



**School of Theology (English)**  
**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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

### 1.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>9</b>
Old Testament Survey	3
New Testament Survey	3
Hermeneutics	3
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>9</b>
Christian Doctrine	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3
Church History	3

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

### 1.4 Study Schedule

Year 1	
Term 1	Theological Research and Writing Old Testament Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation and Christian Character
	New Testament Survey Pentecostal Foundations Ministry Elective Ministry Elective
	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Ministry Elective

The course Theological Research and 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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

## 2.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>21</b>
Old Testament Survey	3
New Testament Survey	3
Hermeneutics	3
<i>Electives (Old Testament)</i>	6
<i>Electives (New Testament)</i>	6
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>21</b>
Christian Doctrine	3
Theology I	3
Theology II	3
Theology III	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3
Church History	3
Asian Church History and Missions	3

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

## 2.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Theological Research and Writing Old Testament Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	Bible Elective Bible Elective Theology I Homiletics
Term 2	New Testament Survey Pentecostal Foundations Pastoral Counseling Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Theology II Principles of Missions Ministry Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Asian Church History and Missions Theology III Ministry Elective

The course Theological Research and 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 or 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 6.0 (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

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>42</b>
Old Testament Survey	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Survey	3	Theological Research and Writing	3
Hermeneutics	3	Pastoral Ministries	3
<i>Bible Electives (Old Testament)</i>	9	Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	3
<i>Bible Electives (New Testament)</i>	9	Homiletics	3
<i>Bible Electives (Old Testament or New Testament)</i>	6	Pastoral Counseling	3
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>33</b>	Principles of Missions	3
Christian Doctrine	3	Church Educational Ministries	3
Theology I	3	Principles of Teaching	3
Theology II	3	Biblical Worship	3
Theology III	3	Principles of Leadership	3
Christian Ethics	3	<i>Ministry Electives</i>	12
Apologetics	3	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>108</b>
Pentecostal Foundations	3		
Church History	3		
Asian Church History and Missions	3		
<i>Theology Electives</i>	6		

### 3.4 Study Schedule

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Term 1	Theological Research and Writing Old Testament Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	Theology I Homiletics Bible Elective Bible Elective	Apologetics Bible Elective Bible Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Survey Pentecostal Foundations Pastoral Counseling Biblical Worship	Theology II Principles of Missions Principles of Teaching Bible Elective	Principles of Leadership Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Pastoral Ministries Ministry Elective	Theology III Asian Church History and Missions Church Educational Ministries Bible Elective	Christian Ethics Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective

The course Theological Research and 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 Online: 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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

### 4.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>9</b>
Old Testament Foundations	3
New Testament Foundations	3
Hermeneutics	3
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>12</b>
Systematic Theology I	3
Systematic Theology II	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Pentecostal Studies	3
<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>9</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing	3
<i>Ministry Electives</i>	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>30</b>

The electives currently available as online courses are

- Spiritual Formation and Christian Character
- Christian Discipleship
- Biblical Worship

## 4.4 Study Schedule

Onsite		Online			
Year 1		Courses Offered			
Term 1	Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective	Term 1	Theological Research and Writing Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Ministry Elective		
	Term 2		New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Pentecostal Studies	Term 2	Theological Research and Writing Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective
			Term 3		Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Ministry Elective

### Note

- The course Theological Research and 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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

## 5.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>27</b>
Old Testament Foundations*	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Foundations*	3	Theological Research and Writing*	3
Hermeneutics*	3	Homiletics*	3
<i>Bible Electives</i>	6	Principles of Teaching*	3
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>18</b>	Pastoral Theology and Leadership	3
Systematic Theology I*	3	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Systematic Theology II*	3	<i>Ministry Electives</i>	12
Systematic Theology III*	3	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>60</b>
Pentecostal Studies	3		
Church History*	3		
<i>Theology Elective</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 and Writing Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I	Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Ministry Elective	Pentecostal Studies Principles of Teaching Bible Elective Theology Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Church History Pastoral Theology and Leadership	Bible Elective Ministry Elective Ministry Elective

### Note

- The course Theological Research and 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.



## 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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

## 6.3 Curriculum

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

### Note

- The course Theological Research and 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.

## 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 or 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 6.0 (or the equivalent).

### 7.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>30</b>
Old Testament Foundations*	3
New Testament Foundations*	3
Hermeneutics*	3
Hebrew I or Greek I*	3
Hebrew II or Greek II*	3
Hebrew III or Greek III*	3
Hebrew or Greek Exegesis	3
<i>Bible Electives</i>	9
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>27</b>
Systematic Theology I*	3
Systematic Theology II*	3
Systematic Theology III*	3
Christian Ethics	3
Pentecostal Studies	3
Church History*	3
<i>Theology Electives</i>	9

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>42</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing*	3
Homiletics*	3
Principles of Teaching*	3
Pastoral Theology and Leadership	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Church Educational Ministries	3
Pastoral Counseling	3
Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Cultural Anthropology	3
<i>Ministry Electives</i>	15
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>99</b>

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 and Writing Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I	Hebrew I or Greek I Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions Bible Elective	Hebrew or Greek Exegesis Theology Elective Ministry Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Pentecostal Studies Pastoral Counseling	Hebrew II or Greek II Principles of Teaching Theology Elective Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Pastoral Theology and Leadership Church History	Hebrew III or Greek III Christian Ethics Christian Discipleship Cultural Anthropology	Church Educational Ministries Bible Elective Ministry Elective

### Note

- The course Theological Research and 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.

## 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	Old Testament Theology	Life of Christ
	New Testament Theology	Acts
	Pentateuch	Romans
	Wisdom Literature	1 & 2 Corinthians
	Major Prophets	Letter to the Hebrews
	Minor Prophets	Pastoral Epistles
	The New Testament Use of the Old Testament	Revelation
Theology	Apologetics	Pneumatology
	Christian Ethics	Asian Christian Thought
	Work, Vocation and Ministry	Historical Theology
Ministry	Spiritual Formation	Understanding World Religions
	Inner Healing and Wholeness	Cultural Anthropology
	Christian Discipleship	Biblical Theology of Missions
	Biblical Worship	Current Issues in Missiology
	Issues in Pastoral Counseling	Spiritual Warfare for the Asian Church
	Evangelism and Assimilation	
	Leadership in Intercultural Contexts	



## 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**

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