



PROGRAMME OF STUDY HANDBOOK

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Pastoral Studies (BAPS)

LEVEL 4–6

Newbold College of Higher Education

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides you with detailed information about your course, or Programme of Study, and about the modules that will be offered for study at Levels 4-6 in the academic year 2022–23.

The University has made every effort to make the information as full and as accurate as possible, but you should note that minor changes in the organisation of modules between the planning stage and the actual teaching are inevitable. We shall try to keep any such changes to a minimum, and you will receive plenty of advance warning in the event of any alteration. We would also be grateful if you would let us know about any changes that you think might be helpful if introduced into future handbooks.

FEEDBACK AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Feedback on your programme of study and modules is welcome and important and will help us to improve and enhance your learning experience. You can give feedback in a number of ways, including: through the student representative for your programme of study, through module evaluation questionnaires, or through informal meetings with your teaching staff. If there are issues, then it is important that you share these with us so that we can address them. Your opinion is valued.

The University works to engage all students individually and collectively in the assurance and enhancement of their educational experience. The University has a strong commitment to students as partners in their educational experience.

It is recognised that student engagement, representation, feedback and support at collaborative partner institutions may take a different format to that at the University. For example, not all collaborative partner institutions have a Students' Union. However, all collaborative partner institutions are expected to:

- Value student engagement and the student voice
- Have a comparable set of systems and procedures in place which reflect the requirements of the specific delivery location
- Meet the University's principles of student engagement, representation and support
- Meet the expectations of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education
- Clearly articulate to students any variations to the principles Have good communication mechanisms in place to let students know what has been done in response to feedback.

WELCOME MESSAGE

The Centre for Ministry and Mission (formerly Department of Theological Studies) at Newbold College of Higher Education is widely recognised as an excellent education provider in biblical, theological and pastoral studies by both Adventist and non-Adventist regulatory bodies. The intentional focus of the department is the development of academic competences and pastoral skills of our students. Thus, the staff at the Centre for Ministry and Mission attempts to create an environment where the students can gain in-depth knowledge, be challenged to think creatively and develop pastoral skills, so they can reach the highest levels of their personal potential. The students also serve local churches around the Newbold area, where they can be part of worshiping communities and be involved also into outreach

projects. This complements their academic education with practical and relational skills and number of other competences. We aim to help our students to discover their passion and calling preparing them for serving in the Church and in the wider community as spiritual leaders.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

During the 2022–23 academic year the BA programme will be delivered in the classroom, but some students will follow lectures online. The tutorials will take place primarily face-to-face, but the lecturers will be available also for zoom tutorials. In such cases, you will be provided with relevant information about how to access the relevant Zoom link. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic is still not over, so the College leadership will monitor the situation during the academic year and if needed, necessary adjustments will be made.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF STAFF

The following members of staff will be teaching on your Programme of Study:

Names and Contact Details

Contact

Dr Laszlo Gallusz (lgallusz@newbold.ac.uk)
UG Programme Director

The lecturing staff in the Centre for Ministry and Mission come from a wide variety of backgrounds. We believe that the international nature of the department is one of its strengths and enhances the learning experience of those who are preparing for pastoral ministry in an increasingly diverse world.

Permanent Academic Staff

Jan Barna, PhD (Trinity College/University of Bristol)
Principal Lecturer in Biblical and Systematic Theology
Dr Barna worked as a pastor in Slovakia. He also holds a Master's degree in Leadership from Andrews University. His areas of expertise include systematic and biblical theology, ordination of women and hermeneutics. Dr Barna is also the current Head of Research.

Stephen Currow, DMin (Fuller Theological Seminary, USA)
Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies
Dr Currow is a Principal Lecturer in Pastoral Studies. He has recently been elected to serve as a principal of Newbold College of Higher Education. Trained as a pastor with some years in pastoral/evangelistic and departmental ministry, most of his ministry has been as a lecturer in theological education and administrator at a number of Adventist Higher Education institutions. He has lived in five countries - Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and the UK, and travelled widely. His research interests and publications have been in areas of congregational life, youth ministry, religious liberty and Adventist mission history.

Laszlo Gallusz, PhD (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church, Hungary)
Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies

Dr Gallusz served as a pastor, academic dean and lecturer at Belgrade Theological Seminary, and departmental director at South-East European Union Conference. His areas of interests are New Testament exegesis and theology, particularly the Book of Revelation and New Testament eschatology. He is also the Head of the CMM Department and also the current Undergraduate course director.

Tihomir Lazic, DPhil (University of Oxford)
Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology

Dr Lazic has completed his doctoral studies at University of Oxford where he has researched ecclesiology. He also worked for the Trans-European Division as the director of Student Ministry and is an accomplished musician. Dr Lazic's primary research interest is ecclesiology.

Ivana Mendez, MA (Newbold College of Higher Education/Friedensau Adventist University)

Lecturer in Biblical Languages

Pastor Ivana Mendez has a rich pastoral experience. She holds an MA degree in New Testament from Newbold College and also an MA degree in Linguistics from Matej Bel University (Slovakia). She has a rich pastoral experience. Before joining Newbold academic staff she served as a guest lecturer in New Testament Greek.

Rory Mendez, MA (Newbold College of Higher Education/Friedensau Adventist University)

Lecturer in Systematic Theology

Pastor Rory Mendez worked number of years as a pastor. He holds an MA degree in Systematic Theology from Newbold College. He also pursues doctoral studies at the University of Wales. Pastor Mendez serves also as the director of the Ellen G. White Research Centre on Newbold campus.

Ivan Milanov, PhD (University of Wales Trinity St David)

Senior Lecturer in Old Testament

Dr Milanov has served for several years as a pastor in Macedonia and Serbia, and as a lecturer at Belgrade Theological Seminary. His research interests include the Book of Daniel and Old Testament prophetic literature.

Eike Mueller, PhD (Andrews University, USA)

Senior Lecturer in New Testament

Dr Mueller has served for several years as a pastor in Germany and the United States of America. After completing his doctoral studies, he served as a lecturer and assistant seminary dean at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (Philippines). His primary research interests are the Gospels.

Adrian Peck, MA (Newbold College/Friedensau Adventist University)

Lecturer in Pastoral Studies

Pastor Peck joins Newbold College with a rich pastoral experience. He has been involved in church planting and disciple making in South England Conference. His area of interest is missiology. Pastor Peck pursues his doctoral studies at University of Roehampton London.

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Emeritus Staff

Michael Pearson, DPhil (University of Oxford)

Dr Pearson has spent a career of almost forty years at Newbold College. He teaches and researches in the area of Christian ethics and spirituality.

Gunnar Pedersen, ThD (Andrews University, USA)

A former president of the Danish Union and a former Head of the Department of Theological Studies at Newbold, Dr Pedersen's main area of expertise is biblical theology, especially the doctrine of salvation.

Laurence Turner, PhD (University of Sheffield)

Dr Turner has been a pastor in Great Britain and spent a number of years as a lecturer in Australia and Newbold College. His teaching and research interests are in the Old Testament and biblical preaching.

Jean-Claude Verrecchia, Doctorat ès sciences religieuses (Strasbourg, France)

Dr Verrecchia has served as missionary, pastor, principal and head of department of the Campus Adventiste du Salève (Collonges, France). He spent also number of years as principal lecturer at Newbold College. His specialisations are in the New Testament, hermeneutics and Second Temple Judaism.

Visiting Academic Staff

Radisa Antic, PhD (Andrews University)

Dr Antic is a former president of the South-East European Union and a former director of the Ellen G. White Research Centre on the Newbold campus. His areas of interests are philosophy and systematic theology.

Kayle B. de Waal, PhD (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

Dr de Waal is the director of TED Adventist Disciple-Making Institute. He has a rich experience both in pastoral and academic setting. Before moving to United Kingdom, he worked in South Korea, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

Augustus Lawrence, DMin (Andrews University)

Dr Lawrence is a former Newbold student and he is a Family Practitioner, Licenced Counsellor and the Family Life Director of SEC.

Jonathan Holder, MA (Newbold College)

Pastor Holder is a former Newbold student and currently works as a pastor in BUC. He pursues doctoral studies homiletics at Baylor University (USA).

Anthony WagenerSmith, DMin (Fuller Theological Seminary, USA)

Dr WagenerSmith is the direct of TED Centre for Secular and Post-Christian Mission. Before moving to United Kingdom, he served as associate director at the North American Division Evangelism Institute, as well as assistant professor of Practical and Applied Theology in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Pilira Zapita, MA (Newbold College)

Mrs Zapita is a former graduate of Newbold College who pursues doctoral studies at King's College London in systematic theology. Her research interest is pneumatology.

Karen Holford, MA MSc MA (Andrews University, University of Luton)

Mrs Holford holds masters degrees in Systemic Psychotherapy, Educational and Developmental Psychology and Leadership and is a registered Family and Systemic Psychotherapist. She has written a wide range of books dealing with subjects such as relationships and spirituality. She currently serves in the Trans-European Division as Women's, Children's and Family Ministries director.

Administrative Staff

Mylena Chiapero – Departmental Assistant, CMM
Serena Santona, BSW, MSA – Academic Registrar

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

All taught Programmes of Study which lead to a Higher Education award of the University have at least one External Examiner. The principal purposes of the University's external examiner system are to ensure that:

- the standard of each award is maintained at the appropriate level;
- the standards of student performance are comparable with standards on similar programmes or subjects in other UK institutions with which they are familiar;
- the processes for assessment and the determination of awards are sound and fairly conducted.

Students may request a copy of the previous year's External Examiner's Report for their programme of study by contacting the Programme Director.

The current External Examiners for the Programmes of Study are:

	External Examiners for 2022/2023	External Examiner for 2021/2022
BA in Biblical and Pastoral Studies (BAPS)	<i>Dr Eryl W. Davies</i> (Bangor University) <i>Dr Katie Cross</i> (Aberdeen University)	<i>Dr Eryl W. Davies</i> (Bangor University)

Please note that students are not permitted to make direct contact with the External Examiners without permission and to do so may be considered a disciplinary offence.

ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year for your programme will be divided up as follows:

Autumn Semester 2022

1 Sept	Programme Board
5–9 Sept	Induction Week
16 Sept	Last day to enrol
4 Oct	Programme Board
24–28 Oct	Mid-semester Break
2 Nov	BA dissertations – deadline for submitting the proposals
8 Nov	Programme Board/Exam Board
15 Nov	Programme Board/Exam Board
5–9 Dec	Revision Week
6 Dec	Programme Board
12–14 Dec	Exams

Spring Semester 2023

11 Jan	Internal Exam Board
18 Jan	Programme Board/Exam Board
23 Jan	Classes begin
3 Feb	Last day to enrol
7 Feb	Programme Board
16 Feb	External Exam Board (UWTSD)
28 Feb	BA dissertations – oral presentation
7 March	Programme Board
13–17 March	Mid-semester break
28 March	Programme Board/Exam Board
7–10 April	Easter Break
11 April	Programme Board/Exam Board
19 April	BA dissertation submission deadline
24–28 April	Revision Week
2–4 May	Exams
10 May	Internal Exam Board
17 May	Internal Exam Board
16 Jun	External Exam Board
7 July	Graduation at Lampeter
9 July	Newbold Award Ceremony
10–12 July	Resits
12 July	Resubmission deadline
11 Aug	Progression Exam Board (UWTSD)

It is vitally important that Newbold College has an accurate record of your personal details at all times. It is equally important to ensure that you are enrolled on the correct Programme of Study and on the correct modules. Failure to inform Newbold College of any changes in this respect is likely to cause some or all of the following problems:

- delay in obtaining your student loan;
- failure to keep you generally informed;
- failure to contact you in an emergency;
- clashes on your examination timetable and delays in its production;
- failure to progress to the next level of study as a result of not completing sufficient credits at the correct level;

- delay in graduation as a result of not completing sufficient credits at the correct level;
- general inefficiencies in administrative processes resulting in delays for other students.

