Grow at Whitley

Every day at Whitley College we offer opportunities for you to explore, learn and grow.

At Whitley you can learn with others who are committed to the call of God and to the life and mission of the church.

Whether you want to begin a Diploma, a Bachelor degree, a Masters degree or a doctorate there is a chance for you to continue your exploration of faith and discipleship as part of the Whitley community.

Find out what you could learn
visit us at www.whitley.org.au
Study options

Even if you are just beginning or returning to study, you can study at a level that is right for you - from Diplomas to Bachelor Degrees to Postgraduate programs.

You can study at your own pace - full-time or part-time, during the semester or in intensives during the year. You can even study on Saturdays as part of our series at New Hope Baptist Church in Blackburn.

You can also complete some units online. And we will be live-streaming the lectures of several classes so that you can participate from home or from a rural or regional area.

Subjects

At Whitley College the Undergraduate and Postgraduate units focus on three main areas:

Reading the Bible
Understanding the origins of the text and its message for today.

Living, Caring, Leading
Developing skills and understanding for daily Christian life.

Making Connections
Connecting the history and understanding of Christianity with the world today.

In the following pages you can read about the subjects that are offered in each of these areas...
The Bible is the primary authority for Christians.

How do we understand its message for today - engaging with the ancient languages, the societies from which these texts come and the message from God and about God then and now?

These subjects will give you the skills to read the Bible as a living text relevant to individual and social challenges in our world.

WHERE TO START

These units are a good place to begin your studies:

Interpreting the New Testament
SEMESTER 1 or 2

Introduction to the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible)
SEMESTER 2
SemeSTer 1

Interpreting the New Testament
WEDNESDAY 6PM -9PM
(STREAMING ONLINE)
Keith Dyer
Share and discuss texts from the New Testament, reflecting upon their original meaning and context and the meaning they carry today.

Gospel of Matthew
FRIDAY 9.30AM -12.30PM
(STREAMING ONLINE)
Keith Dyer
Analyse and reflect upon the text and history of the lectionary Gospel for 2014.

Justice in the Prophets
WEDNESDAY 2PM - 5PM
AND THROUGH MCD ONLINE
Mark Brett
Discuss the different concepts of justice at work in the books of the prophets of ancient Israel.

Biblical Hebrew
TUESDAY 2PM - 5PM
Val Billingham
Learn the basics of the language of the Old Testament.

First Corinthians
WEDNESDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM
Oh Young Kwon
Reflect upon a dynamic church with its challenges and issues about food, sex and power.

Theologies & Practices of Love
THURSDAY 2PM - 5PM
Mark Brett and Keith Dyer
Explore the different ways of thinking about love and the themes and texts on love throughout the Bible.

New Testament Greek A
MONDAY 5PM - 8PM
Marita Munro and Stephen Field
Delve into the language in which the New Testament was first written.

Meet Oh Young Kwon
We are delighted to welcome Oh Young Kwon to the Whitley College faculty in 2014. Oh Young completed his doctoral studies at Whitley and has been teaching in Sydney. He joins us as a lecturer in New Testament.
Meeting Luke

He is studying a Master of Arts and is an ordination candidate.

Studying at Whitley has been a formative experience for Luke - 'I’ve valued the space to grow and explore and the support and freedom to discover my vocation and identity. The calibre of the staff is incredible, but my growth has been more than just academic.'

New Testament Greek B
MONDAY 5PM - 8PM
Marita Munro and Stephen Field
Delve more deeply into the language in which the New Testament was first written.

Ruth (in Hebrew)
TUESDAY 2PM - 5PM
Val Billingham
Explore the book of Ruth as you deepen your knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Intensive units are a great opportunity to study with outstanding scholars from across the world. You can complete all the classes of a unit in just one or two weeks.

Resurrection, Justice and Discipleship
with Thorwald Lorenzen
SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 3

Explore the biblical, personal and social significance of faith in the risen Jesus.
Thorwald Lorenzen brings a lifetime of experience in relating Christian faith to the challenges of human rights, life in community and personal responsibility.

SEMESTER 2

Romans: Suffering and Justice
WEDNESDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM
Siu Fung Wu
Explore Romans from the perspective of the poor and enslaved in Rome in the first Century.

