

Code	B420
Title	Christian Foundations 1
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School	Moorlands College
Owning Course	BA (Hons) Applied Theology
Module Type	Standard Taught Module
Brief description	This module introduces students to the theological foundations of the Christian faith. It considers several key doctrines and beliefs, with reference to their historical contexts, controversies, and development. It offers students the opportunity to understand and respond to these doctrines in dialogue with contemporary issues, challenges and objections. Students gain familiarity with the basic structure of evangelical theology, and theological method. They consider several doctrines in detail and gain an awareness of how to use works of systematic theology in formulating their own beliefs.
Level of study	Level 4
CATS points	30
Approved base location	Validated
Restrictions	None
Indicative syllabus	<p>The module comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to the different approaches to and disciplines within Christian theology • A broad overview of church history, including the formation of creeds and confessions in relationship to key doctrinal developments. • An assessment of different scholarly perspectives and approaches, equipping students to be able to identify strengths and weakness of such perspectives. • Exploration of various theological disputes, including how to recognise primary and secondary issues for the church today • Identification and discussion of broad methods of apologetics • The detailed study of several doctrines, normally including the doctrines related to what it means to know God. • Engagement with key objections and challenges to these doctrines, including formulating answers and responses. • Discussion of the importance of Christian doctrine for discipleship and worship
Learning outcomes	<p>A student passing this module should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrate an understanding of systematic and historical approaches Christian theology; 2. demonstrate an understanding of the significance of Scripture in forming theological concepts; 3. show awareness of the relationship between doctrines and the contexts in which they were developed; 4. form theological judgements through consideration of different scholarly perspectives; 5. demonstrate the relevance of theological judgements to contemporary issues, experiences, challenges and objections.
Learning and teaching activities	<p>Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 48 hours</p> <p>Guided independent study: 252 hours</p> <p>Placement/study abroad: 0 hours</p>

Mark Scheme	Undergraduate: Standard Assessment: Mark/Grade
Assessment	<p>A: 60 % Assignment 2400 words</p> <p>B: 40 % Presentation 15 minutes</p>
Special assessment requirements	The module has an 80% attendance requirement.
Indicative resources	<p>Allison, Gregg R. <i>Historical Theology: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine</i>. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011.</p> <p>Dowley, Tim. <i>Introduction to the History of Christianity</i>. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Lion, 2014.</p> <p>Erickson, Millard. <i>Christian Theology</i>. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998</p> <p>Grenz, Stanley, and Roger E. Olson. <i>20th Century Theology: God and the World in a Transitional World</i>. Grand Rapids: IVP, 1997.</p> <p>Green, L. Gene, Stephen Pardue and K. K. Yeo (eds.) <i>Majority World Theology: Christian Doctrine in Global Context</i>. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2020.</p> <p>Grudem, Wayne. <i>Systematic Theology</i>. Nottingham: IVP, 1994.</p> <p>Hart, Trevor. <i>Faith Thinking: The Dynamics of Christian Theology</i>. London: SPCK, 1995.</p> <p>McGrath, Alister E. <i>Christian Theology: An Introduction</i>. 4th ed., Oxford: Blackwell, 2007</p> <p>Needham, N. R. <i>2000 Years of Christ's Power</i>. 3 vols. London: Grace, 2000-2004.</p> <p>Shelley, Bruce L. <i>Church History in Plain Language</i>. 3rd ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2014.</p> <p>Sonderegger, Katherine. <i>Systematic Theology: The Doctrine of God</i>. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.</p> <p>Stevenson, J., ed. <i>A New Eusebius: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church to AD337</i>. Rev. ed. London: SPCK, 1987.</p>
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