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) – ENHANCED

If your programme involves you coming into contact with children or vulnerable adults, you will be required to undertake a DBS check (Enhanced). Further details will be provided by the Programme Director.

As part of each programme's procedures relating to DBS, continuing students will normally be required to inform their Programme Director immediately of any change to their criminal convictions status.

You will also be asked to complete a formal self- declaration during the enrolment period at the beginning of the academic year, which confirms your criminal conviction status. This declaration will be kept by the relevant Newbold College's Administrative Officer with responsibility for DBS checks.

MODULAR TERMINOLOGY

Level (of Study):

A level is assigned to each module to define the standard of its academic demand in line with the National Qualifications Framework which incorporates both Further Education and Higher Education.

The level is not necessarily synonymous with a year, though very often Level 4 will be the first year of a Programme of Study, Level 5 will be the second year, and Level 6 will be the third year. The basic characteristics of the relevant levels of study are outlined by the Welsh Assembly government and available on their website: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-02/level-descriptors.pdf>

ASSESSMENT

At the start of each module, tutors will provide full details of the means by which you will be assessed in that module. This will include a full assessment brief and guidelines on the criteria that will be used for marking your work as well as clear information about when the assessments are due and the turn-around feedback time for the assessments. It will also detail how you will be able to discuss the feedback on your work and your performance and what to do if you have any questions.

All assessed written coursework needs to be submitted in electronic copy via Turnitin; alternative instructions will be provided by the Programme Director for any forms of coursework that cannot be submitted via Turnitin.

You will receive confirmation of your assessment marks at the end of each year. Any marks released prior to formal approval by the Progression / Award Examining Board are provisional.

Extenuating Circumstances

If you believe that there are extenuating circumstances which may have adversely affected your ability to complete coursework or examinations, you should follow the University's procedures for Extenuating Circumstances for Taught Provision, which can be found on the Academic Office section on the University's website:

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-office/procedures-for-academic-appeals-complaints-and-other-student-cases/>

Additional needs in terms of assessment

If you have any additional needs in terms of assessment, it is your responsibility to liaise with the Programme Director regarding those needs at the start of the academic year, so that a Statement of Compensatory Measures can be drafted in line with the University's procedures for assessment of students with additional needs.

Note that the period between the end of the summer examinations and the end of the summer term is an independent study period, which should be used to prepare for your next year of study. Further details will be provided by your Programme Director.

Academic Appeals

Information about how to appeal is provided in the 'Academic Appeal Procedure' in Chapter 13 of the Academic Quality Handbook, and in supporting documentation published on the Academic Office section on the University's website:

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-office/procedures-for-academic-appeals-complaints-and-other-student-cases/>

Additional advice is available from the Students' Union. It is very important that you note carefully the grounds on which appeals may be made and submit your appeal on the appropriate form because incomplete or ineligible appeals cannot be processed.

Assessment Regulations

The rules and regulations that govern the assessment of your Programme of Study are available in Chapters 6 and 7 of the University's Academic Quality Handbook, a copy of which is available on the Academic Office section of the website:

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-office/academic-quality-handbook/>

Responsibilities of students in relation to the assessment process

As noted in Chapter 7 of the Academic Quality Handbook, students are responsible for ensuring that:

- i) You are correctly enrolled on your programme of study (including re-enrolment for each academic year after initial enrolment).
- ii) You read and understand the information provided about how you will be assessed, how your final award will be determined, and the action to take in the event that you experience difficulties relating to assessment.
- iii) You attempt every assessment component of a module.
- iv) You attend examinations and other assessment events, including re-examination and re-assessment events, as required; and that you are available to attend oral examinations if required to do so within the published dates of terms or semesters, or other date notified to you in advance.
- v) You submit work for assessment as required and in accordance with the required format and deadline.
- vi) You inform your Programme Director of any disability or long-term impairment which might require special provisions for assessment.

- vii) You familiarise yourself with the University's definition of unfair practice and undertake assessments in a manner that does not attempt to gain unfair advantage.
- viii) You follow the prescribed procedures in the event that you experience extenuating circumstances or wish to appeal against the decision of an Examining Board.
- ix) You keep a copy of work presented for assessment wherever feasible.
- x) You make your work available for sampling for external examining purposes and for archiving.

Late submission and resubmission principles

There are three major principles guiding the rules of submission, late submission, resubmission and penalties for **essay/papers**.

(1) The published deadline submission principle

Assessment should be submitted by the published deadline. There is no provision for extension provision.

(2) The 1 week cut off principle

Students who have not submitted by the deadline will have another one week to submit their work. If no work is submitted within this one-week after the published deadline, the college will record such as 'non-attempt' and it will result in a failure of the module. Work submitted within the one-week period after the deadline will be penalised by a maximum grade of 40%.

(3) The resubmission deadline principle

Work submitted before the deadline and/or within one week after the deadline which received a mark lower than 40% (below pass level) might be given two resubmission attempts. It is at the discretion of the Exam Board to allow the resubmission attempts. The deadline for such attempt for 2022/23 academic year is **12 July 2023**, by which day all work for resubmission must be handed in. If students do not resubmit by this deadline, then they will automatically fail the module. If the work is of a passing standard, it will receive a maximum grade of 40%.

There are two major principles guiding the rules for **exams and exam re-sits**.

(2) (1) The Exam Principle

Exam fails are handled the same way as essay submissions. If the student does not attend the exam during the exam week, the college will record a 'non-attempt' and it will result in a failure of the module.

(2) The Resit Principle

Exams which do not meet the passing standard of 40% shall be **resat** in **10–12 July 2023**. If passed they will receive a maximum grade of 40%. If an exam is not passed at the resit exam, an additional opportunity will be given in August 2023. Please note that there are only **2 (two) exam resit attempts allowed** in the undergraduate programme for each module. The resubmission deadline is **12 July 2023**. If the resubmitted written assignment is passed, the maximum grade will be 40%.

VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE)

Newbold College of Higher Education has its own Virtual Learning Environment. Further details will be given to you by your Programme Director.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY – BA in Biblical and Pastoral Studies (BAPS)

Programme Learning Outcomes

(i) Knowledge and understanding:

The Degree is awarded to students who have demonstrated:

LO1 sound knowledge and understanding of the core grammar, syntax and vocabulary of two biblical languages and related language resources, and critical comprehension of the literary, cultural and theological backgrounds of a range of biblical and extra-biblical texts (biblical studies).

LO2 a critical comprehension of a range of theological ideas and their subsequent articulations by interpreters in different historical periods and contexts, including those specific to Seventh-day Adventism (theological studies).

LO3 the ability to critically evaluate the theology and theories of pastoral studies, including psychological and cultural theories, and its contextualization in the tasks and methods of pastoral duties within a European Seventh-day Adventist context (pastoral studies).

(ii) Intellectual and cognitive skills:

Holders of the qualification will be able to:

LO4 demonstrate a critical understanding of the similarities and differences between concept patterns of two biblical languages and languages familiar to the students and use a number of complementary methods of study – for example, philosophical, historical, systematic, phenomenological, linguistic and literary (biblical studies).

LO5 demonstrate a critical awareness of the multi-faceted complexity of Christianity in general, and Seventh-day Adventism in particular – for example, in the relationship between specifically religious beliefs, texts, practices and institutions, and wider social and cultural structures, perspectives, norms, aesthetics and aspirations (theological studies).

LO6 demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate various theological, philosophical, psychological, sociological and cultural assumptions and constructions on personal and communal identities, and their positive and negative effects (pastoral studies).

Practical skills:

Holders of this qualification will be able to:

LO7 demonstrate critical and intelligent engagement with biblical texts demonstrating sound awareness of aspects such as genre, content, context, perspective, purpose, meaning, and the effect of translation if the text is not read in the original language (biblical studies).

LO8 critically analyse biblical and theological ideas and concepts within various ministry contexts and identify appropriate pastoral responses to different ministry situations (theological and pastoral studies).

Generic Key skills:

Holders of this qualification will be able to:

LO9 communicate information, develop an argument demonstrating critical awareness, and present analysis clearly and effectively, organising the materials as appropriate for the intended audience.

LO10 identify, gather and analyse information from primary and secondary sources in a critical and reflective manner.

LO11 undertake independent/self-directed study/learning, demonstrate effective time-management skills, and reflect on one’s strengths and weaknesses as a learner.

LO12 use IT and computer skills for data capture, to identify appropriate source material, support research, and enhance presentations.

LO13 show independence in thought, and critical self-awareness about one’s own beliefs, commitments and prejudices.

Levels

The undergraduate programmes comprise different levels of study. To qualify for the Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Biblical and Pastoral Studies, students need to complete the equivalent of 120 UK Level 4 credits, 120 Level 5 credits and 120 Level 6 credits.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE and Modules

A list of all available modules, including optional modules, is provided below:

Level 4			
Module Code	Title	Module type (core, compulsory or optional)	Credits
Autumn			
NCTR4007	<i>Introduction to Greek</i>	Compulsory	20

NCTR4013	<i>Historical and Cultural Background of the Bible</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR4018	<i>Foundations of Christian Theology</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR4019	<i>Foundations of Pastoral Studies</i>	Compulsory	10
Spring			
NCTR4012	<i>Intermediate Greek</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR4011	<i>Gospels</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR4017	<i>Pentateuch</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR4020	<i>Adventist Theology & Ellen White Writings</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR4021	<i>Ministry in the Diverse World</i>	Compulsory	20

Level 5			
Module Code	Title	Module type (core, compulsory or optional)	Credits
Autumn			
NCTR5009	<i>Introduction to Hebrew</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR5012	<i>Epistles</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR5020	<i>Development of Western & Reformation Thought</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR5021	<i>Pastoral Ministry</i>	Compulsory	10
Spring			
NCTR5013	<i>Intermediate Hebrew</i>	Optional	10
NCTR5025	<i>Old Testament Writings</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR5022	<i>Christian Ethics</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR5023	<i>Homiletics</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR5024	<i>Apologetics, Evangelism & Discipleship</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR5019	<i>Independent Research Project</i>	Optional	10

Level 6			
Module Code	Title	Module type (core, compulsory or optional)	Credits
Autumn			
NCTR6023	<i>Acts</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR6025	<i>Old Testament Prophets</i>	Compulsory	10
NCTR6029	<i>Seventh-day Adventist Theology in Context</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR6051	<i>Pastoral Psychology & Counselling</i>	Compulsory	10
Autumn and Spring			
NCTR 6028	Dissertation	Core	20
Spring			
NCTR6024	<i>Daniel & Revelation</i>	Compulsory	20

NCTR6022	<i>Themes in Biblical Theology</i>	Compulsory	20
NCTR6050	<i>Ministry Placement</i>	Compulsory	10

Module details are correct on 1 September 2022, and will not normally be changed during the year. In the unlikely event of the College having to make changes to these details during the year, you will be notified in writing.

HOW ARE THE PROGRAMMES MANAGED?

The programmes, under the leadership of the Programme Leader is managed by the Programme Board at Newbold College.

Programme Director

The Academic Board appoints a Director for the Undergraduate Programme. Dr Laszlo Gallusz is the current Programme Director.

Programme Board

The in-house Programme Board, chaired by the Programme Director, comprises all lecturers in the Centre for Ministry and Mission and elected student representatives. The Academic Registrar is *ex-officio* on the Programme Board. The Programme Team convenes at regular intervals throughout the Academic year.

Every year the Programme Director works with the Programme Board to produce an annual report setting out plans for the enhancement of the programme and analysis on the implementation on previously set goals. The report responds to feedback from students, external examiners, and potential employers. External Examiner's Reports are included in the appendices. The report can be accessed on the Undergraduate Theology webpage.

