

## Access to Higher Education Unit

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**Unit Title:** Introduction to Theology with Religious Studies

**Graded Unit Reference Number:** GA33TRA06

**Ungraded Unit Reference Number:** UA33TRS06

**Module:** Theology and Religious Studies

**Level:** Three (3)

**Credit Value:** Three (3)

**Minimum Guided Learning Hours:** 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the disciplines of theology and religious studies and appreciate the need for objective and open-minded study	1.1 Define the terms theology and religious studies and explain the key differences between the two disciplines
	1.2 Describe the distinguishing features of monotheism, polytheism and henotheism and give examples of their application to religious belief systems
	1.3 Evaluate the importance of an objective approach to theology and religious studies
2. Understand how religions can be classified and Smart's model of classification	2.1 Outline the contemporary classification of different religions
	2.2 Describe Ninian Smart's seven dimensions of religion
	2.3 Use examples to apply each of Smart's dimensions to a named world faith
3. Understand the issues that affect the context and general discipline of theology with religious studies in a modern academic field	3.1 Evaluate the wider social and cultural issues surrounding the study of theology and religion in the context of modernist and post-modernist ideas