Interpreting the New Testament
WEDNESDAY 2PM - 5PM
Oh Young Kwon
Share and discuss texts from the New Testament, reflecting upon their original meaning and context and the meaning they carry today.

Introduction to the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible)
SATURDAYS @ NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Brett
Develop an understanding of the history and context of the ancient Jewish people and the Old Testament.

INTENSIVE UNIT
Study on Saturdays
The Saturday morning series at New Hope Baptist Church gives you the chance to fit study and growth into a busy schedule. These units are perfect for anyone beginning or returning to study.

Living the Faith
How does your faith impact how you live your life?
This course challenges us to better know ourselves, God and the world we live in. Make the connection between your story and your theology, between who you are and what you believe.

Living the Faith: Spirituality, Vocation and Community
Anne Mallaby
SEVEN SATURDAYS: MARCH 1 | MARCH 15 | MARCH 29 | APRIL 5 | MAY 3 | MAY 17 | MAY 31

Do you want to make sense of the Old Testament?
If you are a Christian, do you have to follow the instructions in the Old Testament? Do these rules apply to us today?
This course provides greater understanding of the history and context of the ancient Jewish people and the Hebrew Bible. Explore how the lessons of the Old Testament can influence how we address modern challenges such as asylum seekers, family life, war & violence and the environment.

Introduction to Hebrew Bible
Mark Brett
SEVEN SATURDAYS: AUG 2 | AUG 9 | AUG 16 | AUG 30 | SEP 6 | SEP 13 | OCT 11
What does it mean to live as a Christian in today’s world?

It is about living, caring and leading in communities of faith and mission.

These subjects will provide insights, challenges and skills for everyone wanting to grow in Christian life and service.

WHERE TO START

This unit offers a good introduction:

Living the Faith: Spirituality, Vocation and Community

SEMESTER 1
Pastoral Care in Grief & Loss, Living and Dying
WEDNESDAY 6PM - 9PM
Gary Heard
Explore the nature of grief and the different contexts in which it may arise and learn to minister in that space.

Living the Faith: Spirituality, Vocation and Community
SATURDAYS @ NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Anne Mallaby
Make the connection between your story and your theology, between who you are and what you believe.

Theology and Practice of Christian Worship
TUESDAY 2PM - 5PM
Nathan Nettleton
Experience different forms of worship, considering its relationship to Christian thought and action.

Contextual Mission with Bruce Newnham
FEBRUARY 3 - 7
Learn from experienced cross-cultural workers how to share your faith with people in other cultures and those who follow other religions such as Islam and Buddhism.

Table Spirituality: Hospitality, Community and Mission with Simon Holt
FEBRUARY 10 - 21
Explore the significance of the shared meal to the Christian experience of faith. Visit restaurants and other places of communal eating to engage with and reflect upon the rituals of daily life.

Supervised Theological Field Education
TUESDAY 8.30AM - 10.30AM or 2PM - 4PM
Roslyn Wright
Reflect with a group of peers and work on the way your personality and strengths impact your ministry.

New Wineskins: Exploring transformation in congregational life
OVER FIVE MONDAYS | 9AM - 5PM
MAR 10 | MAR 24 | APR 28 | MAY 12 | MAY 26
Darren Cronshaw, Anne Wilkinson-Hayes and David Chatelier
Visit churches in various settings and discover how change and transformation is achieved. This course is set over 5 full days throughout the semester to make it more accessible for those working in churches and communities.
Wellbeing @ Home
WEDNESDAY 2PM - 5PM
(STREAMING ONLINE)
Anne Mallaby
Ponder the social and spiritual responses of pastoral care, exploring various family frameworks and trends.

Spirituality: Transforming Life
TUESDAY 2PM - 5PM
Roslyn Wright
Discover the unique shape of your own Christian identity and explore who God is calling you to be.

Global Mission Today
THURSDAY 6PM - 9PM
Bruce Newnham
Explore new and emerging ways that we can best work across cultures and communities in global mission.

Homiletics
TUESDAY 6PM - 9PM
Allan Demond
Discover and practice the techniques for forming and delivering effective sermons.

