblical studies by focusing on the letters attributed to Paul. Whilst the exegesis of four of these letters (Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians and Galatians) are included specifically elsewhere in the program, emphasis is given in this unit on preaching from these books plus the remaining Paulines.

#### **Aims**

The unit aims to develop an understanding of the key theological themes in the Pauline literature, to develop an engagement with hermeneutical issues in relation to some of these texts, and specifically to be able to develop sermons from a range of these passages.

<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	
At the end of this unit the student should be able to:	
1.	Describe key aspects of Pauline theology
2.	Exegete selected passages, with reference also to engaging in hermeneutical issues
3.	Appraise relevant material from academic journal articles, monographs, pertinent websites and other required reading
4.	Produce and critically appraise sermon material based on passages from the Pauline writings

### **Content**

- 1 The nature of the Pauline material
- 2 Background to Paul
- 3 Background to the Pauline writings and the nature of rhetoric
- 4 Pauline theology and connection with today's society
- 5 The legacy of the Pauline writings
- 6 Various preaching methodologies
- 7 Evaluation of various sermons based on Paul

### **Organization and Teaching Strategies**

The contact time comprises lectures and discussion time. The latter includes both small group and whole class discussion of issues raised in lectures, selected primary texts and examples of sermons.

### **Assessment**

	<b>Type of assessment</b>	<b>No of words</b>	<b>Weighting %</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Learning Outcomes covered</b>
1	Evaluation of a published sermon	2,000	30%		1, 3, 4
2	Exegetical essay	2,500	40%		2, 3
3	Written sermon with evaluation	2,000	30%		1, 4

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