

QUALIFYING ESSAYS

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Organisation

Nil credit points; 324 demand hours

Co-ordinator

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Curriculum Objectives

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Outcomes

Candidates should be able to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the topic chosen;
- Demonstrate advanced skills in researching a topic;
- Write an extended essay which expounds the topic systematically employing the appropriate methodology;
- Appreciate the complexity and ramifications of research from the presentation of a proposal through to supervision and finally the external review of the results by experts in the field.

Content

This course unit permits students to research a topic in a theologically-related discipline of their own choosing in consultation with a supervisor appointed by the Research Committee. The essay proposal requires the approval of the Research Committee.

Sample Assessment

An essay of 10,000-12,000 words in length, graded by two examiners other than the supervisor appointed by the Research Committee.

Teaching & Learning strategies

Supervision

Representative References

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