

MTG233.7 Modern and Renewal Theology

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Level	Unit Coordinator
Bachelor	One semester	Advanced	Dr. Matthew James Gray

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Core or Elective: Bachelor of Theology Elective: Bachelor of Ministry
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Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
6 credit points	144 credit points

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
3	6	9

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: 0 hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

Pre-requisite: MTG120.5 The Story of the Church, MTG130.5 Exploring the Christian Faith

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Brief description of the content of the unit

This unit develops the students' understanding of modern and Pentecostal theology. It connects strongly with the MTC formation domain, *Engaging God's Story*. The unit aims to help students discuss these topics inter-contextually: that is, by recognising that within contemporary western Christian scholarship, including within Pentecostalism, are representative theologians from various cultural contexts (e.g. indigenous, African, South American), ecclesiastical contexts (including not only charismatic, but also Catholic, Baptist), as well as other often-marginalised voices (e.g. women, African-Americans). Key topics include: modern Liberal theology; Neo-Orthodoxy, including Barth, Bonhoeffer and Bruner; Christian Realism in the work of the Niebuhrs, Evangelical Theologians, such as Lewis, Packer, Henry, Stott; modern Catholics, such as Kung, Rahner, Ratzinger, von Balthazar; Pentecostal theological contributions, such as in areas such as Spirit baptism, Glossolalia, Charismata, Worship, Spiritual Warfare, and Divine Healing.

Learning outcomes for the unit

- 1) Examine essential facets of modern and Pentecostal theology, as explored by an array cultural and theological perspectives and backgrounds
- 2) Explain their own position on key issues within one of the relevant theological topics, with reference to relevant scholarship
- 3) Critically analyse modern theological approaches to these doctrines cogently and fairly, with a view to effectively conveying them in various contexts the students may encounter

Assessment tasks			
Type	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting
1. Class Discussion Papers of Assigned Readings: Describe various theological positions and contexts for each week's topic, based on the readings under discussion each week. (2000 words equivalent)	1, 3	Weekly	40%
2. Textbook Review: Discuss essential characteristics and debates for this unit's various theological topics, and their contemporary relevance. (1000 words)	1, 3	Week 5	20%
3. Research Essay: Investigate one or two major issues within the unit's various topics, with reference to relevant scholarship. (2000 words)	2	Week 13	40%

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Provide below, in formal reference format, a list of the prescribed and recommended readings for the unit.

Prescribed reading:

Olson, Roger E. *The Journey of Modern Theology: From Reconstruction to Deconstruction*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013.

Recommended reading:

Chan, Simon. *Pentecostal Ecclesiology: An Essay on the Development of Doctrine*. Blandford Forum, UK: Deo Publishing, 2011.

———. *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition*. Reprint Ed. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2011.

Chant, Barry. *The Spirit of Pentecost: The Origins and Development of the Pentecostal Movement in Australia, 1870-1939*. Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2011.

Green, Chris. *Pentecostal Ecclesiology: A Reader*. Boston, MA: BRILL, 2016.

Hocken, Peter. *Pentecostal Theology and Ecumenical Theology*. Leiden; Boston: BRILL, 2019.

Kennedy, Philip. *Twentieth-Century Theologians: A New Introduction to Modern Christian Thought*. London, UK: I.B.Tauris, 2010.

Ladouceur, Paul. *Modern Orthodox Theology: Behold, I Make All Things New*. London, UK: Bloomsbury, 2019.

Perry, Tim S. *The Theology of Benedict XVI: A Protestant Appreciation*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2019.

Piggin, Stuart, and Robert D. Linder. *The Fountain of Public Prosperity: Evangelical Christians in Australian History, 1740-1914*. Melbourne, VIC: Monash University Publishing, 2018.

Riches, Tanya. *Worship and Social Engagement in Urban Aboriginal-Led Australian Pentecostal Congregations*. Leiden; Boston: BRILL, 2019.

Richie, Tony, and Steven Jack Land. *Essentials of Pentecostal Theology: An Eternal and Unchanging Lord Powerfully Present & Active by the Holy Spirit*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2020.

Vondey, Wolfgang. *The Routledge Handbook of Pentecostal Theology*. New York, NY: Routledge, 2020.

Wilson, John E. *Introduction to Modern Theology: Trajectories in the German Tradition*. Louisville, KN: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.