



**School of Theology (English)**

# **Program Catalog**

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## OVERVIEW

Programs offered by the School of Theology English (SOTE) provide a sound grounding in theology as well as practical ministry skills. Students are molded into critical thinkers, skillful practitioners, and insightful ministers to fulfil the missional mandate of the gospel.

### 1 Certificate in Ministry

The Certificate in Ministry (CM) program is designed for ministry leaders who do not hold university qualifications. It is also suitable for students who wish to develop a broad understanding of Scripture and Christian beliefs while learning to interpret and apply them to everyday life. By blending a firm biblical foundation with hands-on opportunities for practical ministry skills, the program aims to help you advance in your ministry journey and achieve the next milestone in personal spiritual growth.

Credits	36 credits
Period of Candidature	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

- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission with at least 10 years of formal schooling\*
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

\* Those without formal schooling can apply if they are at least 25 years old. They will take a qualifying assessment.

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>6</b>
Christian Doctrine	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>21</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Pastoral Ministries	3
Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	3
Ministry Electives	9
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>36</b>

### 1.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

<b>Term 1</b>	Old Testament Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation and Christian Character
<b>Term 2</b>	New Testament Survey Pentecostal Foundations Ministry Elective Ministry Elective
<b>Term 3</b>	Hermeneutics Christian Discipleship Pastoral Ministries Ministry Elective

## 2 Diploma in Theology

The Diploma in Theology (DipTh) is designed to help students experience greater personal spiritual growth and gain an in-depth understanding of the Bible and Christian beliefs. The integration of strong biblical knowledge with hands-on opportunities offered in the curriculum is intended to help you to develop a more nuanced set of theological and practical skills for effective Christian ministry. The program also caters to those who would like to progress from a previously acquired Certificate in Ministry, or its equivalent.

Credits	72 credits
Period of Candidature	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

- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission and obtained a GCE 'O' level certificate or its equivalent\*
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

\* Those without formal schooling can apply if they are at least 25 years old. They will take a qualifying assessment. Successful applicants will begin with the Certificate of Ministry courses and must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0

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
Bible Electives	12
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>18</b>
Christian Doctrine	3
Theology I	3
Theology II	3
Theology III	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3
Church History	3

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>33</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Homiletics	3
Pastoral Counseling	3
Pastoral Ministries	3
Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	3
Principles of Missions	3
Ministry Electives	12
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>72</b>

## 2.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

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

### 3 Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) is suitable for Christian leaders who prefer a more structured theological program. The course is specially designed with a balanced and integrated approach to help you gain relevant skills to interpret Scripture, think critically about the Christian faith, and grow in your ability in preaching, teaching and discipleship. Throughout the program, you will develop your spiritual life and leadership in terms of character formation, spiritual growth, and ethical living.

Credits	120 credits
Period of Candidature	Full-time: 3½ 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

- Be at least 18 years old on the date of admission and obtained a GCE 'A' level certificate or diploma certificate or its equivalent\*
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

\* Those without formal schooling can apply if they are at least 25 years old with at least 5 years of ministry experience. They will take a qualifying assessment. Successful applicants will begin with the Certificate of Ministry courses and must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.3

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 to the Bachelor of Theology must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.3.

### 3.3 Curriculum

<b>BIBLE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>51</b>
Old Testament Survey	3	Online Orientation	0
New Testament Survey	3	Theological Research and Writing	3
Hermeneutics	3	Biblical Worship	3
Bible Electives (Old Testament)	9	Christian Discipleship	3
Bible Electives (New Testament)	9	Curriculum Development for Christian Education (previously Church Educational Ministries)	3
Bible Electives (Old Testament or New Testament)	9	Homiletics	3
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>33</b>	Instructional Design (previously Principles of Teaching)	3
Christian Doctrine	3	Pastoral Counseling	3
Theology I	3	Pastoral Ministries	3
Theology II	3	Principles of Leadership	3
Theology III	3	Principles of Missions	3
Christian Ethics	3	Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	3
Apologetics	3	World Religions	3
Pentecostal Foundations	3	Ministry Electives	15
Church History	3	<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>120</b>
Theology Electives	9		



### 3.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Term 1	Old Testament Survey Christian Doctrine Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	Theology I Homiletics Bible Elective Bible Elective	Apologetics World Religions Bible Elective Theology Elective	Bible Elective Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Survey Pentecostal Foundations Ministry Elective Ministry Elective	Theology II Pastoral Counseling Bible Elective Ministry Elective	Principles of Leadership Instructional Design for Learning (previously Principles of Teaching) Bible Elective Theology Elective	
Term 3	Hermeneutics Christian Discipleship Pastoral Ministries Ministry Elective	Theology III Church History Principles of Missions Bible Elective	Biblical Worship Christian Ethics Curriculum Planning for Christian Education (previously Church Educational Ministries) Bible Elective	

## 4 Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (onsite/online)

The Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (GDSC) is a program for students who hold a bachelor's degree in disciplines other than theology. The course helps students develop a strong foundation for understanding the Bible and Christian doctrine, as well as apply theological knowledge to their everyday ministry.