Please also note that for students on a student visa, any delay in progressing may have significant visa implications. The College has legal responsibilities to monitor student performance and report any delay to the UK Border Agency.

Who decides on my final grades?

The University of Wales Examination Board decides on the final grades. Provisional grades are decided by the Examination Board of the Centre for Ministry and Mission. Members of the Examination Board are:

- The External Examiner (for 2022–23):
 - *Dr Eryl W. Davies, Bangor University*
 - *Dr Katie Cross, Aberdeen University*
- Newbold College CMM lecturers; and
- UWTSD representatives.

The Board will:

- set examinations;
- ensure that scripts are double-marked internally;
- ensure that graded assignments and examination scripts are available for external examiners to scrutinise; and
- assess students according to approved course requirements and regulations.

NB: Until external examiners have had opportunity to scrutinise graded assignments, all marks received during the semester are provisional.

Reassessment

A student may be allowed to be reassessed in any failed module, except where:

- such provision is contrary to the regulations of any party to the award; and
- the failure is the result of serious academic malpractice.

In the last case, the Exam Board at UWTSD shall exercise discretion on whether to allow the reassessment, based on the recommendations of an Academic Malpractice Panel. A student who requires to be reassessed in a module must pay a reassessment fee.

POLICIES

The Attendance and other Policies of Newbold College of Higher Education are also available from Newbold College's webpage www.newbold.ac.uk.

Attendance Policy

For those classes which are taught face-to-face in the academic year 2022–23 students will register their attendance at academic sessions by signing a paper register; this may take the form of a sign-in sheet. This data will be recorded in the electronic attendance monitoring system by the academic registry. For those classes which are taught online student attendance will be registered automatically on Zoom as they sign in to their classes through screenshot. The record of them attending will also be taken by the lecturer.

Under normal (face-to-face) mode of delivery students will register their attendance at academic sessions by signing a paper register; this may take the form of a sign-in sheet. This data will be recorded in the electronic attendance monitoring system by the academic registry.

Where there are circumstances in which a student is unable to attend for good reason, the Centre should provide students with an appropriate method to report their absence.

In determining whether a student is 'engaged' with their programme of studies or not, it is appropriate for the Centre to exercise a degree of academic judgement to decide when a lack of attendance is having a negative effect on a student's academic progress and whether a student is submitting formative/summative coursework in a timely manner and attending all required examinations.

UKVI-related Attendance Management

In order to retain its UK Visa and Immigration Service (UKVI) sponsor license, which enables Newbold College of Higher Education (NCHE) to recruit international students, NCHE has attendance monitoring and reporting obligations in respect of students who require a visa to study in the UK, and for whom NCHE has issued a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. For these students, NCHE implements defined attendance management mechanisms, and retains central oversight.

Thus, first, this policy specifies the requirements for academic engagement and attainment attendance management of all students. Second, the policy details NCHE

attendance management of international students who hold a visa, particularly Student Visa of the points-based immigration system, and for whom NCHE is Sponsor.

At the beginning of each academic term or semester (as appropriate), the Registry will provide the module lecturers with a list of visa students whose attendance must be monitored.

NCHE will inform students with Student Visa of the specific attendance requirements in a statement in the student Programme of Study Handbook or other suitable medium that is made available to students.

If a student misses a scheduled attendance it will be recorded as an absence, unless the absence has been authorized.

The College is required to notify the UK Border Agency where a student has missed 10 expected interactions for any single module (UKBA Tier 4 Sponsor Guidance version 04/10 paragraph 290) or where a student's attendance has fallen below 80% across all modules. The latter is a British Accreditation Council stipulation for its accredited HEIs (Accreditation Handbook section 5.2, 20 May 2010).

In the event of sickness for up to three days, visa nationals in the halls of residence and family housing must obtain written medical certification from the College Nurse. For such students who are absent for more than three days, or for off-campus visa nationals, the College requires certification from a GP. Further details on attendance requirements are found in the College's *Attendance Policy*.

Poor Attendance Liability

Any student whose percentage attendance for a term is 40% or above and below 70% will receive a warning letter from the Centre informing them that their attendance has fallen below the level required by NCHE. The Faculty will meet with the student at the start of the next academic term to advise them that continued poor attendance places them at risk of being withdrawn.

Any student who has received an Attendance Warning and whose attendance for a second term during the academic year is 40% or above and below 70% will be issued with a notification that informs them that they will be withdrawn (Second Offence).

Any student whose attendance falls below 40% for an academic term will be issued with a notification of withdrawal letter that informs them that they will be withdrawn.

Each period of measuring the percentage of student attendance will be reset at the beginning of a new term.

For undergraduates, attendance is assessed across the duration of a level of study and is reset at the beginning of the new level of study. For postgraduate Part I students, attendance is assessed across the duration of the level of study within Part I and is reset at the beginning of study at Part II.

The principles specified in 3.1-3 notwithstanding, NCHE reserves the right to take disciplinary action where a student evidences ongoing unsatisfactory attendance levels.

Students are requested to attend academic appointments from the first day until the last day of the semester, with the exception of published holidays.

Late Attendance and Revision Week

All students more than ten minutes late for a single period will be marked as absent from that period. Students more than ten minutes late for a double period will be marked as absent from the first period but as present for the second period.

Your formal academic appointments will end approximately one week before the beginning of examination week. This period has been set aside as a revision week for students and a marking week for teaching staff. It provides you with the time necessary to do your best in the examinations.

