

AL0103W English for Theology

Offered: 2018: On Ten Saturdays throughout the year: March – November
[For students in the TransFormation Program only]

An introduction to the use of English as the medium for studying theology, with special emphasis on critical reading and analysis and the preparation of formal written papers.

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

1. Articulate ideas with clarity and confidence, demonstrating skills in dialogue, pronunciation, grammar and comprehension.
2. Use the specialised terminology of biblical and theological study.
3. Apply the techniques and styles of written composition for academic purposes, including use of appropriate reference materials.
4. Undertake critical reading of scholarly argumentation.
5. Incorporate critical methods into their essay-writing at diploma level.
6. Make oral presentations in appropriate language and style.

Prerequisites: This unit is for non-English-speaking background (NESB) students who have not undertaken tertiary studies in English

Class Time: Three-and-a-half hours, on ten Saturdays throughout the year

Assessment:	One 800 word paper	(15%)
	One 1,200 word essay	(35%)
	One 15 minute presentation	(20%)
	One written language test	(20%)
	Contribution to class oral activities	(10%)

Faculty: Joyce Choi

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Ackroyd, Ruth and David Major. *Shaping the Tools: Study Skills in Theology*. London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1999.

Bailey, Stephen. *The Essentials of Academic Writing for International Students*, London & New York: Routledge, 2015.

Baptist World Alliance, Study and Research Division. *We Baptists*. Franklin, TN: Providence House, 1999.

Beasley-Murray, Paul. *Radical Believers: The Baptist Way of Being the Church*. Didcot: Baptist Union of Great Britain, 2006

Dodd, Debbie. *Dictionary of Theological terms in Simplified English*. Wheaton: EMIS, 2003.

Gill, Athol. *Life on the Road*. Dandenong, Vic.: UNOH Publishing, 2009.

Kelly, Gabrielle. *English for Theology*. Adelaide: Australian Theological Forum, 2004.

Kelly, Gabrielle and Joy Sandefur. *Bible Dictionary: Dictionary of Biblical and Theological Terms*. Hindmarsh, SA: ATF Press, 2008.

Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology* 2nd edn. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004.

Murphy, Raymond. *English Grammar in Use*. 3rd edn. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Penston, T. *A Concise Grammar for English Language Teachers*, Dublin: TP Publications, 2005.

Via, Dan Otto (ed.). *Guides to Biblical Scholarship* [A series of books on critical methods]. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress.