DS9021W  Spirituality of Everyday Life

Offered:  2017: Intensive – June

This unit will explore the connections between spirituality and the issues, contexts and experiences of everyday life. Drawing upon the disciplines of sociology, psychology, biblical studies, theology and history, explorations will be made of contexts such as the home, workplace and neighbourhood, and activities such as eating, sleeping and recreation, with a view to discovering the presence and purposes of God in them.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Locate and evaluate models of spirituality that embrace the contexts, activities, and relationships of daily life rather than negate or marginalise them;
2. Access and engage with the resources of the Christian tradition—biblical, historical, theological and experiential—and bring these to bear upon the challenges of contemporary life, both personal and communal;
3. Interact with these issues in such a way that their own spirituality is enriched and more thoroughly integrated with their daily lives;
4. Demonstrate a capacity to research a specific topic in a critically rigorous, sustained and self-directed manner.

Prerequisites:  45 points in Foundational Studies

Class Time:  Intensive: 2 weeks (10 x mornings)

Assessment:  Two reflection papers integrating assigned reading with prescribed reflective exercises (1,500 words each) (20%) each

One research paper, interacting with one of the main aspects of everyday life covered in the course (3,000 words) (60%)

Faculty:  Simon Holt

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase