

Bible Institute of South Africa

DISTANCE LEARNING BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY PROSPECTUS

2021

“To know Christ and to make Him known”



TESTIMONIALS

I am currently enrolled in the BTh distance learning programme and have learnt so much about this awesome, amazing and loving God, whom we serve. I am amazed and stand in awe to see how God is at work and I now know that one of my primary purposes is to know him. Furthermore I am very excited and grateful to all the lecturers, students and staff at BISA and I pray that God will continue to bless you and meet you at the point of your need. **Gary Bowman**

I was a full-time student at BI for two and a half years but am now completing my studies via distance learning. My reason for studying is to deepen my relationship with Jesus and provide a foundation for the rest of my life.

Studying at B.I. is such a joy as there is so much to learn and so many wonderful people you meet along the way. Especially on campus, it is great to interact with people of all different cultures and build relationships that will last way after you graduate. **Hannah Phillips**

I love learning and digging into the Word of God, and BI has enhanced this. I am gaining more and more knowledge being to apply to life and ministry and I am enabled to better handle the Word of Truth. Although I study long distance, at BI I feel as if I am personally looked after and cared for. God is so good to me and it's amazing how He is using Beacon Baptist and BI in equipping me to present myself as an approved worker correctly handling the Word of Truth (2 Timothy 2:15). May God be praised and glorified, may His Name be known to the ends of the earth! **Nathan Leppert**

The BISA Distance Learning Program (DLP) was especially suited to accommodate my busy schedule. The course sets a high academic standard, but is well balanced and geared to also motivate spiritual growth in Christian maturity. The lecturers and markers were all godly men, who I found very approachable and helpful. I experienced the missional and doctrinal position of BISA as solidly and refreshingly grounded in Scripture. The administration and staff were always prompt and friendly, and the cost was very affordable to me.

Today I am the pastor of Bergbron Baptiste Kerk. My studies via the BISA DLP equipped me to deal, both theologically and pastorally, with the demands of church life. I would sincerely recommend the DLP course to all who feel led to full-time ministry, as well as to those who merely want to grow in their knowledge and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ds Franz Greffrath 2012 - 2015**

BI's core statement is "To know Christ and make Him known" and in my experience BI are able to direct students to that core statement/ belief. Not only are you able to grow in knowledge of Christ through the academic studies, but there is also a practical element to many of the assignments where you are challenged to understand how you can "live out" what you know and are learning about Christ and His love and grace in a very real and authentic way.

My time at BI was definitely directed by the Lord and I am so grateful that I got to finish my studies through BI, to continue to fuel my passion for God's Word, to continue to deepen the foundation of growing in Christ and, to know Christ in a very personal and real way, and hopefully be able to share Him with others in my daily life. **Chantelle Fletcher 2011 - 2016**

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Letter from the Principal

Welcome to the Bible Institute of South Africa!

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the Bible Institute of South Africa (BISA). BISA has been training men and women for vocational and lay ministry in churches throughout Africa and beyond for more than 90 years. From its humble beginnings in 1923 when all students studied on campus to its current expression with students literally around the globe, the Lord has shown himself to be faithful to his Word and to those who have studied that Word at the Bible Institute. You are joining that long tradition.



We view the Bible as God's Word. The Bible is the at heart of our teaching. All BISA training programmes are God-centered, Christ-exalting, Holy Spirit empowered, and Bible saturated. We are committed to providing you with the best possible atmosphere and training so that you will be well equipped to fulfill God's call upon your life.

The purpose of BISA can be summed up in our school motto: *To Know Christ and to Make Him Known*. You will be learning much about the person and work of Jesus during studies, but *knowing* Jesus is about much more than simply knowing facts and details about him. It is a deeply relational situation by which you abide in his presence and make the sacrifices that are necessary for any truly important relationship.

Most of our DLP students choose the distance or online option because they cannot move their family and leave work and ministry to study for three years full time. In choosing to study through the DLP you have already shown a willingness to take responsibility for your education. This is good because you will find the distance learning process to be challenging. However, we also expect that you will find it to be rewarding and convenient as well.

We pray that God would use our training to enlighten the heart, renew the mind, and equip for godly service. We hope that you are encouraged to know that BISA faculty prays for you every Friday of the week during the Academic Year.

Welcome to the Bible Institute's Distance Learning Programme. We look forward to working with you!

Dr Daniel Simango

Principal – Bible Institute of South Africa

REGISTERED NAME OF INSTITUTION

The Bible Institute of South Africa NPC

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HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

In the early part of the last century, theological education in South Africa was only available in the universities. In the 1920's, three evangelical ministers were concerned with the loose commitment to the gospel in the theological departments of the day. With this in mind, they wished to endow a theological professorship at one of the South African universities. However, because of the prevailing liberal theological influence, their wish was frustrated. Undaunted, they determined to establish a college where the evangelical doctrines of the Word of God would be taught.

