

## CT0150W Developing Theological Insight

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**Offered:** 2018: NEXT Program Semester 1 – 2 (whole year unit)  
[For students in the NEXT Program only]

This unit is an introduction and survey of Christian theology. The variety of Christian belief systems and views are explored with attention given to their social context and historical development. Students are invited to examine their own belief systems and appreciate how past and present contexts have combined to shape them.

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

1. Outline several central areas or themes in the discipline of theology;
2. Recognise the historical development and the impact of social context upon various theological perspectives;
3. Demonstrate understanding of basic skills in reading, reasoning and the critical evaluation of theological arguments;
4. Articulate some important influences in their own approach to theology.

**Prerequisites:** Nil

**Class Time:** NEXT Program: equivalent to 1½ hours per week

<b>Assessment:</b>	One 750 word document study	(25%)
	One 750 word tutorial paper	(25%)
	One 1,500 word essay	(50%)

**Faculty:** Rowan Lewis

### **Recommended Reading:**

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Ackroyd, R. and D. Major. *Shaping the Tools: Study Skills in Theology*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 1999.

Ford, D. *Theology. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Grenz, S. J. *Created for Community: Connecting Christian Belief with Christian Living*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.

Jenkins, M. *Invitation to Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Jones, B. F. *Practicing Christian Doctrine: An Introduction to Thinking and Living Theologically*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

Malone, P. (ed.) *Developing an Australian Theology*. Strathfield: St Pauls Publications, 1999.

McGrath, A. E. *Christian Theology: An Introduction (4<sup>th</sup> ed)*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007.

Migliore, D. L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004.

Parratt, J. *A Guide to Doing Theology*. London: SPCK, 1996.

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