

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Read and research at least 2 to 3 theological texts and be able to respond to theories and ideas
2. Discuss and develop individual theological opinions and examine your own answers to some of life's important questions
3. Study collaboratively in a small group to present and discuss theological ideas, appreciating and critiquing those of others
4. Describe 2 or 3 theological topics from a diverse historical and contemporary range
5. Demonstrate an ability to develop research into theological ideas using effective communication skills

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- You will be expected to carry out a range of activities in your own time
- Students will need to read the set text book. As theology students, all participants will be required to do further online research at home and in class, respond to questions with their reasons, and participate in class learning activities including reading, writing and discussing with others.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.
- You will be able to keep a digital portfolio of your work on WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas.
- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- A file of work will be kept which will help to record your progress
- There will be a number of tasks appropriate to your course such as written work, creating art or craft, video, photography or small projects. Some of these may be marked to help you progress
- The course focuses on developing theological skills, communication and discussion with other students. Students will want to undertake voluntary presentations during the course and are encouraged to view course Modules, Discussions and Assignments on Canvas and participate in discussions online.

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>
- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a

smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).

- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit:

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- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you

- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)

- Students will buy the text-book and be prepared to discuss theology with an open mind. Students from all religious and non-religious backgrounds are welcome to explore theological ideas in an inclusive, respectful learning environment, and not trying to convert others to any particular religion.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- Pre-course reading is required: resources will be made available to you using the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- Students will need to buy 'Exploring God-talk, Using Language in Religion' by Jeff Astley (Darton, Longman + Todd, 2004) the course set text book.

Other books may be useful as background reading:

Shaping the Tools: Study Skills in Theology, Ackroyd

The History of Christian Thought, Jonathan Hill

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course

- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member

- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation

- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>

- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

Learning with the WEA

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You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB

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