Consequently, in 1923, they founded the Bible Institute of South Africa at Mowbray in the Cape Peninsula. Their intention was to create academic training of a high quality in order to provide the Church in South Africa with men and women equipped to meet the challenges of the time.

Throughout its history, the Institute has always been interdenominational. It has trained or contributed towards the training of evangelical ministers for most of the South African denominations e.g. the Assemblies of God, the Baptists, the Brethren, CESA (now REACH SA), and the Church of the Province of South Africa, the Dutch Reformed Church, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Congregational Church and other African Churches. Missionaries, too, have gone out to serve on foreign fields in most of the well-known missionary societies.

Immediately prior to World War II the Institute moved to Kalk Bay, where from small beginnings it has developed into the present extensive campus. Its programmes enjoy local and international academic recognition at the degree level. The original intention of the founders has therefore been fulfilled.

MISSION

Who we are

We are a non-denominational, international, theological college committed to the evangelical faith of our confessing protestant reformational heritage.

What we do

We equip Christian men and women in Biblical truth and ministry in order to fulfil the Great Commission in Africa and throughout the world.

Who we serve

We serve the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

- We serve the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping Christian men and women in biblical truth and ministry expertise.
- We hold to the inspiration, inerrant and full authority of the Bible.
- We emphasise the importance of having a passion for the Kingdom of God, and exemplary Christian character.
- We are committed to the development of personal spirituality and practical skills for faithful effective ministry.
- We seek to pursue excellence in all aspects of life, in the college and in the community to the glory of God.

OUR PROVISION

We offer training for Christian men and women that is:

- Academically and practically integrated.
- Accessible to existing and potential Christian leaders.
- Appropriate for the students we serve.
- Accredited by the Educational Authorities and recognised by the Church.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and revelation of God. We therefore accept the trustworthiness of its historical records, the authority of its teachings, and the truth of all Christ's utterances contained in it.

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is therefore true God and true man.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, voluntarily bearing our guilt and suffering as our substitute; and all those who believe in Him are now justified by His blood, and shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

We believe in His corporeal resurrection and ascension into Heaven, and His present life there as our Priest and Advocate.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and in consequence of "the fall" all human beings are born with a sinful nature.

We believe therefore in the universality and heinousness of sin, and in the necessity of being saved by grace, and that sonship with God is attained only by regeneration through the Holy Spirit, and faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the personality and the godhead of the Holy Spirit who came down upon earth on the day of Pentecost, and in His offices to convict the world in respect of sin and of righteousness and of judgement, and to indwell believers as their Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter.

We believe in the Great Commission which our Lord has given to His Church to evangelise the world, and that this evangelisation is the great mission of the Church.

We believe in "that blessed hope", the personal return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the judgment of the living and of the dead; the everlasting blessedness of the saved; and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Since the Bible is God's trustworthy and authoritative Word, it is always at the centre of our curriculum and training.

Our method of study and teaching employs the historic Protestant and Reformational hermeneutic in the interpretation of the Bible.

Our concern is more than just to impart knowledge; it is to take that knowledge and use it in the development of the skills and character that our students will need to be effective in their lives and ministries. Our goal is to help each student develop a Judeo-Christian world-and-life view.

We strive to help each student to think creatively and critically about the various issues they will face in their context of ministry, and to do so in a way that is biblical and preserves the bonds of peace and fellowship in our multi-denominational, multi-cultural and international Christian community.

As a community we seek to model Christian faith, love, fellowship, witness, team-work and submission to the Lordship of Christ in every area of our lives, with a desire to glorify God in our teaching, learning and service.

We seek to enlist a teaching faculty who are evangelical in their theology, who model the truths they teach, who are skilled as educators and employ a variety of educational methods that encourage the abovementioned values.

We recognize our necessary dependence on God's grace and the enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit in all our labours and consequently value the role of prayer in all our activities.

LEGAL STATUS

The Bible Institute of South Africa (BISA) is registered as a Section 21 company (Reg. no. 2004/011004/08) and a PBO (930007962).

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The **Bachelor of Theology** (distance mode) is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training until 31 December 2022 as a private higher education institution under the Act. Registration certificate No. 2018/HE08/002.

LIST OF ALL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

The College has no formal partnership agreements with other institutions of higher education at present.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Names	Portfolio
Mr Shaun Courtney (Chairman)	Chairman
Mr Sydney Europa	Secretary
Mr Geoff Jacobs	Human Resource
Mr Martin Drysdale	Spiritual matters
Rev Hilmar von Fintel	Spiritual matters
Dr Christopher Warton	No Portfolio
Mr Paul Theodosiou	Property Developer
Dr Daniel Simango	Principal/ CEO

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Name	Position
Dr. Daniel Simango	Principal/ CEO
Rev Gideon Beukes	Vice Principal & Dean of Students
Dr Daniel Simango	Academic Dean
Miss Lorna Bucklow	Registrar / Administrator (Finance)

ACADEMIC STAFF

Full-time Faculty	Subjects
Gideon Beukes BA, BTh, MTh, MA (Miss)	New Testament, NT Greek, History of Christianity, Muslim Evangelism
Miss. Lorna Bucklow LTh, BA (Hons)	Academic Literacy, Computer Literacy, Women's Ministries
Daniel Simango BA, LTh, BA (Hons), MA (OT), PhD	Old Testament, Hebrew
Peter Smuts BA, LLB, DipTh, MAR, PhD	New Testament, Hermeneutics, NT Greek, Biblical Theology
Part-time Faculty	Subjects
Christo April BTh, BA (Hons)	Systematic Theology
Tim Galage MDiv, ThM	New Testament
Matthew Haynes AAS, BS, MDiv, MTh, PHd	Old Testament, Hebrew
James B. Krohn MA, DTh	Systematic Theology
Jacob Igba Dip LLB, LTh, BA (Hons), MA, PhD	Church & Transformation
Neil Henry Dip Ed, BA Hons, MTh	Practical Theology

Corne Blaauw LTh, BA (Hons), MTh, PhD Candidate	Systematic Theology
Brian Marimira LTh, BTh, BA (Hons)	Ethics
Sizwe Maseti LTh, BA Hons, MTh	Old Testament, World Religions
Chris Warton BSc, MSc	Ethics
Karl Peterson MDiv, DMin	Missions, Ethics, Church & Transformation

DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

Name	Position
Mr Louis Barry	Educational Technologist
Miss Cynthia Human	Administrative Officer
Miss Hannah Phillips	Librarian

ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT BISA

BISA offers a high academic standard together with a faculty and staff committed to serving the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ by sending out students who love serving and growing in the knowledge of our Lord. How will BISA accomplish this?

- By offering students the “world’s fastest- growing learning management platform”, Canvas (BISA Online). This powerful online tool will ensure a smooth, convenient and accessible mode of study.
- A challenging curriculum designed in such a way to give students a solid biblical foundation to equip them for ministry and service to the Church.
- A team of lecturers dedicated to sharing their academic knowledge and their love for the Lord and ensuring the personal spirituality of each student.
- Included in our curriculum is a practical component giving students the tools needed for ministry.
- Graduate with a fully-accredited qualification that is recognised world-wide.

BISA ONLINE

BISA Online offers the latest in online learning technology. Powered by Canvas by Instructure it offers students a digital learning environment that is easy to navigate and highly interactive. Students will be given access to their courses, readings, discussions, lectures, videos, be able to chat with class mates and lecturers and take quizzes online. BISA Online also helps students keep track of their assignments and quizzes through a helpful planner and notifications.

Students will also be able to access their transcripts and financial statements and monitor their progress online.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Distance Learning is not easy and for this reason BISA offers their students support for the duration of their studies. Not only do we consider their academic needs but also their spiritual needs, so students are encouraged to contact BISA should the need arise.

General Help

Students needing assistance with anything administrative or finance related or they are not sure who to contact with other queries please email Cynthia Human at the following email: distance@bisa.org.za

BISA Online

Louis Barry is the Educational Technologist and will be able to assist with any technical questions related to BISA Online. Please contact Louis at the following email: lbarry@bisa.org.za

Library

For any questions related to our library or accessing EBSCOhost please contact Hannah Phillips at the following email address: librarian@bisa.org.za

BISA LIBRARY AND ONLINE RESOURCES

The Bible Institute of South Africa has a well stocked library consisting of over 26,000 book titles. New titles are added on an ongoing basis. Our OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) provides access to the collection which is catalogued in MARC format, with Library of Congress Subject Headings and classified according to DDC (Dewey Decimal Classification). M5 (BISA's online OPAC) is available for download to various electronic devices (e.g. iPads).

Students have access via EBSCOhost to ATLA (American Theological Library Association) periodical index/collection which consists of 320 Journal Titles which are readable online and are also available for download. The EBSCOhost package also includes the eBooks Religion database and EBSCOhost eBook collection. A wealth of high quality academic literature is thus made available to Faculty, students and researchers.

