

**JA205**

**HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND ITS PRACTICE**



Recommended readings

- Allison, G 2011, *Historical Theology: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Bettenson, H & Maunder C (eds.) 2011, *Documents of the Christian Church*, 4th ed, Oxford University Press, New York, NY.
- Daugherty, DB 2012, *Church History: Five Approaches to a Global Discipline*, Peter Lang, New York, NY.
- Dowley, T (ed.) 2013, *Introduction to the History of Christianity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN.
- Hill, J 2011, *Christianity: How a Tiny Sect from a Despised Religion Came to Dominate the Roman Empire*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MI.
- Hillerbrand, HJ 2012, *A New History of Christianity*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN.
- Kennedy, P 2010, *Twentieth Century Theologians: A New Introduction to Modern Christian Thought*, IB Tauris, London, UK.
- Kristiansen, SJ & Rise, S (eds.) 2013, *Key Theological Thinkers from Modern to Postmodern*, Ashgate, Surrey, UK.
- McGrath, AE, 2013, *Christian History: An introduction*, John Wiley & Sons, Malden, MA.
- Meister, CV, & Beilby, JK (eds.) 2013, *The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought*, Routledge, New York, NY.

<p><b>Learning outcomes</b></p>	<p>On completion of this unit, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examine Church history and its relationship to approaches to thinking and engaging with knowledge;</li> <li>2. Identify and critique approaches to thinking used through history;</li> <li>3. Evaluate specific methods and skills engaged in the practice of Christian thought;</li> <li>4. Establish a framework for their own thinking and reflect on its application to a contemporary ministry context; and</li> <li>5. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Assessment tasks</b></p>	<p><b>Task 1: Essay</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 2,500 words</p> <p>Weighting: 40%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-3, 5</p> <p>Assessed: Week 6</p> <p><b>Task 2: Personal Framework</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 60%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-5</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p>
<p><b>Unit summary</b></p>	<p>This core unit examines selected developments in the history of Christian thought and its practice and provides a well-founded base for thinking and lifelong engagement with information, revelation and knowledge.</p>