Credits 30 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders

Period of Candidature 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. Full-time students will study 3-4 courses a term whereas part-time students will study 1-2 courses a term. They 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

- Obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5\*
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

\* Those obtained a GCE 'A' level certificate or diploma certificate can apply if they are at least 30 years old with at least 5 years of ministry experience. They will take a qualifying assessment. Successful applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the first 4 courses of the program.

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
Ministry Electives	6
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>30</b>

## 4.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

### Onsite Students

Term 1	Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Pentecostal Studies
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Ministry Elective

### Fully Online Students

Track for students starting the program in Term 1

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

Track for students starting the program in Term 2

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

Track for students starting the program in Term 3

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

Fully online students must adhere to their assigned track to pace their studies and aim to complete the program within the program duration.

The following ministry electives are sample online courses:

- Biblical Theology of Missions
- Biblical Worship
- Christian Discipleship
- Principles of Leadership
- Principles of Missions
- Spiritual Formation and Christian Character
- World Religions

## 5 Master of Arts in Christian Studies (online)

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) is designed to provide students with a foundation in biblical studies, church history, theology, and Christian ministry. The uniqueness of the program lies in the courses being conducted fully online without the need for the students to leave their home countries. Students are expected to reflect, synthesize, and integrate their biblical and theological knowledge, spiritual formation, and practical ministry in their own local contexts.

Credits	30 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders 60 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders
Period of Candidature	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.

As this is a fully online program, students will study all 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 8-9 hours of study time each week for each course.

### 5.1 Program 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
- Commitment to developing spiritual maturity in themselves and others
- Skill in the interpretation and application of Scripture to practical life situations
- Integration of Bible, Christian theology, and ministry praxis

### 5.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry

- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

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>18</b>
Old Testament Foundations*	3
New Testament Foundations*	3
Hermeneutics*	3
Bible Electives	9
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>18</b>
Systematic Theology I*	3
Systematic Theology II*	3
Systematic Theology III*	3
Pentecostal Studies*	3
Church History*	3
Theology Elective	3

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>24</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing*	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Principles of Leadership	3
Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	3
Ministry Electives	12
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>60</b>

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

### 5.4 Study Schedule

The School of Theology follows a trimester system with 3 terms in a year. Each term consists of 13 weeks. Students should check with the school for the exact dates for the school terms.

Term	Month
1	Jan – Mar
2	May – Jul
3	Sep – Nov

Students can be admitted into the program at the start of any school term.

Suggested track for students starting the program in Term 1

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Term 1	Theological Research and Writing Christian Discipleship	Systematic Theology III Hermeneutics	Church History Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	Old Testament Foundations Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Ministry Elective	
Term 3	New Testament Foundations Pentecostal Studies	Systematic Theology II Principles of Leadership	Bible Elective Theology Elective	

Suggested track for students starting the program in Term 2

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Term 1		Systematic Theology III Hermeneutics	Christian Discipleship Church History	Bible Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	Theological Research and Writing Old Testament Foundations	Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective	Bible Elective Ministry Elective	Spiritual Formation and Christian Character Ministry Elective
Term 3	New Testament Foundations Pentecostal Studies	Systematic Theology II Principles of Leadership	Bible Elective Theology Elective	



Suggested track for students starting the program in Term 3

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Term 1		Systematic Theology III Christian Discipleship	Hermeneutics Ministry Elective	Church History Ministry Elective
Term 2		Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I	Bible Elective Ministry Elective	Spiritual Formation and Christian Character Ministry Elective
Term 3	Theological Research and Writing Pentecostal Studies	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II	Principles of Leadership Bible Elective	Bible Elective Theology Elective

Fully online students must adhere to their assigned track to pace their studies and aim to complete the program within the program duration.