Globethics Library and GlobeTheolib (based in Geneva, Switzerland), by agreement, allow BISA Faculty and students access to their online library which consists of 2,000,000 electronic records (books and journals). Articles are available for download and a number of eBooks can be read online.

The directory of Open Access Journals (11,000 electronic journals, mostly peer-reviewed), along with JSTOR, provide added avenues for academic research.

The Bible Institute also has its own index of 53 Journal titles, with 23,400 articles indexed. Hard copies of these journals are available in the library.

The Logos Remote Research Library is an extensive library of theological resources. It has high quality commentaries, journal articles, books and more to help you complete your research papers and assignments and includes the following:

- The Lexham Press Remote Research Collection contains 335 resources. This includes commentaries, Bible dictionaries and encyclopaedia's and many more excellent resources.
- Students will have access to over 950 journals and articles from the Galaxie's Journal Library.
- The Classic Scholarship Collection includes more than twelve hundred works from the most trusted Christian authors and teachers of all time.
- The International Critical Commentary (ICC), published by T&T Clark International has 62 volumes and brings together all the relevant aids to exegesis: linguistic and textual, archaeological, historical, literary, and theological, with a comprehensiveness and quality of scholarship unmatched by any other series.
- The Logos video education library offers access to a full catalogue of video lectures.

LANGUAGE POLICY AND PROFICIENCY

The primary teaching and learning mode at BISA in the English language. It is therefore necessary for prospective students to be proficient in English - reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The college reserves the right to require a language examination of its choice as a prerequisite to admission. Students who do not meet the minimum English proficiency requirements for entrance into the BTh will be required to take English classes. In some cases however, students are advised to enrol for a recognised English language course as offered by various institutions.

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

The main mode of instruction is through BISA Online (Canvas Instructure), the online learning management system. Instruction includes video lectures, online discussions, group work presentations, multi-media presentations, interviews and written assignments.

Experiential learning strategies include quantitative research, self-directed ministry projects and focus groups.

Our students are also trained and prepared for Christian ministry through a dynamic interaction with people, field work or Practical Training Assignments.

PRACTICAL TRAINING ASSIGNMENT (PTA)

Each student is required to do two official practical training assignments in a local church or Christian ministry during their course of study. **Successful fulfilment of the practical training assignment is a prerequisite for graduation.**

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

In addition to the academic qualifications for the intended programme of study, applicants are assessed before entry to establish that they are Christians who are maturing spiritually in their personal walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. They should be in good standing with their local church, and in a reasonable state of health.

Minimum Entrance Requirements

The minimum requirement for entry into the BTh programme is Matriculation Exemption (or five "O" levels and two "A" levels). Special conditions may apply to applicants who are over 23 years of age who do not meet these requirements. Matriculation Exemption is not a pre-requisite for students over 45 years of age.

The Bible Institute must, at all times, defer to the Matriculation Board (HESA) in Pretoria, as the final authority when it comes to decisions relating to the granting of university entrance status to an applicant

The Registrar may be contacted to discuss eligibility before submitting an application lcbucklow@bisa.org.za

Application Dates

The closing date for applications is 30 September and 30 March each year for the first and second semesters respectively. Late applications will, in consultation with the applicant, be reviewed for entrance to the following semester's intake. A late application fee is payable in these circumstances.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Bible Institute does not discriminate on the grounds of race, colour, nationality or ethnic origin, gender, disability or age.

REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

Registration

Once the application to study at BISA has been approved and accepted, the student will register for courses. This takes place on registration day.

Late Registration

Late registrations are only acceptable within the first two weeks of the semester at the Registrar's Office. A service charge is added to the student's account for late registration.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The granting of credits is at the **sole discretion of The Bible Institute of South Africa (BISA)**. Details on how to apply for credits from BISA can be obtained from the Registrar of the Bible Institute of South Africa.

FEES FOR 2020

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA FEE SCHEDULE 2021	
Application Fee	R400.00
BTh per credit hour	R1200.00
Transcript reprint	R150.00
Exam re-writes	R220.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

Tuition Fee: Students may pay their tuition fees in terms of one of the approved payment plans.
Administration and Registration Fees are non-refundable

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Interest is payable on overdue accounts.

REFUND OF FEES

Administration and registration fees are non-refundable for all registered students. Students may apply to the Administrator for a refund of **tuition** fees for courses from which the student has withdrawn.

- a. **No fees will be refunded after the end of the second week of the semester**
- b. 100% course refund applies if withdrawal notice is given **prior** to the first day of the semester

- c. 75% course refund applies if withdrawal notice is given **before** the second week of the semester
- d. 50% course refund applies if withdrawal notice is given **before** the third week of the semester

GRADUATION

BISA hold their graduation ceremony annually in November. This event is the culmination of the students hard work and perseverance and family and friends are invited to join in celebrating this very special event. Each year a speaker is chosen from our Faculty or Christain Community to encourage our graduands who will be going out into the world to serve the Church in various capacities. For many of the students studying has come at a great cost and on this evening we celebrate their accomplishments.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I qualify for the Bachelor in Theology (BTh)?

