

# Speaking to a Contemporary Culture (PC012-508)

**Australian College of Theology name:** *Foundations of Preaching/Speaking to Contemporary Culture*

## Unit Description

Recognise major worldviews as they surface in contemporary life (e.g. in the arts and current affairs). Learn how to read, interpret and speak to culture. Be able to comment on selected worldviews from a Christian perspective. Speak publicly in a way that engages with selected worldviews.

## Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code PC212.

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## Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

### A. **Know and understand:**

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of speaking to a contemporary culture, including the methods and standards of professional, safe and ethical practice

### B. **Be able to:**

1. Describe selected worldviews from a Christian perspective
2. Comment on sermons that engage with selected worldview
3. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on the speaking to a contemporary culture

### C. **Be in a position to:**

Relate perspectives and skills from this unit to ministry contexts

## Content

### Topic A: What is a worldview?

- The function of worldviews in human thought and action.
- How a worldview is formed and how it is changed or transformed.
- Reflection on issues involved in the development of a Christian worldview from Scripture.
- Contextualisation of the gospel.

**Topic B: What is a Christian worldview?**

- Theology and worldview
- Christian worldviews and their application to Christian life and ministry.

**Topic C: Non-Christian worldviews:**

- Atheism
- Buddhism
- Terrorism
- Consumerism

**Topic D: Application of a Christian Worldview**

- Literature and the arts
- Ethics
- Health care
- Media and communication - Creation care (ecotheology)
- Cross cultural ministry