## 6 Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) offers graduates comprehensive and interdisciplinary exposure to biblical studies, Christian doctrine, and missions. The program aims to enrich you with a critical awareness of trends in world missions and help you to develop a firm grasp of the implications on the local church. The program also integrates field-based skills with conceptual knowledge to support effective cross-cultural communication and ministry in the mission field.

Credits	30 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders
	60 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders
Period of Candidature:	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

- Obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity

- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

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>
Old Testament Foundations*	3
New Testament Foundations*	3
Hermeneutics*	3
Bible Electives	6
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>18</b>
Systematic Theology I*	3
Systematic Theology II*	3
Systematic Theology III*	3
Pentecostal Studies	3
Church History*	3
Theology Elective	3

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>27</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing *	3
Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Cultural Anthropology	3
Homiletics*	3
Principles of Missions*	3
World Religions	3
Missions Electives	9
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>60</b>

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

### 6.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered.

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Old Testament Foundations Biblical Theology of Missions World Religions	Systematic Theology I Homiletics Missions Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Pentecostal Studies Missions Elective	Systematic Theology II Bible Elective Theology Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Church History Cultural Anthropology Principles of Missions	Systematic Theology III Bible Elective Missions Elective

## 7 Master of Arts in Ministry

The Master of Arts in Ministry (MAM) is designed to provide graduates a comprehensive understanding of Scripture, Christian doctrine, and practical ministry. It is most ideal for students who desire to develop critical and reflexive knowledge of contemporary issues concerning the church. The program's uniqueness lies in its solid emphasis on the practical aspects of ministry. As a student, you can expect to be enriched by the School's balanced approach to marrying the acquisition of knowledge of Scripture and practical ministry experiences, such as preaching, teaching and pastoral ministry.

Credits	30 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders
	60 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders
Period of Candidature	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.

### 7.1 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

### 7.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity

- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

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>15</b>
Old Testament Foundations*	3
New Testament Foundations*	3
Hermeneutics*	3
Bible Electives	6
<b>THEOLOGY AND HISTORY</b>	<b>18</b>
Systematic Theology I*	3
Systematic Theology II*	3
Systematic Theology III*	3
Pentecostal Studies	3
Church History*	3
Theology Elective	3

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>27</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing*	3
Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Homiletics*	3
Pastoral Theology and Leadership	3
Instructional Design for Learning (previously Principles of Teaching)*	3
Ministry Electives	9
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>60</b>

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

## 7.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered.

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1	Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective	Biblical Theology of Missions Homiletics Bible Elective Ministry Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Pentecostal Studies	Instructional Design (previously Principles of Teaching) Bible Elective Theology Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Ministry Elective	Christian Discipleship Church History Pastoral Theology and Leadership

## 8 Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) is intended for graduates who desire to attain a critical grasp of Scripture, grounding in biblical languages, and a comprehensive understanding of Christian doctrine. As a student, you can expect to learn and develop analytic and reflexive skills to discuss critical issues facing the church today. You will also refine your practical skills in ministry, including leadership, preaching, teaching, pastoral ministry, discipleship and missions. The program also provides you with opportunities to delve deeper into specific areas of interest.

Credits	60 credits for theological Bachelor degree holders
	90 credits for non-theological Bachelor degree holders
Period of Candidature	Full-time: 2 years (60 credits)
	3 years (90 credits)
	Part-time: Up to 6 years (60 credits)
	Up to 9 years (90 credits)

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

### 8.1 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



## 8.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

- Obtained a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Possess personal and spiritual maturity
- Be water baptized and involved in Christian ministry
- Recommended by his or her local church pastor

International applicants must have obtained a TOEFL score of 80 (IBT) / 550 (PBT) or an IELTS score of 6.0 (or the equivalent).

## 8.3 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
Bible Electives	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
Theology Electives	9

<b>MINISTRY AND GENERAL</b>	<b>33</b>
Online Orientation	0
Theological Research and Writing*	3
Biblical Theology of Missions	3
Christian Discipleship	3
Curriculum Development for Christian Education (previously Church Educational Ministries)	3
Homiletics*	3
Pastoral Counseling	3
Pastoral Theology and Leadership	3
Instructional Design (previously Principles of Teaching)*	3
Ministry Electives	9
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>90</b>

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

## 8.4 Study Schedule

All new students will begin their program with the course Theological Research and Writing which is offered as an online course.