Prospective students will need to have passed Grade 12 with an exemption / Bachelor's Pass or they will need to be 45 years or older to qualify for a mature age exemption. BISA is only able to accept a certain percentage of Mature Age exemptions.

Certain conditions may apply to those over 23 years of age and who matriculated under the old HG/SG system (prospective students must have passed 2 HG subjects, one of which must be a language, and 3 SG subjects in order to enter a degree programme).

Prospective students who have a foreign school leaving certificate will be required to have it assessed by SAQA. Please contact SAQA on 0860 111 673 or email customercare@saqa.org.za

How do I apply?

Prospective students will need to complete their application forms together with the required documentation as stipulated in the covering letter. Prospective students will need to be in good standing with their church and be actively involved in their church or a para-church organisation. Students are required to pay an application fee when they submit their application; this fee is non-refundable.

How do I write exams?

Students who live in Cape Town and who are able to write at the college can do so. Students who are unable to write at the college will need to choose an invigilator; it would need to be someone from their church (preferably pastor, youth pastor, church secretary). This person will invigilate on our behalf. The exam will be emailed directly to this person who will invigilate and then send the exam back to us. Exams are usually written in the first week of June at the end of the 1st semester and the first week of November at the end of the 2nd semester. DLP students are required to write their exams during these exam weeks.

How long will it take DLP students to complete the BTh?

Residential students complete the degree over a period of three years full-time, while DLP Students can do it over a longer period of time. DLP students can decide how many courses they can manage in a semester and we advise students to begin with one or two courses to see how they can best manage their workload. Depending on the pace of the student it may take between six to eight years, although this is merely a guideline.

Do I need to buy text books?

Students will need to buy text books for some of the courses. Many of these books will be used for more than one course over their course of study. BISA will try to provide students with readers and scans of books where copyright is not violated. Students will also have access to EBSCO Host which

has resources which are available online. It is important that students set aside and budget for required reading.

Do I need to attend any courses at the college?

DLP students are not required to attend any courses at the college. If they are able to and would like to we do offer an evening class on a Monday night from 19:00 to 20:45. The courses vary each semester. If you would like further information on these please contact the college. Students will pay the residential fees for an evening class.

How many hours do I need to set aside each week for my studies?

If you are taking a 2 credit course you will need to spend at least 6 hours per week, 3 credits 9 hours per week and 4 credits 12 hours per week. This is a guideline and the actual time spent will depend on the individual student.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION AND AIM

The aim of the BTh programme is to provide the education and training needed to equip Christian men and women for a teaching and preaching ministry of the Word of God in the local church in order to fulfil the Great Commission in Africa and throughout the world. The qualification provides the opportunity to integrate knowledge of the Christian faith with essential skills to minister and lead Christian communities.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Bachelor of Theology should be able to take a pastoral leadership role in a Christian church, community or organization, undertake a regular preaching or teaching responsibility, and train people for various ministries inside and outside the church.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

National Senior Certificate or equivalent with a minimum of 60% in English language (HG first language) and coupled with an achievement rating of 4 or better in four subjects from the designated subjects list. (Per Government Gazette No. 751, 11 July 2008). Admission through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is permitted. See our RPL policy for more details.

DURATION OF STUDY

Three years, full-time. Six years, part-time.

Distance learning students can complete the BTh over a longer period of time, a maximum of between six to eight years.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS / ARTICULATION

A minimum of 360 credits with passes in all modules as prescribed by the BISA Faculty. See the *Student Handbook* and individual study guides for module pass requirements. BISA BTh graduates with an overall average of 65% or more may apply for the Bachelor of Theology Honours degree.

ASSESSMENT

The aim of assessment is to determine whether the outcomes, as specified in the study guides, have been achieved. A variety of assessment methods are used, both formative (i.e. on-going) - tests, assignments, class participation and summative (normally examinations). The exact method of assessment for each module is specified in the Module Syllabus available at the commencement of each module.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Students commence at National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 5 and exit at NQF level 7. Each NQF level builds on what has gone before. As per the table below, a credit is nominally equivalent to 10 hours of work.

A student is required to complete the following modules to qualify for the BTh degree.

