**DS2/3002W  Patterns in the Practice of Christianity**

Offered:  2017: Semester 2

[Unit offered alternatively as CH2/3002W]

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