Students can choose to study their courses online if they are offered.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Term 1	Old Testament Foundations Systematic Theology I Ministry Elective	Hebrew I or Greek I Homiletics Biblical Theology of Missions	Hebrew or Greek Exegesis Bible Elective Theology Elective
Term 2	New Testament Foundations Systematic Theology II Pentecostal Studies	Hebrew II or Greek II Instructional Design (previously Principles of Teaching) Theology Elective	Pastoral Counseling Bible Elective Theology Elective Ministry Elective
Term 3	Hermeneutics Systematic Theology III Ministry Elective	Hebrew III or Greek III Christian Discipleship Church History Pastoral Theology and Leadership	Christian Ethics Curriculum Development for Christian Education (previously Church Educational Ministries) Bible Elective

## 9 Continuous Learning Program

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

### 9.1 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

### 9.2 Admission Requirements

The applicant should fulfil the following requirements

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

### 9.3 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.

## 10 Academic Policies

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

## 11 Academic Advising

SOTE organizes an Academic Advising each term to advise students on the upcoming term schedule. Students should attend the session to ensure they correctly register for their courses in the upcoming term.

## 12 Academic Huddle

SOTE organizes an Academic Huddle each term to provide academic mentoring to all students. This is an opportunity to provide updates, organize informal talks and discussions, and create a platform for students to present their papers to the SOTE community for learning and engagement. For the student presentation, outstanding papers are chosen after the grading of the term papers in the previous term.

### 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 and myTCA student portal.

### 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>	

### 15 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 repeat the electives every year.
- Some of the electives below also function as core courses in certain programs. Students should refer to their program’s curriculum.

<b>Bible</b>	1 & 2 Corinthians Acts Letter to the Hebrews Life of Christ Major Prophets Minor Prophets New Testament Theology Old Testament Theology	Pastoral Epistles Pentateuch Prison Epistles Revelation Romans The New Testament Use of the Old Testament Wisdom Literature
<b>Theology</b>	Apologetics Asian Christian Thought Christian Ethics Historical Theology	Pneumatology Dreams, Spiritual Discernment, and the Church Science and Christian Theology Church e
<b>Ministry</b>	Biblical Theology of Missions Biblical Worship Christian Discipleship Cultural Anthropology Gospel and Culture Inner Healing and Wholeness	Leadership in Intercultural Contexts Pastoral Counseling Spiritual Formation and Christian Character World Religions

## 16 Grading Scheme

The grading scheme for each course is as follows:

Marks	Letter grade / GPA
96-100	A+ 4.00
93-95	A 4.00
90-92	A- 3.70
86-89	B+ 3.30
83-85	B 3.00
80-82	B- 2.70
76-79	C+ 2.30
73-75	C 2.00
70-72	C- 1.70

66-69	D+ 1.30
63-65	D 1.00
60-62	D- 0.70
<60	F 0.00

## 17 Learning Resources

### 17.1 Course Textbooks

Students will need to purchase the course textbooks on their own. They may wish to purchase physical copies at a local retail store or through an online bookstore. They may also purchase the textbooks in an e-book format. The School does not facilitate the purchase of textbooks. Some possible bookstores are shown below.

Online Bookstores	Types
Amazon	Hardcopy and e-book
Christianbook	Hardcopy and e-book
Book Depository	Hardcopy
Kobo	E-book
Google PlayBooks	E-book
LOGOS	Bible software and e-book
Accordance	Bible software and e-book

Bookstores in Singapore
SKS Books Warehouse
Cru Singapore Media Ministry

### 17.2 Library Resources

All students can make use of the online learning resources provided by TCA College. This includes an e-book collection and an electronic database with access to a substantial number of academic journals. In addition, students may wish to explore access to electronic resources at their local library. For example, the Singapore National Library has many electronic resources which are readily available to its members.

Students with access to the campus library at TCA College can make use of the resources there. Online students in other countries may wish to explore access to theological libraries in their country.

### 17.3 Electronic Document Delivery for Fully Online SOTE Students

- Fully online students may request for electronic delivery of scanned copies of book chapters and journal articles from the Library's print collection.
- Limit of one chapter per book or one article per journal issue per request is allowed.
- Requested documents must be for personal research or study only.
- The Library reserves the right to process one request per person per day, depending on staffing and overall request volume.
- Students are entitled with up to 10 successful requests per term for free. Succeeding successful requests will be charged S\$0.05/page plus S\$2.00 service fee.
- Requested document will be delivered electronically within 2-3 working days. There is no rush service or hard-copy delivery service available.
- Complete an online form or email the request to [library@tca.edu.sg](mailto:library@tca.edu.sg).

## 18 Graduation Requirements

Students must fulfil the following requirements for graduation.

