CH2/3002W  Patterns in the Practice of Christianity

Offered:  2017: Semester 2  
[Unit offered alternatively as DS2/3002W]

This unit will explore ways in which historical people learned to shape their lives around Christian ideas, attitudes and values. The main focus of study will be a range of classic manuals of devotion in the series Classics of Western Spirituality, but other historical sources, including sermons, liturgies, visual images and hymns will be briefly noted.

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

1. Recognise and evaluate the kinds of historical evidence available for discovering how historical people shaped their lives as Christians.
2. Employ appropriate hermeneutical methods for reading and evaluating historical devotional manuals.
3. Assess the role of visual images in shaping historical Christians’ devotional practices.
4. Determine the relevance of devotional manuals and traditional Christian practices for contemporary expressions of the Christian faith.
5. Level 3: Articulate their own critical response to the core issues identified in the unit.

Prerequisites:  Level 2: 15 points in Church History or Spirituality  
Level 3: 45 points in Church History or Spirituality

Class Time:  Three hours per week

Assessment:  
Level 2: One book review (1,000 words) (25%)  
One seminar paper (1,000 words) (25%)  
One essay (2,500 words) (50%)

Level 3: One book review (1,500 words) (25%)  
One seminar paper (1,500 words) (25%)  
One essay (3,000 words) (50%)

Faculty:  Marita Munro

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase