

# 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: 28 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 (Both Semesters) – 12 credits, 120 learning hours**

**Semester 1:**

**Starts on: 5 February 2025**

**Ends on: 20 June 2025**

**Semester 2:**

**Starts on: 4 August 2025**

**Ends on: 28 November 2025**

**Reduced Fee for 2025: R500 (due before the start of the course)**

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.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED – REGISTER NOW FOR 2025**

[Click here](#) to register. Please direct enquiries [applications@gwc.ac.za](mailto:applications@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

Bank: Standard Bank Branch: Fish Hoek

Branch code: 036009

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Reference: "[Lastname]ShortCourse"

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