



School of Theology Program Catalog

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1 Certificate in Ministry

Credits	36 credits
Duration	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Up to 3 years

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

1.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Ability to interpret and apply Scripture to practical life situations.
- Knowledge of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Desire to participate in the ministry of the local church.

1.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission.
- Have obtained a GCE 'O' level certificate (at least five Ordinary level passes) or its equivalent.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

1.3 Curriculum

BIBLE	9
Old Testament Survey	3
New Testament Survey	3
Hermeneutics	3
THEOLOGY & HISTORY	9
Christian Doctrine	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3
Church History	3

MINISTRY & GENERAL	18
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research & Writing	3
Pastoral Ministries	3
Spiritual Formation & Christian Character	3
<i>Electives</i>	9
TOTAL CREDITS	36

1.4 Study Schedule

Year 1	
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation & Christian Character
Term 2	NT Survey Pentecostal Foundations Elective Ministry Elective Ministry
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Elective Ministry

The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.

2 Diploma in Theology

Credits	72 credits
Duration	Full-time: 2 years Part-time: Up to 6 years

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

2.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Ability to interpret and apply Scripture to practical life situations.
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others.
- Ability to communicate biblical truth with clarity and conviction.
- Desire to serve in the ministry of the local church.

2.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission.
- Have obtained a GCE 'O' level certificate (at least five Ordinary level passes) or its equivalent.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

2.3 Curriculum

BIBLE		21
Old Testament Survey		3
New Testament Survey		3
Hermeneutics		3
<i>Electives (Old Testament)</i>		6
<i>Electives (New Testament)</i>		6
THEOLOGY & HISTORY		21
Christian Doctrine		3
Theology 1		3
Theology 2		3
Theology 3		3
Pentecostal Foundations		3
Church History		3
Asian Church History & Missions		3

MINISTRY & GENERAL		30
Online Orientation		0
Theological Research & Writing		3
Pastoral Ministries		3
Spiritual Formation & Christian Character		3
Homiletics		3
Pastoral Counseling		3
Principles of Missions		3
<i>Electives</i>		12
TOTAL CREDITS		72

2.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation & Christian Character	Elective Bible Elective Bible Theology 1 Homiletics
Term 2	NT Survey Pentecostal Foundations Pastoral Counseling Elective Ministry	Elective Bible Theology 2 Principles of Missions Elective Ministry
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Elective Ministry	Elective Bible Asian Church History & Missions Theology 3 Elective Ministry

The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.

3 Bachelor of Theology

Credits	108 credits
Duration	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: Up to 9 years

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

3.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations.
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others.
- Ability to communicate biblical truth with clarity and conviction.
- Ability to reflect theologically on contemporary issues in the Christian community.
- Professional skill competencies in the ministries of the church.
- Desire to serve in the ministry of the local church.

3.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission.
- Have obtained a GCE 'A' level certificate (with passes in two 'A' level subjects and two 'AO' level subjects OR passes in at least two subjects at H2 level and the offering of either General Paper or Knowledge and Inquiry in the same sitting) or its equivalent.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

Students seeking to progress from the Diploma in Theology must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.3.

3.3 Curriculum

BIBLE		33
Old Testament Survey		3
New Testament Survey		3
Hermeneutics		3
<i>Electives (Old Testament)</i>		9
<i>Electives (New Testament)</i>		9
<i>Electives (OT / NT)</i>		6
THEOLOGY & HISTORY		33
Christian Doctrine		3
Theology 1		3
Theology 2		3
Theology 3		3
Christian Ethics		3
Apologetics		3
Pentecostal Foundations		3
Church History		3
Asian Church History & Missions		3
<i>Electives</i>		6

MINISTRY & GENERAL		42
Online Orientation		0
Theological Research & Writing		3
Pastoral Ministries		3
Spiritual Formation & Christian Character		3
Homiletics		3
Pastoral Counseling		3
Principles of Missions		3
Church Educational Ministries		3
Principles of Teaching		3
Biblical Worship		3
Principles of Leadership		3
<i>Electives</i>		12
TOTAL CREDITS		108

3.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation & Christian Character	Elective Bible Elective Bible Theology 1 Homiletics	Elective Bible Elective Bible Apologetics Elective Ministry
Term 2	NT Survey Pentecostal Foundations Pastoral Counseling Biblical Worship	Elective Bible Theology 2 Principles of Missions Principles of Teaching	Elective Bible Elective Theology Principles of Leadership Elective Ministry
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Elective Ministry	Elective Bible Asian Church History & Missions Theology 3 Church Educational Ministries	Elective Bible Christian Ethics Elective Theology Elective Ministry

The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.

4 Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies

Credits	30 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders
Duration	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Up to 3 years

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

There are 2 modes of study:

Onsite students will study their courses in face-to-face classes. They may also choose to take some online courses. A full-time student will study 3-4 courses a term whereas a part-time student will study 1-2 courses a term. Students can expect to spend a total of 7-8 hours of study time each week for each course.

Online students will study **all** their courses online. Students will adhere to a study track assigned by the school and complete 2 courses a term. Students can expect to spend a total of 7-8 hours of study time each week for each course.

4.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Love for the church and its mission in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- Desire to adequately fill their roles in church and its mission.
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations.

4.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Have obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

4.3 Curriculum

BIBLE	9
Old Testament Foundations	3
New Testament Foundations	3
Hermeneutics	3
THEOLOGY & HISTORY	12
Systematic Theology 1	3
Systematic Theology 2	3
Systematic Theology 3	3
Pentecostal Studies	3
MINISTRY & GENERAL	9
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research & Writing	3
<i>Ministry Electives</i>	6
TOTAL CREDITS	30

The electives currently available as online courses are

- Spiritual Formation and Christian Character
- Christian Discipleship

4.4 Study Schedule

Onsite		Online		
Year 1		Courses Offered		
Term 1	OT Foundations Systematic Theology 1 Ministry Elective	Term 1	Theological Research & Writing Hermeneutics Systematic Theology 3 Christian Discipleship	
	NT Foundations Systematic Theology 2 Pentecostal Studies		Term 2	Theological Research & Writing OT Foundations Systematic Theology 1 Spiritual Formation & Christian Character
	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology 3 Ministry Elective		Term 3	Theological Research & Writing NT Foundations Systematic Theology 2 Pentecostal Studies

Note

- The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.
- The School may change the schedule of classes offered at any time without prior notice.

5 Master of Arts in Ministry

Credits	30 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders	
	60 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders	
Duration	Full-time:	1 year (30 credits)
		2 years (60 credits)
	Part-time:	Up to 3 years (30 credits)
		Up to 6 years (60 credits)

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

5.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Discernment of the various trends in contemporary ministry.
- Capacity to reflect theologically on contemporary issues in the Christian community and make independently formed judgments.
- Love for the church and its mission in fulfilling the Great Commission.
- Desire to adequately fill their roles in church and its mission.
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others.
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations.
- Ability to communicate biblical truth with clarity and conviction.
- Professional skill competencies in the ministries of the church.

5.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Have obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

5.3 Curriculum

BIBLE	15	MINISTRY & GENERAL	27
Old Testament Foundations*	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Foundations*	3	Theological Research & Writing *	3
Hermeneutics*	3	Homiletics*	3
<i>Electives</i>	6	Principles of Teaching*	3
THEOLOGY & HISTORY	18	Pastoral Theology & Leadership	3
Systematic Theology 1*	3	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Systematic Theology 2*	3	<i>Electives</i>	12
Systematic Theology 3*	3	TOTAL CREDITS	60
Pentecostal Studies	3		
Church History*	3		
<i>Electives</i>	3		

Theological Bachelor degree holders are expected to have completed subjects marked with an * in their Bachelor degrees. Otherwise, these subjects may be required as deficiencies in the course of study.

5.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Foundations Systematic Theology 1	Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions Elective Ministry
Term 2	NT Foundations Systematic Theology 2 Elective Ministry	Elective Bible Elective Theology Pentecostal Studies Principles of Teaching
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology 3 Church History Pastoral Theology & Leadership	Elective Bible Elective Ministry Elective Ministry

Note

- The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.
- Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered. This mostly consists of the first-year courses.