Lecture Room Etiquette

Common courtesies enhance the atmosphere we wish to maintain in the Centre. The expectations can be summarised as follows:

- During the online session students are expected to have their cameras on all the time
- Punctuality at all appointments
- Mobile phones switched off during lectures
- Recording a lecture is only permitted after arrangement with the lecturer concerned
- Visitors are welcome, but please agree with the lecturer beforehand. We recognise that occasionally, but not on a regular basis, children might need to accompany a parent to class. This also needs to be with the lecturer's permission beforehand
- Eating and drinking should be confined to the breaks between academic appointments
- Use of laptops is permitted in class provided their use is restricted to matters relating to the lecture
- Use of internet is restricted to use authorised by the lecturer

Student Input and Feedback

The Centre strives for openness with students and encourages input and feedback. This usually comes through one of three methods:

- Personally to your tutor
- To one of the student representatives (one from each cohort) elected to the Programme Board
- Through the module questionnaires distributed during and toward the end of each semester. These questionnaires invite students to assess their respective modules and express any general comments to the members of staff, and if necessary discuss ways of improving the delivery of the module

Newbold email account and use of Moodle

On enrolment, students are supplied with their own Newbold email address and password for ease of communication. Students can set their own password and can

redirect this email address to any email address of their choice. *Please note that CMM will only use the Newbold address to communicate with students.*

Communication to students via this Newbold email address will be deemed by the College to be official notification.

CMM makes extensive use of *Moodle*, a web-based programme facilitating distance learning, and further communication between staff and students. Students are given special access to each of the modules they are enrolled in. This facility significantly improves the delivery of the modules. Students are expected to use it.

In addition to the attendance requirements of Newbold College international students must comply with the Partner Institution's attendance policies for such students. Further details are available from your Programme Director.

ABOUT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AND PLAGIARISM

The University defines academic misconduct as 'any act, intentional or otherwise, whereby a person may obtain for himself/herself or for another, an unpermitted advantage...'. Committing academic misconduct in assessment is one of the most serious offences in academic life, and its consequences can be severe. It undermines the integrity of scholarship, research, and of the examination and assessment process.

It is very important to understand that it is no defence to claim that academic misconduct has been committed unintentionally, accidentally, due to extenuating circumstances or a long-term impairment (irrespective of whether or not these circumstances or long-term impairment have been acknowledged by the University).

Plagiarism is one type of academic misconduct. Plagiarism is passing off, or attempting to pass off, another's work as your own. It includes copying the words, ideas, images or research results of another **without acknowledgement**, whether those words etc. are published or unpublished. It is plagiarism, for example, to copy the work of another student, of a member of staff or a published article without crediting the author. Persons who allow their work to be plagiarised are also guilty.

It should be noted that re-submitting work that has already been submitted for a different assessment task without noting that this is the case is also regarded as plagiarism (and is called self-plagiarism) and will be treated as such.

Plagiarism is one of the worst offences in academic life, and its consequences can be severe. It undermines the integrity of scholarship, research, and of the examination and assessment process. The guidance that follows explains what is meant by plagiarism, describes the University's regulations for dealing with it, and provides help in avoiding it.

When enrolling as a student at the University of Wales you have consented to your work being scrutinised both electronically and in person to check for cases of plagiarism. It is expected that your work will be submitted electronically via VLE.

For submissions outside of the VLE platform, it is equally important that you reference your sources accurately. In some cases you will be expected to submit both hard and electronic copies, which can be checked against the database of the UK Higher Education Plagiarism Detection Service. For handwritten, portfolio and process workbook submissions check with your module tutor if you are in any doubt about whether you have infringed the regulations. They are here to assist you; ensure that you take advantage of their expertise.

Plagiarism: Regulations, Procedure and Penalties

Full details of the University's procedures and penalties for dealing with issues of plagiarism can be found in Chapter 12 of the *Academic Quality Handbook* and the associated *Academic Misconduct Policy*, which can be seen on the University website: <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-office/academic-quality-handbook/>

Avoiding Plagiarism

Coursework, dissertations, or creative work are meant to be your own original work. Obviously you will use the work of others. Not only is this inevitable, it is expected.

All scholarship builds on the work of others. The important thing to remember is always to **acknowledge your sources**. The University recognises four referencing styles: APA, Harvard, IEEE and MHRA and provides a handbook for each of these styles. For your programme of study you should be using SBL Style Guide. A Referencing Essentials session will be provided during the first term of your first year but as a general rule of thumb observe the following:

- *Anything that is copied or quoted from another source, including electronic sources such as the internet, must be in quotation marks and attributed to the original author. This may be in the body of the text or as a footnote, depending on which Referencing style you are asked to use.*
- *Paraphrasing or summarising the work of others involves putting their ideas into your words. This is fine, but again, acknowledge your source.*
- *Where you are generally indebted for your ideas to one or two main sources, this can be a bit trickier. If the ideas or the way they are presented come from one or two sources, make this clear. Do the same if they come from lectures. It is important not to claim originality where it does not exist but to indicate in general where the information comes from.*
- *Full citations in timed unseen examinations are obviously not expected, but you should indicate general indebtedness and always credit any quotations you have managed to remember.*

The golden rule is; **'if in doubt, provide references'** and your Referencing Handbook will provide you with specific guidance to help you to do this correctly. For support, contact your tutor or Librarian. There are no penalties for asking for advice and guidance; there are severe penalties for plagiarism and failure to reference means your work could be considered to be plagiarised.

Other types of Academic Misconduct

There are other types of academic misconduct, including, but not limited to producing work as a group where it is an individual task (called collusion), fabricating data or making false claims to have carried out research, using the service of an essay bank/essay mill, having an unauthorised source of information in an examination,

prohibited communication during an examination. The same regulations, procedures and penalties apply to all types of academic misconduct.

LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

The primary provision is from Newbold College's library services; further details are available from the institution. In addition, students may be able to access some of the University's electronic resources, where licensing allows. For further details please go to the Library and Learning Resources web page for partner students at:

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library/services/services-for-partner-students/>

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The following points will help you become an independent learner.