- Satisfactory completion of a program of study by Term 3 for application of graduation in the following year.
- 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.

## 19 Progression of Studies

Students may apply for progression at the last term of their program. No administrative fee is required. Requests are subject to the approval of the School Dean. Upon approval, the change will be effective in the following term.

- Students seeking to progress from the Certificate of Ministry to Diploma in Theology program must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Students seeking to progress from the Diploma in Theology to the Bachelor of Theology program must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.3.
- Students seeking to progress from the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies to the graduate programs (MAM, MAIS, MACS, MDIV) must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.

## 20 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 40% of the total credits in an SOTE program.
- SOTE reserves the right to accept or reject work completed at another school.

## 21 Re-admission after expiration of program

- A student who desires to recommence his/studies after the expiration of the period of candidature of the previous program must seek re-admission to the program.
- Credits earned in the previous program are not valid after the expiration of the period of candidature of the program.

## 22 Information for Online Students

### 22.1 Learning Activities

Students taking online courses must be independent learners who are disciplined and proactive. Students are required to engage in a variety of learning activities every week. Some of these activities are described below.

**Self-study** Students will complete assigned readings from textbooks, journal articles, and other material. They may also watch some videos or listen to audio recordings.

**Worksheets** Worksheets are used to assess and reinforce material which a student has read. These worksheets are usually not timed, and students may refer to the readings to answer the questions.

**Forums** The course instructor will pose questions and students will have to post their responses in a forum. They are also required to comment and interact with forum posts made by their classmates.

**Journals** Journals may be used for students to critically reflect on their learning.

**Assignments** Students should devote time each week to research and work on their term papers and other assignments.



Learning activities should be completed and submitted before activity deadlines every week. Many of these activities are graded and they will contribute to the student's final mark.

Students can expect to spend 8-9 hours each week on these learning activities. They should plan their week in advance and schedule enough time for their studies. Each 3-credit course consists of 100 hours of learning spread over the entire term.

## 22.2 Methods of Assessment

A variety of assessments are utilized for the program. Some common assessments are term papers, worksheets, book and article reviews, forum discussions, blog posts and journals. There are no exams. Students should refer to the course syllabi for more details.

## 22.3 General Questions

**Q: What is the difference between an onsite course and an online course?**

A: The learning objectives of a course remains the same regardless of whether it is taught onsite or online. However, the mode of study will determine the way in which learning is facilitated.

**Q: I do not reside in Singapore. Can I take the program as a fully online student?**

A: Yes, the GDCS (online) and MACS (online) program are suitable for students who reside overseas.

**Q: I wish to take an online course. Will I have to come to campus?**

A: No, you do not need to come to campus for classes. You will have access to online resources through the College library. However, you may also wish to make use of the library for other resources.

**Q: Will the school help me purchase textbooks?**

A: Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks. You must acquire your textbooks before the start of the course.

**Q: Must I purchase the textbooks? Will I be able to borrow them from the library?**

A: Students must purchase all textbooks for their courses. Lessons closely follow the textbook content and readings will be assigned from them. Library copies are kept as course reserve and will not be available for loan.

**Q: Are the online classes simply watching a series of video lectures?**

A: No, the online classes are not driven by video lectures. You will be assigned material which you have to read and understand. You will then engage in learning

activities such as worksheets, forums, journals and wikis, and write a substantial research paper.

**Q: As an online student, how many courses am I permitted to study each term?**

A: An online student may take up 1 - 2 courses each term.

**Q: What ministry electives are available for online students?**

A: There are ministry electives offered each term. Students can check these electives in the term schedule. The course code of the ministry electives begins with "TELM" in the term schedule.

**Q: Can I take some onsite courses?**

A: Fully online students are required to adhere strictly to the study track. They are not permitted to take any onsite courses. If you want to study an onsite course, you can request to transfer to the onsite Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (GDCS) or Master of Ministry (MAM) program. A transfer fee is involved for the change of program. You should seek academic advice from the Dean before doing so.

**Q: Can the credits earned from the Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (GDCS) count toward a Master degree?**

A: Yes, all credits earned from the GDCS can be transferred to a Master degree under the School of Theology (English).

**Q: Can I transfer credits from another school into the MACS (online) program?**

A: The School will evaluate requests for credit-transfer on a case-by-case basis. In addition, only one-third of the program can consist of transferred credits.

**Q: What are the plans after MACS (online)?**

A: You can progress to the Master of Divinity program. This is an onsite program.

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