6 Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

Credits	30 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders	
	60 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders	
Duration	Full-time:	1 year (30 credits)
		2 years (60 credits)
	Part-time:	Up to 3 years (30 credits)
		Up to 6 years (60 credits)

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

6.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine.
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission.
- Discernment of various trends in world missions and its implications for the local church and church growth.
- Capacity to reflect theologically on contemporary issues in the world missions and make independently formed judgments.
- Compassion for the lost and commitment to world-wide evangelism.
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others.
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations.
- Ability to communicate biblical truth with clarity and conviction.
- Skills in living, working and ministering cross-culturally.
- Professional skill competencies in missions work.

6.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Have obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

6.3 Curriculum

BIBLE	15	MINISTRY & GENERAL	27
Old Testament Foundations*	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Foundations*	3	Theological Research & Writing *	3
Hermeneutics*	3	Homiletics*	3
<i>Electives</i>	6	Principles of Missions*	3
THEOLOGY & HISTORY	18	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Systematic Theology 1*	3	Cultural Anthropology	3
Systematic Theology 2*	3	<i>Missions Electives</i>	12
Systematic Theology 3*	3	TOTAL CREDITS	60
Pentecostal Studies	3		
Church History*	3		
<i>Electives</i>	3		

Theological Bachelor degree holders are expected to have completed subjects marked with an * in their Bachelor degrees. Otherwise, these subjects may be required as deficiencies in the course of study.

6.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Foundations Systematic Theology 1	Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions Elective Missions
Term 2	NT Foundations Systematic Theology 2 Principles of Missions	Elective Bible Elective Theology Pentecostal Studies Elective Missions
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology 3 Church History Cultural Anthropology	Elective Bible Elective Missions Elective Missions

Note

- The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.
- Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered. This mostly consists of the first-year courses.

7 Master of Divinity

Credits	60 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders	
	99 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders	
Duration	Full-time:	2 years (60 credits)
		3 years (99 credits)
	Part-time:	Up to 6 years (60 credits)
		Up to 9 years (99 credits)

A 3-credit course is the equivalent to 100 hours of notional learning. This includes both contact time as well as self-study.

7.1 General Aims

Upon successful completion of the program, students should demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of Scripture and Christian doctrine
- Competence in Biblical Hebrew or Greek so as to interpret and communicate biblical truth
- Understanding of the nature of the church, its ministry and mission
- Discernment of the various trends in contemporary ministry
- Capacity to reflect theologically on contemporary issues in the Christian community and make independently formed judgments
- Love for the church and its mission in fulfilling the Great Commission
- Sanctified aspirations in professional ministry
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations
- Ability to communicate biblical truth with clarity and conviction
- Competence in working with biblical, theological, historical and sociological perspectives of ministry
- Professional skill competencies in the ministries of the church

7.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.
- Be recommended by his/her local church.
- Have obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

7.3 Curriculum

BIBLE	30	MINISTRY & GENERAL	42
Old Testament Foundations*	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Foundations*	3	Theological Research & Writing*	3
Hermeneutics*	3	Homiletics*	3
Hebrew 1 / Greek 1*	3	Principles of Teaching*	3
Hebrew 2 / Greek 2*	3	Pastoral Theology & Leadership	3
Hebrew 3 / Greek 3*	3	Discipling & Mentoring	3
Hebrew / Greek Exegesis	3	Church Educational Ministries	3
<i>Electives</i>	9	Pastoral Counseling	3
THEOLOGY & HISTORY	27	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Systematic Theology 1*	3	Cultural Anthropology	3
Systematic Theology 2*	3	<i>Electives</i>	15
Systematic Theology 3*	3	TOTAL CREDITS	99
Christian Ethics	3		
Pentecostal Studies	3		
Church History*	3		
Electives	9		

Theological Bachelor degree holders are expected to have completed subjects marked with an * in their Bachelor degrees. Otherwise, these subjects may be required as deficiencies in the course of study.

