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COURSE BROCHURE

Feminist Biblical Interpretation Liberation Theology Studies Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 116004 · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the critical tools to analyse and interpret biblical texts through feminist and liberationist lenses. It aims to foster an understanding of how patriarchal structures have shaped traditional interpretations and to empower learners to reconstruct inclusive, justice-oriented readings of scripture. The course prepares participants to apply these perspectives in academic, ministerial, and community contexts.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	116004
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits
Duration	9 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply feminist hermeneutical principles to analyse biblical passages, identifying androcentric biases and silences.
- Evaluate the contributions of key feminist and liberation theologians to contemporary biblical interpretation.
- Demonstrate the ability to interpret scripture in ways that affirm the dignity and agency of marginalized groups.
- Analyse the socio-historical contexts of biblical texts to uncover liberative themes.
- Implement feminist and liberationist methodologies in teaching, preaching, or community engagement.
- Critically assess the impact of patriarchal interpretations on church doctrine and practice.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for theologians, clergy, religious educators, and lay leaders seeking to deepen their engagement with scripture from feminist and liberationist perspectives.
- It is also suitable for activists and social justice practitioners interested in the intersection of faith, gender, and social transformation.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Feminist Biblical Interpretation

- Introduction to feminist biblical criticism.
- Historical overview: from early feminist readings to contemporary scholarship.
- Key concepts: patriarchy, kyriarchy, and androcentrism.
- Major feminist hermeneutical strategies: retrieval, suspicion, and revision.
- Overview of influential feminist theologians (e.g., Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Phyllis Trible).
- The importance of context: African feminist perspectives.

Day 2: Core Hermeneutical Methods

- The hermeneutical circle: preunderstanding, encounter, and new understanding.
- Methods: historical-critical, literary, and socio-rhetorical analysis.
- Case study: Re-reading the story of Eve (Genesis 2-3).
- Womanist, mujerista, and postcolonial feminist approaches.
- The influence of social location on interpretation.
- Group exercise: Applying feminist methods to selected texts.

Day 3: Liberation Theology: Origins and Core Concepts

- Historical emergence: Vatican II, Medellín Conference, and Gustavo Gutiérrez.
- Core tenets: orthopraxis, social analysis, and biblical reflection.
- The preferential option for the poor and marginalised.
- Key theologians: Leonardo Boff, Jon Sobrino, and Mercy Oduyoye.
- African liberation theology: context of colonialism and apartheid.
- Critique of traditional theology from a liberation perspective.

Day 4: Intersection of Feminist and Liberation Hermeneutics

- Integrating gender analysis into liberation hermeneutics.
- Reading biblical texts with a double lens: gender and socio-economic context.
- Case study: The Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:21-28).
- Womanist theology: Alice Walker and Delores Williams.
- Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.
- Intersectionality as a hermeneutical tool.

Day 5: Re-reading Key Biblical Narratives

- Re-reading the stories of Hagar, Tamar, and Ruth.
- The Song of Songs as a counter-narrative.
- Prophetic critique of social injustice and gender oppression.
- The role of women in Israelite religion.
- Group exegesis: selecting and analysing a narrative.
- Presentation of findings and discussion.

Day 6: Re-reading New Testament Texts

- Women in the Gospels: Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan woman, and the Syrophenician woman.
- Paul's ambiguous legacy: Galatians 3:28 vs. household codes.
- The pastoral epistles and the silencing of women.
- Feminist readings of Revelation: the woman clothed with the sun.
- Early Christian women leaders: Phoebe, Priscilla, Junia.

- Workshop: rewriting a biblical passage from a liberative perspective.

Day 7: Contextual Application in South Africa

- The Bible and apartheid: texts of terror and texts of liberation.
- South African feminist theologians: Denise Ackermann, Christina Landman.
- HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence, and biblical interpretation.
- The role of the church in promoting gender justice.
- Case study: The Kairos Document and its feminist critique.
- Practical tools for contextual Bible study.

Day 8: Preaching and Teaching from a Feminist-Liberation Perspective

- Principles of feminist preaching: embodiment, experience, and resistance.
- Crafting a liberating sermon: structure and content.
- Inclusive language and imagery for God.
- Teaching difficult texts: rape, violence, and submission.
- Workshop: Developing a sample sermon or Bible study.
- Peer feedback and revision.

Day 9: Integration, Action, and Reflection

- Recap of key themes and methodologies.
- Personal reflection: integrating head, heart, and hands.
- Creating an action plan: goals, resources, and support networks.
- Peer sharing and collaborative project ideas.
- Evaluation of the training and feedback.
- Closing ritual and commissioning.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 36,600.00	R 36,600.00
1	In-House	R 47,600.00	R 47,600.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 55,000.00	R 55,000.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 116004) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

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