Bachelor of Theology Curriculum			
Year 1 (NQF Level 5) Semester I	Credits	Year 1 (NQF Level 5) Semester II	Credits
LRE113 – Academic English	12	CH1123 – Early & Medieval Church History	12
MSM113 – Mission, Evangelism & Discipleship	12	MTH122 – Homilectics I	8
MTE114 - Christian Education	16	NTE124 – NT Studies 1: Synoptic Gospels	16
THH112 –Hermeneutics	8	OTE123 – OT Studies 1: Pentateuch	12
THE112 – Theology 1: Scripture	8	THE123 – Theological Ethics I	12
Total NQF Credits Offered:	56	Total NQF Credits Offered:	60
Year 2 (NQF Level 6) Semester I	Credits	Year 2 (NQF Level 6) Semester II	Credits
MTH212 – Homilectics 2	8	CH1223 – Reformation & Modern Ch. History	12
NTE214 – NT Studies: General Epistles & Acts	16	MSM233 – World Religions	12
NTG213 – Introduction to Biblical Greek A	12	MSM313 – Church & Social Transformation	12
OTE213 – OT Studies 2: Historical Books	12	MTC222 – Biblical Counselling	8
THS213 – Theology 2: The Trinity I	12	OTE223 – OT Studies 3: Wisdom Books	12
Total NQF Credits Offered:	60	THS223 – Theology 3: The Trinity 2	12
		Total NQF Credits Offered:	68

Year 3(NQF Level 6) Semester I	Credits	Year 3 (NQF Level 6) Semester II	Credits
MTI311A – Philosophy of Ministry I	4	MTI321A Philosophy of Ministry 2	4
OTE314 – OT Studies 4: Prophetic Books	16	MTP323 Pastoral Ministries	12
OTH223 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew A	12	NTE324 NT Studies 4: Pauline Epistles & Romans	16
THS313 –Theology 4: Man, Sin & Salvation	12	THE323 Theological Ethics 2	12
NTE314-NT Studies: John’s Writings & Revelation	16	THS323 Theology 5: Ecclesiology & Eschatology	12
Total NQF Credits Offered:	60	Total NQF Credits Offered:	56

Total NQF Credits Offered: 360

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND OUTCOMES

MTP323-PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Course Description

This course will investigate corporate worship in the context of the local church. It will consider competing models of worship, how worship has been conducted throughout the history of Christendom, and related matters.

Students will also participate in one of the following options:

The Women in Ministry option will explore the theological and practical aspects of women’s ministries in the home, church, and community such as gender equality and male headship, the feminist agenda, biblical foundations for women’s ministries in the church, how to lead a Bible study, and marriage and singleness, especially in the African context.

The Pastoral Ministry option covers the practical issues related to Christian ministry, and especially to the Pastorate. The subjects that are covered include the pastor’s call and qualifications, character, spiritual life and devotional habits, leadership, peacemaking, and the various ministerial duties.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display profound and systematic knowledge of the biblical basis of corporate worship.
2. Display profound and systematic knowledge of the proper elements of biblical worship, and distinguish between biblical commands and principles, church traditions, and one’s own preferences.
3. Display profound and systematic knowledge of women’s ministry from a Biblical perspective.
4. Display profound and systematic knowledge of the nature of the call to pastoral ministry and describe the various duties involved in the ministry of the pastor. Conduct a Bible study and engage women in one-to-one discipleship.
5. Critically analyse and address the personal challenges of pastoral ministry, with special reference to the character of a pastor.

6. Critically analyse the different styles of worship and their respective strengths and weaknesses within the African context; be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the different styles of worship in the African context.
7. Critically analyse the ministry opportunities unique to women in the church and home. Formulate a theological framework for addressing different pastoral issues in the African context.
8. Provide critical insight and biblical wisdom into issues currently facing women today in the African context.

NTE124-NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 1:SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Synoptic Gospels and their message in the historical, cultural, and religious contexts of the first century. This course will address the various issues involved in the interpretation of these Gospels. It will provide an overview of the ministry and teaching of Jesus, and the purpose and theology of each of the Synoptic Gospels. There will be a particular focus on Mark's Gospel in this course.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 16 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the major issues surrounding the interpretation of the Gospels today.
2. Display basic knowledge and understanding of the historical events, geography, religious, cultural and social contexts that impact on the interpretation of the Gospels.
3. Describe the basic principles and methods of interpreting the Synoptic Gospels.
4. Describe the role of the Gospels in the flow of redemptive history.
5. Explain the message, purpose, theology, and distinctives of each Synoptic Gospel.
6. Outline the life and ministry of Christ in the Synoptic Gospels.
7. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from the Synoptic Gospels.

