



FMBC Individual Modules 2025–26

Content Overview

Old Testament in Contexts

Semester 1, Mondays, 09:30–13:00

The Old Testament is the first part of the Christian canon and was the Scripture of Jesus. Traditionally divided into the Torah, Prophets and Writings, it comprises texts written over roughly a thousand years in a wide range of genres, by diverse human authors and for diverse audiences. Yet by the inspiration of the Spirit it also possesses a fundamental unity that points forward to the Christian hope. Through an overview survey of the whole and detailed examination of particular passages, students will gain a deeper understanding of the nature of the Old Testament as a historical, literary and theological corpus.

Introduction to the Old Testament

Semester 1, Tuesdays, 09:30–10:30

The Old Testament (OT) comprises the first part of the Christian canon. Originally written in classical Hebrew (and some Aramaic), its translation into Greek was the first major translation project of antiquity. This course provides an introductory survey of the content of the OT via its major tradition complexes, and introduces various ways it has been understood over the past two thousand years.

Apologetics

Semester 1, Tuesdays, 11:00–12:00

This module equips students to understand and respond to common objections to the Christian faith in a thoughtful, humble, and culturally aware way. After laying biblical foundations for apologetics and exploring our post-Christian cultural context, the course works through major “defeater beliefs” that often prevent people from embracing the gospel - such as the problem of suffering, the reliability of Scripture, questions about science and faith, and the relevance of Christianity in a secular world. Students will learn how to engage with these objections not just intellectually, but pastorally and relationally, in ways that open doors for evangelism and gospel conversations. No prior academic study is required. The module includes time for discussion and practical application each week.

Discipleship

Semester 1, Tuesdays, 12:05–13:05

Discipleship is a word and concept often used in church circles, but its implications are not always fully understood. This module seeks to enhance students' knowledge and grasp of the theme in such a way as inform whatever sphere of Christian service they enter in the future. The module aims to provide students with a wider understanding of the biblical concept of discipleship and a fuller awareness of how the theme develops in Mark's Gospel. Students will be encouraged to see discipleship as foundational to all Christian service and ministry.

Biblical Interpretation

Semester 1 & 2, Tuesdays, 14:00–16:00

This course runs throughout the first year and seeks to help students interpret the Bible well. The first part of this course introduces students to the science of biblical hermeneutics, and particularly the presuppositions of a Christian hermeneutical approach. Students will learn to apply key hermeneutical principles and methods to a variety of biblical genres. The second part of this course takes students from the exegetically completed stage of the study of a biblical text into the preparation of expository sermons for a range of contexts. Students will produce a written expository sermon and deliver an evangelistic expository sermon, appropriate for the intended audience.

Global History of Christianity

Semester 1, Wednesdays, 09:30–13:00

Over the past two millennia, Christianity has spread from humble beginnings in the Middle East to become a global movement reaching across continents and cultures. This course traces the history of Christianity, exploring how the church has grown and diversified. It introduces students to the key developments in the history of Christianity, especially in the areas of theology, exegesis, and missions. Lectures will familiarise students with the key figures, events, and movements in the history of Christianity, while seminars will provide students with the opportunity to engage with works written by prominent Christians from different eras of church history.

Christian Theology

Semester 1, Thursdays, 09:30–13:00

This course is a wide-ranging introduction to systematic theology, with a focus on biblical doctrine for a life of worship, discipleship, and service. We will consider the sources and purposes of systematic theology, and its relationship to the other theological disciplines. Over the semester, all the main areas of doctrine will be introduced, with a consistent emphasis on each doctrine's biblical foundations, its interrelationships with other doctrines, and practical applications for ministry. This course will also foster the acquisition of key theological principles for biblical interpretation, to equip students for a lifetime of faithful Bible-reading and Bible-teaching.

Introduction to the New Testament

Semester 2, Tuesdays, 09:30–10:30

The New Testament comprises the second part of the Christian canon of Scripture. It was written in Koine Greek by early followers of Jesus. These texts have shaped and formed Christian thinking over the past two millennia. This course provides an introductory survey of the content of the New Testament through its different genres (gospels, epistles, apocalypse) and aims to think about the texts in their context considering questions such as, who were the original authors, to whom did they write and why, and what do they have to say to us?

Leadership

Semester 2, Tuesdays, 11:00–12:00

This module will introduce students to core principles for Christian leadership. The aim of the course is to develop a biblical grounding for practice in any leadership context – from boardroom to elders meeting, from restaurant manager to youth group leader, from political office to the family. We will explore Scriptural principles for core elements of leadership, and apply them to real world contexts, while considering our own opportunities to serve Christ in leadership.

Evangelism

Semester 2, Tuesdays, 12:05–13:05

The apostle Paul wrote to the early Christians ‘that the sharing of your faith may become effective’ (Philemon 1:6). This course aims to equip students so that they will be able to share their faith more effectively. This module has been specifically designed to equip the students for sharing the gospel of Christ. We begin with a strong grounding in a biblical understanding of the gospel message we present to people, and develop from this to sharing the good news of Christ through Street Café and other methods, to people of different faiths that the students will meet.

New Testament in Contexts

Semester 2, Wednesdays, 09:30–13:00

The New Testament makes up the second part of the Christian canon of scripture, and this course complements the Old Testament in Contexts course. The New Testament was written in Koine Greek by early followers of Jesus. These texts have shaped and informed Christian thinking over the past two millennia. This course introduces the content of the New Testament through its different genres (gospels, epistles, apocalypse) and aims to think about the texts in their context considering questions such as, who were the original authors, to whom did they write and why, and what do they have to say to us?

Christian Ethics

Semester 2, Thursdays, 09:30–13:00

Ethics is the task of moral reasoning, which involves making decisions about right and wrong in order to live well. This course introduces the three main models of ethical theory (deontology, consequentialism and virtue ethics) and sets them within a holistic framework informed by Scripture and the reflections of theologians and ethicists past and present. This involves considering five things that matter for ethical reflection: (1) God's character; (2) creation; (3) community in Christ; (4) new creation, and; (5) biblical commandments. These five things are permeated by the two great commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour (Matt 22:37-40). This holistic framework is applied to a variety of ethical issues including sexuality, work, marriage, divorce, bioethics and public theology.