



**BRISBANE COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY
UNIT OUTLINE**

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY
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| UNIT TITLE | INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN LITURGY |
| UNIT CODE | C73050 |
| UNIT STATUS | Elective |
| HOST FIELD | C |
| PREREQUISITE/S | Nil |
| INCOMPATIBLES | C/D/E51060 C/D/E72060 Introduction to Roman Catholic Liturgy; C/D/E51050 Introduction to Christian Liturgy (taken at undergraduate level) |
| CREDIT POINTS | 10cp |
| REQUIREMENTS | 3 hours per week contact and 7 hours per week study over a 13-week semester. In addition, postgraduate students will attend four postgraduate seminars throughout the semester. |
| FREQUENCY OF OFFERING | Annually |
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Rationale

This unit is one of several which provide students with knowledge and skills pertaining to the theology and practice of liturgy within the Christian church. In introducing students to a range of theological issues pertaining to Christian liturgy, the unit is centrally located within the field of systematic theology (Field C). It also has strong links with church history (Field D) through its consideration of the historical dimensions of Christian liturgy, and with ministry and mission (Field E) through its consideration of the implications of liturgical practices for contemporary worship and pastoral care.

Relation to Program

Introduction to Christian Liturgy is the first in a suite of units which acknowledge the central importance of worship in the life and mission of the Christian church. In providing an overview of issues and practices in

liturgy, this unit provides a solid foundation for students who may wish to undertake further studies in this area of specialisation. At postgraduate level, the unit offers the additional benefit of assisting students for whom theology is a new discipline to begin to develop skills in theological discourse and an appreciation of the importance of theological research.

Aims

The unit has two aims, first to introduce students to the field of liturgical studies, and second to equip the student with an understanding of some of the fundamental issues common to all liturgical studies. Students also develop skills for independent learning using primary and secondary resources related to the study and celebration of liturgy.

| Learning Outcomes | |
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| At the end of this unit the student should be able to: | |
| 1. | Define and explain a wide range of liturgical terms, rites and patterns; |
| 2. | Detail the historical shifts and assess the theological and cultural issues that have influenced liturgical rites in the Christian church; |
| 3. | Evaluate the arguments in several of the fundamental issues related to liturgical studies; |
| 4. | Analyse a number of liturgical practices within the context of pastoral ministry. |

Content

- 1 What is liturgy - nature and place in the life of the church
- 2 The liturgical assembly, participation and ministry. Who celebrates the liturgy, and what are the roles of the various liturgical ministries within the Christian community?
- 3 Elements of the liturgy: word, song, silence, gesture and symbol – the specific place of each element in the action of worship
- 4 Overview of liturgical change in 20th century. Key ideas of *Sancrosanctum Concilium* [Vatican II] and other key documents of the Christian churches
- 5 Outline of the structure of the eucharist and its historical development in the various Christian traditions – discussion of the various seasons within the Liturgical Year
- 6 Exploring pastoral issues pertaining to the liturgy – rites of the Christian churches related to liturgical celebrations
- 7 Study some of the following:
 - Liturgical families, East and West
 - Liturgical inculturation
 - Liturgy and language
 - Liturgy and justice
 - Liturgy and the Bible
 - Liturgical theology
 - Liturgical law
 - Liturgical spirituality
 - Ecumenical liturgy

Organisation and Teaching Strategies

The contact time for both undergraduate and postgraduate students comprises lectures and seminars. The latter include both small group and whole class discussion of issues raised in lectures, the student's own reading and selected primary and secondary texts. The allotted time each week is divided into one hour for discussion and two hours for lectures on the specific topics of study in the course. For twelve of the thirteen weeks there will be a set of readings of approximately 30 pages for undergraduate students and 50 pages for postgraduate students. The first period of each week is set aside as a discussion on the assigned readings.

In addition, postgraduate students are required to undertake further research on the topic of the following week and to post the results of their research onto the course Discussion Board. Postgraduate students are also required to attend four postgraduate seminars throughout the semester.

Assessment

| | Type of assessment | No of words | Weighting % | Due date | Learning Outcomes covered |
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| 1 | An essay exploring the historical and theological dimensions of one aspect of liturgical studies. | 3,000 | 50 | tba | 1, 2, 3 |
| 2 | Essay or project. This will be a project a fundamental issue in liturgical studies chosen by the student as a result of their research and approved by the lecturer. | 3,000 | 50 | tba | 1, 2, 3, 4 |

Generic Skills

- Consolidation and adaptation of undergraduate skills related to critical reasoning, evaluation of scholarly opinions, independent learning, and the ability to collect, analyse and organise ideas and present a persuasive argument of a scholarly position regarding a topic;
- Advanced skills in research, including primary and secondary texts.
- Advanced skills in integration of a variety of research material.
- Advanced writing skills: organisation, focus and conciseness.
- Advanced skills in use of information technologies.

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