

SHORT COURSES IN BIBLE AND MINISTRY

GWC is excited to offer three new online Short Courses starting in January 2025:

Short Course in Biblical Theology (12 credits, 120 hours of study)

Short Course in Reading Your Culture (12 credits, 120 hours of study)

Short Course in Mark's Gospel (12 credits, 120 hours of study)

These Short Courses are for you if you seek to further your understanding of the basis of your Christian faith and develop your capacity to serve others in your local church context. They are designed to advance your ability to interpret the Bible responsibly, think about the theological implications of your biblical interpretation, and apply your interpretation in a contextually sensitive way in your local church.

Learners in these short courses will typically be active members of a local church, either engaged in one or more ministries within their local church or seeking to be trained to engage in such ministries.

FORMAT

1. Online readings.
2. Online text-based discussion forums.
3. Short video clips.
4. Short online assessments.
5. Interact with other learners and the instructor via text-based chat forums.
6. Supportive learning environment.
7. Learn at your own pace during the semester.
8. No in-person exams.
9. No livestreamed lectures, as each learner will be learning at their own pace.

Short Courses are not accredited and do not lead to a qualification on the National Qualification Framework. Some institutions might consider Short Courses for entrance, advanced standing or exemption of credits in their accredited programmes. Please check this with the relevant institution. You should keep the short course curriculum outlines if you wish to apply for recognition at an accredited institution in future. You will be awarded a certificate of completion upon successful completion of each Short Course (excludes the Orientation Sessions).

SHORT COURSE SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Orientation to Online Studies at GWC

Session 1: 22 January 2025

Session 2: 14 July 2025

Fee: none

The purpose of this preparatory unit is to provide you with helpful resources for your online studies at GWC. This will include an introduction to GWC's learning platform: Canvas. Two sessions of orientation are offered in the year but learners only need to attend one session before your short course begins. You are required to complete this orientation before proceeding to the short courses.

Short Course in Biblical Theology (First Semester) – 12 credits, 120 learning hours

Starts on: 5 February 2025

Ends on: 20 June 2025

Reduced Fee for 2025: R500 (due on 6 January 2025)

This Short Course aims to develop the learner's interpretation of the Bible by:

- Reflecting on issues related to bridging the gap between reading the ancient text of Scripture and receiving it as God's word for us today.
- Considering the importance of understanding the Bible in the way its original authors and readers did, exploring how genre and context work in biblical interpretation.
- Ultimately, developing the skilful use of Biblical Theology as a reliable tool for bridging the gap from the Bible to today's world.

Short Course in Reading Your Culture – 120 learning hours

(equivalent to NQF level 5)

Starts on: 5 February 2025

Ends on: 20 June 2025

Reduced Fee for 2025: R500 (due on 6 January 2025)

In this Short Course, learners will learn to:

- look around and become aware of those stories about the world and ourselves which we live out each day,
- read these stories by identifying and understanding cultural texts and trends,
- and practice the skill of theological reflection by setting these cultural stories within the Bible's redemptive storyline.

The Course will culminate in the learner demonstrating their cultural reading skills by authoring their own cultural case study. Learners will get there by working through a collection of online readings, analysing case studies, reviewing concepts through quizzes, and refining their thinking alongside others through discussion forums.

Short Course in Mark's Gospel (Second Semester) – 12 credits, 120 learning hours

Starts on: 4 August 2025

Ends on: 28 November 2025

Reduced Fee for 2025: R500 (due on 21 July 2025)

This Short Course aims to study Mark's Gospel so that the learner may become conversant with this foundational Christian text and, thus, a better reader of the Bible. The Course will focus on Mark's Gospel, the theology that emerges from it, the original context in which it was written and read, and the way in which God continues to speak to his people today through this Gospel.

SPACES ARE LIMITED – REGISTER NOW FOR 2025

[Click here](#) to register. Registrations for 2024 are closed. Register now for 2025.

Please direct enquiries to registry@gwc.ac.za.

PAY YOUR FEES

1. Short Course Fee (R500 per Short Course)
2. Orientation Session Fee (none)

Please pay your fees using one of the payment options below:

GWC BANK DETAILS

Account name: George Whitefield College

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