Micah Mandate: Seeking Justice for the Global Marginalised with Steve Bradbury
JULY 7 -11 @ TEAR, BLACKBURN
Develop advocacy skills to respond to the needs of the global poor. Steve Bradbury has many years of experience throughout the world in engaging with communities seeking justice and wellbeing and exploring how we can support them in constructive and sustainable ways.

Meet Alex
She is completing her Bachelor of Theology at Whitley College. She started her studies to explore her own spirituality through education - “What I’ve gained from being welcomed into the community at Whitley is the hope that I can create a place for love and justice in the world. The faculty and students here have become an extension of my family and are so inspiring in the way they live their lives each day.”
The Arts and Theological Reflection
with Anne Mallaby and Richard Kidd
JUNE 30 - JULY 11
Consider the place of the arts as a significant carrier of meaning.
Richard Kidd, co-author of “God and the Art of Seeing”, is visiting from Manchester with his art and an abundance of input to inspire our reflection. We will visit various galleries, drawing from his wealth of knowledge and experience and engage in reflection and practice.

Asylum Seekers and Refugees
TUESDAY 6PM - 9PM (STREAMING ONLINE)
Meewon Yang and Mark Brett
Explore the issues and various ways of working with asylum seekers and refugees in our communities.

New Paradigms for Missional Church
MCD ONLINE
Darren Cronshaw
Consider how the church can communicate its message in the modern world.

Asylum Seekers and Refugees TUESDAY 6PM - 9PM (STREAMING ONLINE)
How do we work with asylum seekers and refugees in our communities?
What kind of human rights do asylum seekers have?
What psychological struggles do they experience?
How do we respect our intercultural differences as we welcome and support them in church and community?
Starting with personal stories and case studies, Meewon, Mark and guest presenters will explore the complex issues that relate to mission and ministry with asylum seekers and refugees.
Making Connections

What is the relevance of Christian faith to our lives as individuals in society and the world at large?

These questions have occupied ordinary people and great minds throughout the centuries and continue to provide stimulus, challenge and understanding for us today and into the future.

These subjects provide insight into the questions people have asked and the way they have found faith in God. They assist us in making our own theological response.

WHERE TO START

This unit offers a good introduction:

Beginning Theological Studies
SEMESTER 1
**Bonhoeffer’s Theology in Historical Context**  
with Keith Clements  
FEBRUARY 10 - 21

*Bonhoeffer was a Christian in a world where religious institutions gave in to the Nazi regime.*

What can we learn today from his example? What was his part in the resistance movement and ‘The Confessing Church’? Can we identify the sources of power and compromise and the means of resistance?

**Leading international scholar Keith Clements** helps us explore what the story of Bonhoeffer means for Christian identity today.

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**SEMESTER 1**

**Beginning Theological Studies**  
WEDNESDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM  
(STREAMING ONLINE)  
Frank Rees  
Discover how our faith relates to our understanding of the world, ourselves and our communities today.

**Who is Jesus?**  
THURSDAY 6PM - 9PM  
Frank Rees  
Discuss who we think Jesus is, in response to a range of biblical and cultural perspectives and in conversation with people we know today.

**History and Theology of the Baptist Movement**  
TUESDAY 6PM - 9PM  
(STREAMING ONLINE)  
Marita Munro  
Explore the origins of what Baptists believe and how this affects what they do and how they do it.

**Christianity through the Centuries: From the Early Church to the Middle Ages**  
THURSDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM  
Marita Munro  
Discover the formation of the church from the margins of society to the centre of power.
Patterns in the Practice of Christianity  
THURSDAY 6PM - 9PM  
Marita Munro  
Explore how people through history experienced and practiced their faith.

Economics, Justice and Theology  
THURSDAY 2PM - 5PM  
AND THROUGH MCD ONLINE  
Mark Brett and Jonathan Cornford  
Join this conversation between a development economist and a theologian as they discuss the relevance of theology for economic life.

Christianity Through the Centuries: From Reformation to Modern Times  
THURSDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM  
(STREAMING ONLINE)  
Marita Munro  
Explore the personalities, ideas and revolutions that have shaped the church.