Tutors

A personal tutor is assigned to each student. This year the tutors are as follows:

- BAPS1 – Pastor Ivana Mendez
- BAPS2 – Dr Ivan Milanov
- BAPS3 – Dr Laszlo Gallusz

Your personal tutor will advise you on academic matters and study strategies. You may take to your tutor any other matter that concerns you. Please keep a record of your interactions with your tutor. The Personal Tutorial Report form is available on the Undergraduate Theology website. Please note the College's *Tutorial and Personal Development Planning Policy* that requires you to meet at least once a semester with your tutor for a discussion of your progress. Our Pastoral Studies colleagues will collaborate with you on your *Personal Development Portfolio* in those modules for which it is a formative requirement.

Aids to Study

The following activities and resources are provided for students:

Induction and Orientation

As part of the initial enrolment process, students are introduced their tutor and the other lecturers in the Centre. They are also provided with an orientation and induction to the programme, which includes the distribution of the *CMM Undergraduate Programme Handbook*, the *CMM Field Experience Handbook* and the *UWTSO Handbook of Academic Policies and Programmes*. The Centre also arranges for Study and Research Skills sessions in which the lecturers and the librarians provide an orientation of the learning resources and processes available to students.

Library

The Roy Graham Library provides access to academic resources and services for study and research via the College's [Library Portal](#).

The [Roy Graham Library Portal](#) contains the Keyword Search (of the Library Catalogue) and the EBSCOhost Ebooks and Ejournal link to the Library's econtent (at the centre and top of the page). The Portal directs students to the Library's resources, links and information:

[EBSCO Remote Access](#)

[Document Delivery](#)

[Regulations](#) (includes information about borrower limits etc.)

Opening hours

Carousel with cover shots of recent acquisitions (See screenshot)

Electronic resources via EBSCO include Academic Search Premier, eBook Collection and ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials.

The Library's reference collection has reference copies of dictionaries, lexicons, commentaries, etc. and hard copy of journals including local and international Seventh-day Adventist journals.

The Short Loan (SL) collection is kept at the Information Desk. It provides access to heavy use titles chosen and updated by lecturers for different modules. Short Loan deliberately provides daily loans and weekend loans to aid maximum use. Digitised copies of chapters/essays/pages, within copyright, requested by lecturers for Moodle, are supplied by the Library.

The Library runs a [Document Delivery Service](#) (for books or articles). Students can request additional material via the online [Document Delivery Request](#) on the portal.

For non-resident and off-campus students [EBSCO Remote Access](#) log in information is required. Although this provides access to eBooks, digitised material on Moodle, EBSCO resources and the Document Delivery Service students, will still need to purchase some material for themselves. The Library does not supply one book for each student for any modules.

Library Staff assist with general and specific information, resourcing, study and research queries and are available for one-on-one sessions on request. The Library Team provide assistance in using software like Zotero for collecting, managing, citing and storing students' research. The Library has a variety of study space options and the possibility of requesting individual study desks and lockers.

E.G. White Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre

This centre houses a large collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals and other materials including primary documents which provide you with tools for extensive research into the history of Seventh-day Adventism. The centre provides an unrivalled resource within western Europe for research in Seventh-day Adventist history.

Information Technology

The library provides computers and printers which enables you to prepare assignments in word-processed form. Most computers have a full suite of software including internet access, but some are configured for the use of internet based resources only. A few are configured for specific uses like printing or have specialist software like BibleWorks. There is wireless internet access throughout the library building.

Writing and Research Skills

Research Methods for each discipline are incorporated into the foundation modules. Additional workshops for style and tutorials on research software are also scheduled during the Study and Research Skills seminar with dr Eike Mueller, Mondays, 14.00–14.50.

Referencing and Style

Referencing and documentation are an important part of good research. The Centre for Ministry and Mission uses the *SBL Style Guide*. Your work is expected to comply with the format set out in this book. It can be accessed <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=970822&site=ehost-live&scope=site>.

Newbold College of Higher Education recommends the use of bibliographical software such as ZOTERO a free add-on to Mozilla Firefox. Students are expected to develop good research skills by the use of this software.

Word Count Limits

The purpose of a word limit is to give all students, across the College, a clear indication of the maximum length of a piece of assessed written work, the amount of work expected and therefore how much detail they should go into and how they should allocate time to one piece of assessed work in relation to others. Writing to set word limits is a skill required within some professions, as well as an academic skill. Word limits are set appropriate to the assessment outcomes.

- If an executive summary or abstract is required, then a separate word count for this should be specified. Word count includes everything in the main body of the text (including headings, tables, citations, quotes, lists, etc.).
- The list of references, appendices and footnotes are NOT included in the word count unless it is clearly stated in the coursework instructions that the module is an exception to this rule.
- Appendices should be kept to a minimum and only contain reference materials illustrating and supporting arguments fully made in the main body of the work. Any other materials included in appendices, except where specifically requested in the coursework instructions, will not be marked.
- UWTSD policy guiding the word count is as follows:
 - Work over the word limit**
 - (i) Different assessments have different word lengths specified for them; it is important that the student keep to the word length specified for each assessment at all times on the following grounds:
 - To encourage succinct and clear writing by students.
 - To ensure equity between all the students doing that particular assessment
 - (ii) If the specified word limit for an assessment has been exceeded, the following penalties would normally apply (the penalty cannot take the work into the fail category).
 - Up to 10% above the word limit – No deduction off final mark
 - Between 10% and 25% above the word limit – Deduction of 5 marks off final mark (or reduce the mark to the capped mark, whichever is greater)
 - Between 25% and 50% above the word limit – Deduction of 10 marks off final mark (or reduce the mark to the capped mark, whichever is greater)
 - 50% or more over length – Maximum mark of capped mark
 - (iii) Likewise, a failure to meet the maximum word limit may result in lower marks based on the quality of the work because they may not have included the necessary information required for the assessment and met the stated learning outcomes.

- The feedback on the assessment should explicitly mention any mark deduction and the reason for it.
- The word count needs to be clearly and correctly stated on the title page of the assignment. Incorrectly understating the word count constitutes an assessment offence and may result in further action.