NTE214-NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 2: GENERAL EPISTLES & ACTS

Course Description

This course surveys the epistles Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude. It also includes an introduction and overview of the Book of Acts, considering such questions as the historicity of the book, whether the experiences of the early church are relevant for the church today, and the book's relationship to the Pauline Epistles. The aim of the course is to give the student an accurate understanding of the primary message of each of these NT books in the framework of their historical, cultural, and religious context, with a view to applying the truths of these writings in our modern context.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 16 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of how each book fits into God's redemptive history.
2. Display in-depth knowledge of the major issues surrounding the interpretation of these books today.
3. Display in-depth knowledge and extensive understanding of the books of Acts, Hebrews, James, 1&2Peter, and Jude.
4. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from the biblical books covered in this course.

NTG213 - INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL GREEK A

Course Description

This course introduces the Greek alphabet, vocabulary, and grammar in a systematic way using relevant examples from the New Testament. The goal of this course is for the student to learn Greek grammar, including the basic Greek noun and verb paradigms. This course introduces the skills for reading and translating the Greek New Testament and provides the basis for developing exegetical competence.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of Greek passages and paragraphs, including understanding of key terms, rules, concepts, principles, and theories with regard to morphology and syntax, as well as grammatical interpretation and translation skills to indicate a mastery of grammar and vocabulary at a basic level.
2. Display in-depth knowledge and extensive understanding of the basic principles of the semantics of New Testament Greek, and apply this ability in the definition of the meaning of a word used in a specific context in the Greek New Testament, with valid and intelligent use of such tools as grammars and lexicons.

NTE324-NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES 4: PAULINE EPISTLES & ROMANS

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the letters in the New Testament written by the Apostle Paul and their message in the historical, cultural, and religious context of the first century. The aim of the course is to give the student an accurate understanding of the primary message of each of these epistles, with special focus on the book of Romans, in the framework of their original setting, with a view to preaching or teaching their truths in our modern context.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 16 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of the reasons for and the purpose and structure of each of the thirteen Pauline epistles of the New Testament.
2. Display profound and systematic knowledge of the contents of these New Testament books.
3. Critically analyse and explain the major issues surrounding the interpretation of these books today.
4. Display coherent and critical understanding of the significance of the revelation in the Pauline epistles, within the context of the New Testament canon and redemptive history.
5. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from the biblical books covered in this course

OTE123 - OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES 1: PENTATEUCH

Course Description

This course builds upon the foundations that are laid in Old Testament Studies 1: Introduction and applies them to the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The specific canonicity of each book are examined with a view to understanding the primary theological issues and trajectories they describe within redemptive history. Additionally, the student will be introduced to various issues surrounding the origin of the earth within a biblical framework.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the various views on the days of creation; the age of the earth/universe; evolution; the antiquity of man; the flood; the historicity of the persons, places, and events of the Pentateuch.
2. Display basic knowledge and understanding of the historical and theological content of the Pentateuch - both as a collection and as individual books.
3. Conduct independent evaluation of various viewpoints of the origin, background, authorship, and message of the books.
4. Explain the significance of each of the books in the unfolding of redemptive history and its use in the New Testament, specifically with reference to Jesus Christ; distinguish legal material as a literary type and apply appropriate principles of interpretation.
5. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from God's dealings with his people throughout the history of Israel recorded in these books.

OTE213-OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES 2: HISTORICAL BOOKS

Course Description

This course builds upon the books that were studied in the Pentateuch. The specific canonicity of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther are examined with a view to understanding the primary theological issues and trajectories they describe within redemptive history. Additionally, the student will become familiar with a methodological approach for properly exegeting Old Testament narrative.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge and understanding of various historical-critical approaches to the Old Testament. Conduct independent critical evaluation of various viewpoints of the origin, background, and message of the books.
2. Display an in-depth coherent and critical understanding of the historical and theological content of the Historical Books - both as a collection and as individual books.
3. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from God's dealings with his people throughout the history of Israel recorded in these books.
4. Critically analyse and explain the significance of each of the books in the unfolding of redemptive history and its use in the New Testament, specifically with reference to Jesus Christ; distinguish historical narrative as a literary type and apply appropriate principles of interpretation.

OTE223-OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES 3: WISDOM BOOKS

Course Description

This course introduces the student to the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs and how they serve to shape the people of God. The student will be introduced to the particular canonicity of each book along with the primary distinctives that mark Hebrew poetry and wisdom writing, also gaining experience in exegeting these literary types.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Conduct independent critical evaluation of various viewpoints of the origin, background, and message of the books; distinguish Hebrew poetry as a literary type and apply appropriate principles of interpretation; distinguish Hebrew wisdom as a literary type and apply appropriate principles of interpretation.
2. Display in-depth coherent and extensive understanding of the historical and theological content of the Psalms and Wisdom literature of the Old Testament - both as a collection and as individual books.
3. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from God's dealings with his people throughout the history of Israel recorded in these books.
4. Critically analyse and explain the significance of each of the books in the unfolding of redemptive history and its use in the New Testament, specifically with reference to Jesus Christ.

