Department of Religions & Theology

MODULE DESCRIPTION

Semester B:

Pauline Letters in Context: BCRE15   (HE2326)
ECTS:   5
Contact hours:   22 Lecture hours
Lecturer(s):   Prof. Daniele Pevarello (pevareld@tcd.ie/ext. 1297)

Module Description:
This module is concerned to explore selected Pauline epistles from a socio-historical and literary perspective. Epistles written by or attributed to Paul will be analysed with concern to critically evaluate theological motifs and developments alongside other early Jewish and Christian writings. Galatians, Romans, Philippians and 1 Corinthians are given sustained attention in this module.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

• Engage historically with the controversies found in the letters to the Galatians and 1 Corinthians
• Analyse key theological motifs in the letter to the Romans and Philippians
• Assess Paul’s intellectual contributions within broader Jewish contexts and its reception in Early Christian thought and practice.
• Articulate the literary form and function of ancient epistle writing
• Critically assess authorship of documents

Indicative Reading:

Methods of Assessment: Essay of 3000 words, deadline Fri April 7, 2017.