Oral Presentation Skills

Throughout the degree programme attention is given to oral presentation skills. These skills are particularly emphasised in the Pastoral Studies modules and placement requirements where, for instance, modules include preaching and seminar presentations. Presentations in other modules will also ensure that you get plenty of practice and constructive criticism.

Module Information

At the beginning of each semester you will be given a module descriptor which sets out in detail all that is necessary to know about each module, e.g. content, procedures, assignments, modes of assessment, required reading, indicative bibliography etc. Assessment deadlines are published on the programme website and at the end of this handbook.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching Methods and Contact Hours

You will experience a variety of teaching methods, including lectures, tutorials and seminars. Contact hours will normally range between 18-24 hours for every 10 CATS / 5 ECTS credits. Students can expect a maximum of one two-hour block for every 10 credits.

Formative and Summative Work

The work that counts towards your final grade is called summative work. In some modules you are also required to do formative work. This work is assessed in the same way as your summative work, but does not count towards your final grade. It must nevertheless still be completed. The purpose of your formative work is to prepare you for successful completion of your summative work.

Course Work and Examinations

Depending on the nature of the module, the final grade will be decided by course work, an examination, or a combination of both. Examinations normally last two hours.

Study Load

The contact hours for a full-time student will normally be 10-14 hours per week, including lectures, seminars and tutorials. Assuming a 40-hour week, this will leave you with a minimum of 26 hours per week for reading, reflection and writing.

STUDENT SERVICES

The primary source of student support is from the Newbold College student services / learner support department. For further details, please contact the Newbold College student services / learner support department.

Further details for UWTSD Student Services can be found at: <http://www.uwtسد.ac.uk/student-services/>

COMPLAINTS

If you are dissatisfied with an aspect of your experience as a student on a UWTSD programme, you have a right to make a complaint about any specific concern about the provision of your Programme of Study or a related academic service. Students are encouraged, in the first instance, to resolve the matter with the person or persons directly involved. If you wish to make a formal complaint, you should in the first instance pursue it through the partner institution's complaints procedures. If you remain dissatisfied, you may ask for your complaint to be reviewed by the University, as described in Chapter 13 of the Academic Quality Handbook.

STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union is recognised as the voice of students within the University. It also offers support to students from collaborative partner institutions when their cases are considered centrally as outlined in the relevant policies, such as Academic Appeals and Unfair Practice, <https://www.tsdsu.co.uk/>.

USING A THIRD-PARTY PROOFREADING SERVICE

Please note, the *Academic Misconduct Policy* of the University of Wales in section 30, defines the main principles for using a third-party proofreading service:

- Third-party proofreading is allowed for any piece of academic writing unless stated otherwise. If proofreading is not permitted, information about this will be included in the module handbook.
- A proofreader may check for, identify and suggest corrections for errors in the text. In no circumstances should a proofreader edit a student's writing (for example, amend ideas, arguments or structure) as this will compromise the authorship of the work.
- A third-party proofreader may:
 - Identify punctuation, spelling and typographical errors
 - Identify grammatical and syntactical errors and anomalies
 - Identify formatting and layout errors and inconsistencies (e.g. page numbers, font size, line spacing, headers and footers)
 - Identify errors in labelling of diagrams, charts or figures
 - Highlight overly-long or complex sentences or paragraphs, especially where meaning is ambiguous
 - Draw attention to repeated phrases or omitted words
 - Draw attention to inaccurate or inconsistent referencing
- A proofreader may not:
 - Add content in any way
 - Rewrite passages of text to clarify the meaning
 - Rearrange or re-order paragraphs to enhance structure or argument
 - Change any words or figures, except to correct spelling
 - Check or correct facts, data, calculations, formulae, equations or computer code
 - Implement or alter the referencing system
 - Re-label diagrams, charts or figures
 - Reduce content so as to comply with a specified word limit
 - Make grammatical, syntactical or stylistic corrections
 - Translate any part of the work into English

- Failure to adhere to the above requirements may result in an investigation under the Academic Misconduct Policy.
- Students have overall responsibility for their work. The third-party proofreader shall give advice by means of tracked changes on an electronic copy or handwritten annotations on a paper copy or other similar devices. The student must take responsibility for choosing what advice to accept, and must make the changes to the master copy of the work him/herself.
- Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to prove that a proofreader has adhered to these third party proofreading guidelines. Students are therefore advised to keep the original copy of their written work as well as the copy they have submitted for assessment.

Please remember that your dissertation must be submitted to Turnitin in order to insure its originality. Turnitin may be used as part of an investigation into an alleged case of plagiarism. You can locate the Wales's *Academic Misconduct Policy* at: <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/academic-office/academic-quality-handbook/>

APPENDIX A

Assessment Examiners, Patterns and Deadlines

BA Biblical and Pastoral Studies (UWTSD) Autumn Semester 2022–23			
Module		Summative Assessment	Date
<i>Introduction to Greek (20)</i>		1. Weekly tests (40%) 2. 2-hour exam (60%)	1. Scheduled throughout the semester 2. Exam week (12–14/12/22)
<i>Introduction to Hebrew (20)</i>		1. Weekly tests (40%) 2. 2-hour exam (60%)	1. Scheduled throughout the semester 2. Exam week (12–14/12/22)
<i>Epistles (10)</i>		1. Weekly written assignments (30%) 2. 2-hour exam (70%)	1. Scheduled throughout the semester 2. Exam week (12–14/12/22)
<i>Pastoral Ministry (10)</i>		1. 2000-word fieldwork critiques – 4 elements (100%)	1. Scheduled throughout the semester
<i>Old Testament Prophets (10)</i>		1. 1250-word book critique 2. 1-hour exam (70%)	1. 9 November 2022 2. Exam week (12–14/12/2022)
<i>Seventh-day Adventist Theology in Context (20)</i>		1. 5,000-word essay (100%)	1. 14 December 2022

APPENDIX B

Sample Assignment Front Page

(TITLE)

(STUDENT)

Submitted to (Lecturer)
in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the module
(Module)

Word Count:

(Date)

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