

AL1004W Oral Communication

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

An introduction to the use of oral English as an essential skill in studying theology, with special emphasis on critical listening and use of verbal and non-verbal skills in oral presentations.

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

1. Understand, pronounce and use the specialised terminology of biblical and theological study;
2. Listen critically to lecture and narrative material and engage in critical discussions;
3. Recognize and name the different oral genres used in lectures, seminars, case-studies, preaching, worship and liturgy;
4. Engage in group and one-to-one discussions;
5. Prepare and read a tutorial paper; and
6. Make oral presentations in appropriate language and style

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 capabilities in English.

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:	One 800 word tutorial paper	(30%)
	One 15 minute oral presentation	(30%)
	Two prepared speaking tasks (800 words)	(20%)
	Two aural comprehension tests	(20%)

Faculty: Lynne Dyer

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

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

Drane, John. *Introducing the Old Testament*. Oxford: Lion, 2000

Drane, John. *Introducing the New Testament*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010

Gill, Athol. *Life on the Road*. Homebush: ANZEA, 1989

Kelly, Gabrielle. *English for Theology: Developing Proficiency in Academic English for Theological Studies*. Adelaide: ATF Press, 2004

Kirk, J. Andrew. *What is Mission? Theological Explorations*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1999

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

Wakefield, Gordon, S. *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1983

Witherington, Ben. *The Many Faces of the Christ: The Christologies of the New Testament and Beyond*. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1998