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UNIT OBJECTIVES

This course unit introduces students to the history and theology of the major texts of the Dead Sea Scrolls. It enables students in AQF Level 7 Bachelor programs to complete a Biblical Studies major and students in AQF Level 9 programs to advance beyond foundational Biblical Studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. Account at an advanced level for the complex historical, religious and cultural background of production of the Dead Sea Scrolls
2. Explain the political and academic issues involved in the publication of the Scrolls
3. Interpret the theological themes of major Dead Sea Scrolls texts
4. Exegete selected passages from the Dead Sea Scrolls integrate insights from Dead Sea Scroll study into research on both Old and New Testament texts

CONTENT

1. History of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls
2. Historical, religious and cultural background of the Scrolls
3. Structure and contents of the major Scrolls
4. Detailed study of major theological themes in selected Scrolls
5. The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible

PRE-REQUISITES

36 Biblical Studies credit points for undergraduates or 9 Biblical Studies credit points for graduates

SESSION DATES & TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9:30pm – 4:00pm

On the following days:

11-15th January 2016

COST & REGISTRATION

Unit Costs:  
Degree Students $1850
Non-Degree Students $1850
Audit Students $550
CISSA Fee $10

Registration closes:

4th December, 2015

If you are a continuing Catholic Institute of Sydney student, simply register for the course in person as per usual during Registration Week (Week 13). Information regarding Registration Week is posted on the Registry Noticeboard and the CIS website.

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