

Subject	Christian Worship
Code	PC315 (Undergraduate unit) / PC515 (Graduate unit)
Learning Outcomes	<p>Gathering together for church week by week is one of the most normal things Christians do. Which makes it so important! <i>Why</i> do we gather together? Is it to ‘worship’? Or is it to do something else? Is worship just about singing? Is congregational worship just for believers? If so, where do unbelievers fit in? How well should we do church? Why are there so many different ways of doing church? Why do some people emphasize one aspect of worship over another? Is there a ‘better way’ to worship? And what does the Bible have to say? These questions highlight some of the issues and complexities we need to grapple with when it comes to ‘worship’.</p> <p>At the end of this unit the student will have completed the following learning outcomes:</p> <p>A. <u>Know & Understand</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical perspectives on the theology and practice of Christian Worship 2. Historical development of Christian worship 3. Major current approaches to Christian worship in contemporary Australia 4. Contemporary issues in theology, practice and leadership of Christian worship 5. The Practice of worship 6. Selected approaches to Christian worship (PC515 only) <p>B. <u>Be able to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the theology and practice of worship in the Old and New Testaments 2. Analyse the major current forms of worship in contemporary Australia 3. Discuss contemporary issues in the theology and practice and leadership of Christian worship 4. Observe corporate worship patterns of two traditions other than their own (PC515 only) 5. Evaluate selected approaches to Christian worship (PC515 only) <p>C. <u>Be in a position to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrate perspectives from their other theological studies into an approach to Christian worship 2. Plan, prepare and conduct Christian worship as a reflective practitioner

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Content	<p>There are four major sections of content for this unit:</p> <p>Part A: Biblical Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The theology and practice of worship through a study of Old and New Testaments - This includes early church patterns of worship - It also includes looking at issues of praise, prayer, the Lord's Supper and other elements of worship <p>Part B: Historical Developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A focus on the historical processes that have led to the current day practice of worship - Looking at worship across a variety of denominational traditions <p>Part C: Contemporary Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflecting on issues in the light of the biblical and historical material - Issues may include the form of leading a gathering, liturgy, music and relating to culture <p>Part D: The Practice of Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipping students with skills in the practice of the leadership of worship - Planning, preparing and conducting corporate worship
Scheduled	Semester 1, 2017
Timetable	Wednesdays 2.10 – 5.00 pm
Pre-requisites	None
Lecturer	David Wright
Delivery mode	39 hours of face to face contact consisting of 12 teaching weeks + 1 study week; 3 hours/week
Assessment Information	<p>Undergraduate unit: Reflection Report (3000 words) - 60%</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Worship Planning Report (2000 words) - 40%</p> <p>Graduate unit: Book Review (1000 words) – 15%</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Reflection Report (3000 words) – 50%</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Worship Planning Report (2000 words) - 35%</p>
Fee	<p>Fees vary for Audit (non- assessment) or Credit enrolments.</p> <p>FEE-HELP available for Credit students.</p> <p>Contact the Registrar for details.</p>