

## AL1003W English for Theological Studies

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**Offered:** 2018: Semester 1 (*commences 2 weeks prior to start of semester*)

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. understand and use the specialised terminology of biblical and theological study (in both academic and colloquial style, and recognizing figurative language and allusions to the Bible);
2. apply the techniques and styles of written composition for academic purposes;
3. make use of appropriate reference materials and construct bibliographies in accordance with academic practice;
4. undertake critical reading of scholarly argumentation;
5. incorporate critical methods into their essay-writing at first year level, correctly documenting arguments from the Bible and primary historical sources, and using correct conventions in quotation and cross-referencing;
6. make oral presentations in appropriate language and style;
7. pronounce key terminology correctly; and
8. explain the administrative language used in academic regulations and forms.

**Prerequisites:** Non-English Speaking Background students who have not undertaken tertiary studies in English. A written and oral test will be given in the first week of class to assess the student's present capabilities in English.

**Class Time:** Three hours per week

<b>Assessment:</b>	One 1,000 word essay (written in class)	(20%)
	Two 1,000 word essays	(40%)
	One 10 minute oral examination	(20%)
	Vocabulary test (100 words)	(20%)

**Faculty:** Steve Smith

### **Recommended Reading:**

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Bass, Dorothy C. (ed) *Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*. San Francisco: Josey-Bass Publishers, 1998

Brueggemann, W. *Reverberations of Faith*. Westminster: John Knox Press, 2002

Dicker, Gordon S. *Faith with understanding*. Melbourne: JBCE, 1989

\*Dodd, Debbie. *Dictionary of Theological Terms in Simplified English*. Wheaton, IL: EMIS, 2003

Dodson, Patrick. 'The land our mother, the church our mother'. In *Discovering an Australian theology*, ed. Peter Malone. Homebush, NSW:St Paul, 1988, 83-88

Fee, Gordon. *New Testament Exegesis (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)*. Westminster: John Knox Press, 2002

Kelly, Gabrielle. *English for theology: Developing proficiency in academic English for theological studies*. Adelaide: ATF Press, 2004

Law, Eric H.F. *The Word at the Crossings: Living the Good News in a Multicontextual Community*. St Louis, MO: Chalice, 2004

\*Murphy, Raymond. *English Grammar in Use (Fourth Edition)*. Cambridge: CUP, 2015

Rogerson, John (ed.). *Beginning Old Testament study*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1982

Switzer, David K. *Pastoral Care Emergencies: Ministering to People in Crisis*. New York: Integration Books, 1989

Via, Dan Otto (ed.). *Guides to biblical scholarship*. (A series of books on critical methods). Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 2002

Wright, Frank. *Pastoral care for lay people*. London: SCM, 1982