7.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Term 1	Theological Research & Writing OT Foundations Systematic Theology 1	Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions Hebrew 1 / Greek 1	Hebrew / Greek Exegesis Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective Ministry
Term 2	NT Foundations Systematic Theology 2 Pentecostal Studies Pastoral Counseling	Elective Bible Elective Theology Hebrew 2 / Greek 2 Principles of Teaching	Elective Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology 3 Pastoral Theology & Leadership Church History	Christian Ethics Hebrew 3 / Greek 3 Discipling & Mentoring Elective Ministry	Elective Bible Elective Ministry Cultural Anthropology Church Educational Ministries

Note

- The course Theological Research & Writing is offered in an online format. All students must start the program with this course.
- Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered. This mostly consists of the first-year courses.

8 Continuous Learning Program

The Continuous Learning Program provides an opportunity for students to audit courses offered at TCA College.

8.1 General Aims

- Provide a platform for gaining a sound foundation in Bible, Christian theology and Ministry skills
- Provide a learning environment where students are exposed to various Christian traditions

8.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Possess personal and spiritual maturity.
- Be willing to engage in Christian ministry.

8.3 Curriculum

- Students are permitted to take any course within the College that is available for audit.
- Students in CLP will not be permitted to take courses for credit.
- Students wanting to transfer from CLP to another program in TCA will be required to reapply for admission and meet all relevant admission requirements.

9 Sample Electives

- The list below provides some possible electives for SOTE programs. The list is meant to be representative and not exhaustive.
- Electives are available for selection as and when they are offered. The School does not offer all electives every year.
- Some of the electives below also function as core courses in certain programs. Students should refer to their program’s curriculum.

Bible	OT Theology	Life of Christ
	NT Theology	Acts
	Pentateuch	Romans
	Wisdom Literature	1 & 2 Corinthians
	Major Prophets	Letter to the Hebrews
	Minor Prophets	Pastoral Epistles
	The NT Use of the OT	Revelation
Theology	Apologetics	Pneumatology
	Christian Ethics	Asian Christian Thought
	Work, Vocation & Ministry	Historical Theology
Ministry	Spiritual Formation	Cultural Anthropology
	Discipling and Mentoring	Biblical Theology of Missions
	Growing a Healthy Church	Current Issues in Missiology
	Ministerial Ethics	Issues in Pastoral Counseling
	Understanding World Religions	Servant Leadership
	Biblical Worship	

10 Transfer of Credits

- Students seeking to transfer credits earned at another school are required to submit an official transcript to the Dean.
- Transferred courses having fewer credits than SOTE courses will be given the value at which they were taken. Transferred courses having more credits than SOTE courses will be given the value at which SOTE offers the course.
- Courses will be considered for transfer only if they are comparable to those in the SOTE program and provided they meet the required grade point average or equivalent.
- Transferred credits may not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total credits in an SOTE program.
- SOTE reserves the right to accept or reject work completed at another school.

11 Graduation Requirements

Students must fulfil the following requirements for graduation.

- Satisfactory completion of a program of study.
- Maintenance of the following minimum grade point average (GPA)
 - 2.0 for the Undergraduate Certificate and Diploma
 - 2.3 for the Bachelor
 - 2.5 for Graduate program
- Approval by the Deans Committee.
- Settlement of all financial obligations with the College.

Students seeking to progress from the Diploma to the Bachelor program must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.3.

12 Academic Policies

The academic policies of the College may be found in the Student Handbook. This can be found on the myTCA student portal.

13 Course Descriptions

The course description can be found in a separate SOTE Catalog for course descriptions. This can be found on the TCA website.

14 Guide to Course Codes

TCA College uses an 8-digit alphanumeric code for all its courses. Please use this legend to understand the course codes.

For example: **Old Testament Survey TESBO100**

T	C = School of Counseling L = School of Leadership T = School of Theology
E	E = English C = Chinese
S	S = Onsite course L = Online course
B	Area of study.
O	Bible BG / BO / BN Theology TG / TH Ministry MC / ME / MM / ML / MP / MW / MT
1	100 to 499 = Undergraduate courses
0	500 to 799 = Graduate courses
0	