

Module Code	HPRS6906
Title	The Letters of Paul
Date	05/05/2021
Level	6
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	

AIM(S)

- To analyse Paul and his letters in their socio-historical and theological context.
- To engage in a close reading of Paul's letters with reference to past and present New Testament interpretation

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Analyse critically the main features of Paul's letters, with particular reference to Galatians, I and 2 Corinthians, and Romans
- Evaluate the significance of the context and contingency of Paul's letters as a means of communication to their intended audiences
- Assess the main features of Paul's theological ideas, including the relationship between experience and theological reflection
- Demonstrate an informed knowledge of the history of the interpretation of Paul's letters and of the differing perspectives of interpreters.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Paul and his Jewish heritage
- Particularity and contextuality in relation to Paul's letters
- Paulinism – the traditional view of Paul
- Paul: call or conversion?
- The new perspective on Paul and its critical evaluation
- Paul's christology
- Approaches to Paul's ethics
- Paul's interpretations of role of the Spirit and also 'the end times'
- Paul and issues of empire

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	20	10%
Independent learning	180	90%
Placement learning		
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio, including textual analyses	3000 words in total (max 3 items)	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	3000 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

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Module Title	The Letters of Paul	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Horrell, David G., <i>An Introduction to the Study of Paul</i> (3 rd edition; London: Bloomsbury, 2015).	☒
Essential	Dunn, James D.G., <i>The Cambridge Companion to Paul</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006).	☒
Essential	Zetterholm, Magnus, <i>Approaches to Paul: A Student's Guide to Recent Scholarship</i> (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009).	☐
Further	Adams, Edward and David Horrell (eds), <i>Christianity at Corinth: The Quest for the Pauline Church</i> (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2004).	☒
Further	Barclay, John, <i>Paul and the Gift</i> (Grand Rapids: W.B. Eerdmans, 2017).	☒
Further	Donaldson, Terence L., <i>Paul and the Gentiles: Remapping the Apostle's Convictional World</i> (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997).	☐
Further	Dunn, James D.G., <i>The Theology of Paul the Apostle</i> (London: Continuum, 2003).	☐
Further	Ehrensperger, Kathy, <i>That We May Be Mutually Encouraged: Feminism and the New Perspective on Paul</i> (London: T&T Clark, 2004).	☒
Further	Ehrensperger, Kathy, <i>Paul at the Crossroad of Cultures: Theologizing in the Space Between</i> (London: Bloomsbury, 2015).	☒
Further	Elliott, Neil, <i>The Arrogance of Nations: Reading Romans in the Shadow of Empire</i> (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010).	☒
Further	Esler, Philip F., <i>Conflict and Identity in Romans: The Social Setting of Paul's Letter</i> (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003).	☐
Further	Horrell, David G., <i>Solidarity and Difference: A Contemporary Reading of Paul's Ethics</i> (London: Bloomsbury, 2015).	☒

Further	Kahl, Brigitte, <i>Galatians Re-Imagined: Reading with the Eyes of the Vanquished</i> (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 2010).	☐
Further	Meeks, Wayne E., <i>The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul</i> (2 nd edition; New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003).	☐
Further	Novenson, Matthew V. and R. Barry Matlock, <i>The Oxford Handbook of Pauline Studies</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).	☒
Further	Sanders, E.P., <i>Paul, the Law and the Jewish People</i> (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1983).	☐
Further	Segal, Alan F., <i>Paul the Convert: The Apostolate and Apostasy of Saul the Pharisee</i> (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992).	☐
Further	Stanley, Christopher and Stanley Porter (eds), <i>As It Is Written: Studying Paul's Use of Scripture</i> (Atlanta: SBL, 2008).	☒
Further	Stendahl, Krister, <i>Paul Among Jews and Gentiles</i> (London: SCM, 1977).	☐