

## DA8001W Living the Faith

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**Offered:** 2018: Semester 1

With the underlying purpose of making spiritual formation and the disciplines of discernment and self-discovery explicit to the educational experience from the students' first year of study, this unit is designed to provide participants with the basic skills and resources to make life-giving connections between theology and the practice of faith.

*NOTE: This is a Foundational Unit for all disciplines in Field D*

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

1. Listen sensitively and critically to their own story of faith
2. Examine a theological theme identified within their own life-narrative
3. Examine the concept of vocation and ministry vision
4. Articulate the contours of practical theology and its major sub-disciplines of ethics, pastoral care, mission and spirituality.
5. Utilise models of theological reflection that integrate theory, Biblical themes and practice

**Prerequisites:** NIL

**Class Time:** Four hours per week over 9 sessions

<b>Assessment:</b>	Three reflection papers building from online forum discussions (500 words each)	(30%)
	One theological reflection paper (1,500 words)	(30%)
	One essay (3,000 words)	(40%)

**Faculty:** Luke Bowen

### **Recommended Reading:**

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Anderson, Ray S. *The Shape of Practical Theology: Empowering Ministry with Theological Praxis*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2001.

Astley, J & Francis, L. *Explorations in Practical, Pastoral and Empirical Theology*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002.

Bass, Dorothy. *Practicing our Faith: a way of Life for a Searching People*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Inc, 1997.

Brenner, D.C. *The gift of being yourself: The sacred call of self-discovery*. Downers Growver, Illinois: IVP books, 2004.

Ellis, C.J. *Approaching God: A guide for Worship leaders and worshippers*. Norwich, Canterbury press, 2009.

Kinast, Robert L. *Let Ministry Teach: A Guide to Theological Reflection*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1996.

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Volf, Miroslav, and Dorothy C. Bass, eds. *Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.

Whipp, M *Pastoral Theology*. London: SCM, 2013.

Woolnough, B & Wonsuk Ma, *Holistic Mission: God's plan for God's people*. Eugene OR: Wipf & Stock, 2010.