Meet Angie  
She is studying a Master of Divinity part-time. She also serves as the Mission and Multicultural Pastor at her church.  
For Angie studying at Whitley has been a life-giving experience - ‘I love it. I always look forward to coming to learn, where I feel immersed in God’s presence and works. I want to learn and grow more - it is a never-ending transformation process for me.’

Where to start  
Starting might be easier than you think!  
If you are interested in any of these subjects, or about exploring your options for beginning or returning to study, we would love to talk to you.  
Please visit www.whitley.org.au or call us on 03 9340 8100
Distance study

There are two ways you can study at Whitley College from a distance.

**MCD ONLINE** - You can complete these units through Theology Online - which allows you to study online at online.mcd.edu.au

- **Justice in the Prophets**
  - with Mark Brett
  - SEMESTER 1
  - Discuss the different concepts of justice at work in the books of the prophets of ancient Israel.

- **Economics, Justice and Theology**
  - with Mark Brett and Jonathan Cornford
  - SEMESTER 2
  - Join this conversation between a development economist and a theologian as they discuss the relevance of theology for economic life.

- **New Paradigms for Missional Church**
  - with Darren Cronshaw
  - SEMESTER 2
  - Explore what it will take for the church to communicate its message in the modern world.

**LIVE STREAM** - The classes for these units will be live-streamed online, so you can participate from home or from a rural or regional area.

**SEMESTER 1**
- Interpreting the New Testament
  - with Keith Dyer
- Gospel of Matthew
  - with Keith Dyer
- Beginning Theological Studies
  - with Frank Rees
- History and Theology of the Baptist Movement
  - with Marita Munro

**SEMESTER 2**
- Christianity Through the Centuries: From Reformation to Modern Times
  - with Marita Munro
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
  - with Meewon Yang and Mark Brett
- Wellbeing @ Home
  - with Anne Mallaby
Diploma studies is an ideal place to begin. Diploma units are practical and biblical, focusing on personal growth and community leadership.

Study full-time or part-time and leave with the Diploma in Theology or go on to a degree.

Introduction to the Bible
SEMESTER 1
MONDAY 6PM - 9PM
Siu Fung Wu and Mark Brett
Gain an overview of the whole Bible, looking at the main themes and issues in their historical and cultural context.

The Big Questions: Key Figures and Events in Church History
INTENSIVE UNIT @ CAMP WILKIN, ANGLESEA
FEBRUARY 3 – 7
David Enticott
Discover how the key people, the big issues and events in the Church’s history inform faith now and into the future.

21st Century Jesus
INTENSIVE UNIT JUNE 30 – JULY 4
Stephen Said
Explore how Jesus has been portrayed in the Bible over the years, and how he is viewed in films, fiction and the media today.

Evangelism Outside the Box
INTENSIVE UNIT @ CAMP WILKIN, ANGLESEA
SEPTEMBER 22 – 26
Albert Peck
Explore evangelism and how to do it more effectively in today’s world.
Christian leadership training for people of a non-English speaking background

Now in its 12th year, the TransFormation program combines study, spiritual growth, worship, lunch and community experience essential in the formation of Christian leaders. It helps people overcome the obstacles of time, money and language preventing them from attending other courses. TransFormation involves 10 Saturdays per year over 3 years. Sessions run from 9.30am – 4.00pm. The program is taught in English but allows time for questions and sharing in different language groups where possible. It is open to women and men who have their Church’s support and encouragement. Students are accepted at the beginning of each year. The course can be taken as a non-academic certificate OR as part of a Diploma program involving major assessment tasks.
Whitley College is a genuine community and all who come to study here will find it both challenging and enriching. It is a place to give and receive, and to make friends as we learn together.

One of the distinctive features of Whitley College is the way that the staff commit themselves to being available for students. They are approachable, willing to help and make time for one-on-one guidance and assistance with study skills.

We have several community activities outside of classes, including prayer and a shared community lunch each week of semester.
The mission of Whitley College is to equip women and men for leadership and service in the church and society. We are equipping leaders for a different world.

At Whitley College, leaders are trained for many areas of service in the community, including the ordained ministry of the churches, youth work, pastoral care and chaplaincy.

Diplomas and degrees undertaken at Whitley College are granted by the MCD University of Divinity.
Please contact us to discuss the opportunities to study and grow at Whitley College

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