



PC221 Theology for Everyday Life

Australian College of Theology name: *Theology for Everyday Life*

Learning Outcomes

1. To assist you begin to reflect on the relationship of the Christian gospel to some of the activities of everyday life, both personal and communal;
2. To equip you with some ability in the task of reflecting upon everyday life from a Christian perspective.

Content

A study of the various facets of everyday life as they are understood, deepened and transformed in the light of the Christian gospel.

Section A: Theological Reflection on Everyday Life (40%)

A reflective study of the broad themes in the light of the gospel:

1. The routine activities of daily life, including meals and eating, dress, greetings, transport, sleep and rest, hobbies
2. The culture within which daily life is lived, including the use of time, the influence of radio, television and printed media, consumerism, sport, gender roles, sexual pressure
3. Personal relationships, including friendship (with both men and women), family, colleagues, neighbours (in each case considering relationships with people within and beyond the faith)
4. Major social structures as contexts for ministry, including paid work, social security, schooling, housing, community and political involvement

Section B: Personal Reflection on Everyday Life (30%)

1. Biography and spiritual autobiography as categories of Christian theology
2. Prayer, meditation, and the practice of the presence of God in everyday life
3. Personal beliefs and values; commitments and loyalties; the tensions between social solidarity and individual uniqueness
4. The planning and management of personal ministry and development

Section C: Lay Ministry in Practice (30%)

You are to undertake substantial autobiographical work (with supervised reflection), including the use of a journal, and a written review of their use of time.

Note: Although the emphasis in the subject is on personal life, group work is encouraged, particularly for Section C.