This course is an introduction to the use of English as the medium for studying theology. Students will be equipped with a theological vocabulary and practice in using it. There is a special emphasis on critical reading and analysis and the skills required for preparation of formal written papers.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the specialised terminology of biblical and theological study (in both academic and colloquial style, recognising figurative language and allusions to the Bible);
2. Apply the techniques and styles of written composition for academic purposes
3. Utilise appropriate reference materials
4. Demonstrate the use of critical methods into their essay-writing at first and second year level, correctly documenting arguments from the Bible and primary historical sources, and using correct conventions in quotation and cross-referencing.
5. Use appropriate language and style to make oral presentations of summaries and analysis of scholarly articles;
6. Pronounce key terminology correctly

Prerequisites: NIL

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:

One 1,000 word essay (written in class) (20%)
One 2000 word essay (30%)
One 20 minute oral examination (30%)
One written language test (20%)

Faculty: Steve Smith

Recommended Reading: