



TE KĀRETI IRIRI O CAREY  
**CAREY**  
BAPTIST COLLEGE

# CAREY

*Local*  
Student Guide

*journey with us*  
**AT YOUR PLACE  
WITH YOUR PEOPLE**

CareyLocal is an exciting initiative designed to build biblical foundations for church volunteers, ministry and mission leaders, and anyone wanting to grow in their discipleship.

# What is CareyLocal?

*Learn, grow, and be transformed—wherever you are!*

CareyLocal is an exciting initiative designed to build biblical foundations for church volunteers, ministry and mission leaders, and anyone wanting to grow in their discipleship.

Courses include theology, biblical studies, pastoral care, and mission. You will spend an evening a week in a cohort, learning with a Carey lecturer in a Level 5 course for credit. This way of learning allows you to participate in the learning together as a cohort and engage with your teacher online. The teacher will guide you through material, provide opportunities for discussion and reflection, and facilitate wider conversations across the cohorts around the country.

CareyLocal can be joined from your church site, someone's home, or somewhere else in your community, wherever you are located in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As you will be completing the course for credit, you will be required to submit assignments. You will spend two hours a week at the evening session, and can expect to commit a further seven hours a week to reading and preparing for lectures and assignments. You can choose to go on to complete a Certificate, Diploma, or even a Bachelors degree!

Studying with Carey will transform you from the inside out, deepen your understanding of the gospel, widen your perspective, and energise you to make a difference in your own community, as you engage in God's mission.



## How much does it cost?

Fees are \$859 per course/per student (includes Student Service Fee of \$50/course).  
**CareyLocal Financial Assistance Grants are available for up to 50% off the course fee.\***

*\*See [carey.ac.nz/study/scholarships/](https://carey.ac.nz/study/scholarships/) for details. Terms and conditions apply.*

## How to apply

Initial registration of interest in CareyLocal should be directed to your church or organisation leader, who will liaise with Carey to establish a cohort. Carey will then provide you with clear instructions on how to formally apply through the standard Carey application portal.

Note that you will need to meet the requirements for study at this level and provide:

1. Evidence of any prior qualifications (as per general admission requirements)
2. Verified copies of your identification (one of which must include a photograph).  
 Examples include passport, driver's licence, birth or marriage certificate.

### WHAT IS STUDY FOR CREDIT?

Studying for credit is completing an NZQA-accredited course for credits that can be used towards an NZQA qualification. Students have access to all the resources of Carey, and are required to complete assignments and participate in other assessment activities.

## Further questions

The courses are facilitated within a church cohort, so in the first instance contact your church or organisation leader.

If you have further questions, please contact CareyLocal Programme Lead:

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## Application dates

Nov—Jan	Register interest with your local church
By 2 Feb	Enrol into the course with Carey
28 Feb	Intro to the Old Testament course starts

\* Terms and conditions apply. A cohort can consist of students from a group of churches, but they must meet the requirements for admission, formally enrol in the course through Carey, and form a class at one church or site for the duration of the course.



# 2024 CareyLocal Course

**MB531: Introduction to the Old Testament** *Level 5 [15 credits]*

**SEMESTER ONE: 28 FEBRUARY - 28 JUNE**

**Wednesdays 7–9pm**

This course dives deep into the wild, exciting, bewildering world of the Old Testament. While Christians often neglect this portion of their Bibles, the Old Testament was Jesus's Bible and the Bible of the early church. The Spirit still speaks through these ancient texts, inviting us to grapple more deeply with God's mission to the world, and helping us understand more fully the story that comes to its climax in Jesus. In the course, we will survey significant portions of the Old Testament, but we will also spend time gaining the skills we need to understand the different genres that make up this magnificent portion of Scripture. Students will walk away with a better sense of what's in the Old Testament, as well as specific skills to help them interpret the Old Testament for themselves going forward.

## CAREYLOCAL IS TRANSFORMATIONAL!

***But don't just take our word for it, hear what our students have to say:***

*"Thank you team Carey for this wonderful opportunity with CareyLocal. Even so far, I've learnt a lot and consider it all such a wonderful support as I lead Bible Studies - feeling that I can a little more rightly share the Word of Truth. Christ followers who choose to be part of discipling others still need discipling themselves. I am most grateful for CareyLocal discipling me."*

**Linda Beebe** *CareyLocal Student*

*"CareyLocal has truly been a blessing! I didn't know what to expect but CareyLocal has helped broaden my understanding of the Word and has helped opened my mind to different perspectives of the bible. It's been a massive help in the life-long journey of understanding the bible."*

**Moses Manu** *CareyLocal student*

*"Learning together in a CareyLocal context has been a great experience for me so far. I would not have had the courage to study online as an individual, but I find the group environment to be encouraging and non-threatening, offering aspects of a "classroom" experience."*

**Jess Kerse** *CareyLocal Student*

*"Intro to the Old Testament has been an enlightening course. It brought clarity and life to the whole of scripture, making it much easier to read, understand, and connect with. If you want to grow more in your relationship with our God, then enrol and enjoy!"*

**Megan Lindsay** *Student*

*"Intro to the Old Testament is an awesome class. I am learning and growing deeper in my spiritual faith and expanding my knowledge by knowing the Old Testament more thoroughly. I am especially enjoying applying it to my everyday walk and faith with the true triune God."*

**David Ee** *Student*

## Dr Michael Rhodes

Michael started at Carey in 2021. He teaches Carey's undergraduate Old Testament courses and also co-teaches courses in the postgraduate program and supervises MA theses. Michael holds a PhD in Divinity from the University of Aberdeen/Trinity College Bristol. His dissertation explored how the Deuteronomic tithe meal and Corinthian Lord's Supper served as morally transformative feasts that shaped the community for holiness, justice, mercy, and solidarity. Prior to coming to Carey, Michael spent 7 years working for Christian community development programs, first in Kenya, and then in the economically impoverished South Memphis community where his family lives. In addition to this extensive community development experience, he has also been involved in racially and economically diverse church plants since 2009, and is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Michael's passion is to help the church hear and respond to God's call in Scripture to become a community that embodies Jesus's good news for the poor. As a result he has studied and published works on economic discipleship, racial justice, and poverty in Scripture, at both the academic and popular level.

*"Introduction to the Old Testament has been eye-opening. Each lecture looks at part of the OT in a way that I hadn't considered before: from creation, to the law, to the Psalms, even to the Gospel found in the prophets. Michael's passion and enthusiasm for this subject really makes it come alive and I couldn't recommend it highly enough."*

**Daniel Gibbs** *Student*

*"I think the Old Testament is absolutely mesmerising, and I love wrestling with it together with others. So the opportunity to join students in reading the Bible as God's address summoning us to an intimate relationship with God and a life of kingdom engagement in the world is just incredible."*

**Dr Michael Rhodes**



# FAQ for CareyLocal students

## WHAT IS STUDYING FOR CREDIT?

Studying for credit is completing an NZQA-accredited course including all assessments. The course can then be credited towards an approved NZQA qualification. Students will spend two hours a week at the evening session and can expect to commit a further 7 hours a week to reading and preparing for lectures and assignments.

## WHAT QUALIFICATION AM I ENROLLED INTO?

All CareyLocal students are enrolled into the New Zealand Certificate of Christian Studies. To achieve this qualification students need to complete a further three courses (45 credits), with either 15 or 30 credits being from a Field Education (Internship) course.. If eligible, the credits can be credited to other qualifications at an undergraduate level (eg Diploma, Bachelors, Graduate Diploma).

## DO I HAVE TO STUDY FOR CREDIT?

We prefer CareyLocal students to study for credit, as a great depth of learning and formation is achieved through assignment writing, however there is an opportunity for a small number of students to study for audit (no assignments). The audit fee is \$320. If you wish to study for audit please discuss this with your Course Coordinator in the first instance, who will check with the Programme Lead about which study-mode options are available for your cohort.

## HOW 'ACADEMIC' ARE THE COURSES?

These are level 5 courses which means they are the equivalent to first year university study. Some degree of academic reading and writing will be needed to complete the assessments, however we have a range of self-access resources to help with that, as well as a student support team that are there to help you. You should allow an additional 3-4 hours per week to attend to readings and assessment work to make your study load comfortable!

## WHAT ARE THE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS?

In each course students will normally be given three assessment tasks. These can be a combination of online tasks, online forum participation and/or written tasks and essays. These assessments are spread over the 17-week semester and are uploaded via our online learning portal – Carey Online. Course outlines are available for both courses to give you more information on the specific assessment tasks and timing. Assessments often require learners to be accessing books/articles via our Carey library (e-books are available for most titles).

## WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE ENGLISH AS A FIRST LANGUAGE?

Let us know as we may be able to link you up with another cohort or support person. Students will need to have a reasonable grasp of academic English to complete the assessment tasks. Again, we do have some support available to help.

## CAN I ENROL IN A CAREYLOCAL COURSE IF I AM CURRENTLY (OR HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN) ENROLLED AT CAREY?

Yes you can. We are keen to see CareyLocal cohorts continue to study together, and we would love to see new cohorts formed.

## WHAT ABOUT TEXTBOOKS? HOW DO I ACCESS THOSE?

Library access is given to all CareyLocal students. Introduction to the Old Testament has two required textbooks which are available as ebooks via the Carey library (information on how to access will be provided). However, you may want to purchase a personal copy of these texts to use.

## CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROL IN CAREYLOCAL?

Sorry, no. CareyLocal is only available to New Zealand Citizens and Permanent Residents.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE ALL OF THE CLASSES?

The ideal is that people gather in cohorts and learn together. However, the sessions will be recorded and available via CareyOnline for students to access later if you cannot make a class or two.

## HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT'S FEES FREE SCHEME WORK WITH CAREYLOCAL?

A student must use their fees free allowance if eligible. However, they would only utilise 0.125 of their 1.0 EFTS fees (i.e. 1/8th of their total entitlement). The balance of their fees free entitlement would still be available. We recommend participants go to <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/> for further information and to assess eligibility.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are various financial assistance grants available for CareyLocal students.

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