OTE314-OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES 4:PROPHETIC BOOKS

Course Description

This course introduces the student to the writings of the Old Testament Prophets. The course covers all of the writing prophets from Isaiah to Malachi. The specific canonicity of each book are discussed along with the primary theological and social issues that prompted their writing. Each book is placed in its historical context within the history of Israel and their New Testament trajectories are traced.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 16 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display profound and systematic knowledge as well as coherent and extensive understanding of the historical and theological content of the prophetic literature of the Old Testament - both as a collection and as individual books.
2. Display profound and systematic knowledge as well as coherent and critical understanding of the steps and synthesis of a method for the exegesis of a prophetic text from the Old Testament.
3. Critically analyse the moral and spiritual realities that gave rise to Old Testament prophetic literature, including the importance of God's warnings and judgment as well as his grace to persecuted prophets and repentant people.
4. Critically explain the significance of each of the books in the unfolding of redemptive history and its use in the New Testament, specifically with reference to messianic prophecy and Jesus Christ.
5. Relate and apply to yourself and to others in the African and South African context the moral and spiritual principles learned from God's dealings with his people throughout the history of Israel recorded in these books.

OTH223 - INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL HEBREW A

CourseDescription

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to read and accurately translate elementary passages of Hebrew Scripture. It will also lay the groundwork for further study and understanding of the Old Testament. This course will focus on writing, pronouncing, and reading Hebrew consonants, vowels, and words. Special attention will be paid to nouns, pronouns, adjectives, prepositions, and particles. Additionally, the primary Qa/ verb forms will be introduced.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Analyze and translate and interpret Hebrew sentences with the support of key terms, rules, concepts, and principles.
2. Recognize and translate approximately 200 common Hebrew words.
3. Display in-depth knowledge and interpretative skill in the infrastructure of Biblical Hebrew, including key principles of phonetics, syntax, semantics, and the morphology of various nouns, adjectives, pronouns, conjunctions, adverbs, existence particles, and regular verbs.

CHI123-EARLY & MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

Course Description

This course is an introductory survey of the history of the Church from the Apostolic Period beginning at Pentecost (AD 30) to the start of the Protestant Reformation (AD 1517). Key political, cultural, and theological factors will be investigated both in the early centuries of the Christian faith and through the Medieval period.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the early centuries of the Christian faith from Pentecost to Gregory the Great, with an eye to the important people, events, and places where Christianity played a role in the cultural, political, and religious landscape of the day, especially in light of its Judaistic roots and the persecution it experienced from both the Jews and the Roman Empire.
2. Display basic knowledge of the thousand-year period of Church history known as the Medieval Period, with an eye to the important people, events, and places where Christianity played a role in the cultural, political, and religious landscape of the day, especially as these relate to major heresies and schisms within the Church, and its relationship to Islam, the State, and the Renaissance.
3. Verbalise the practical implications of lessons from Church history for Christians today, as well as the important contribution Africa made to Christianity through these centuries.

CHI223-REFORMATION & MODERN CHURCH HISTORY

Course Description

This course is an introductory survey of the history of the Church from the beginning of the Protestant Reformation (AD 1517) to the present. Considerable time will be spent on the Protestant Reformation and the main movements within Christianity in the last three centuries.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of the Reformation, the important people and events that worked to shape it, the historical, cultural, and religious factors which produced it and were the result of it, how it spread through Europe and abroad, and how the Roman Catholic Church responded to the Protestant schism.
2. Display in-depth knowledge of key people and events of the past three centuries of Christianity, especially as these relate to revivals and social reforms, the modern missionary movement, key theological developments such as Pentecostalism, ecumenism, and evangelicalism, major developments within Roman Catholicism, and the growth of Protestant Liberalism from the Renaissance to the present.
3. Verbalise the practical implications of lessons from Church history for Christians in Africa today.

LRE113-ACADEMIC ENGLISH

Course Description

This course develops the student's ability to study, read and write in academic and non-academic settings. In addition, it is designed to develop and enrich the student's understanding of advanced skills in academic literacy and to further their knowledge and understanding of computer and information literacy. Effective Christian ministry requires skill in reading and competency in clear written communication, which this course seeks to develop.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge of learning and study strategies.
2. Develop competency in the English language.
3. Develop skill in writing all the elements of academic papers.
4. Develop skill in essential computer hardware and software.
5. Understand what plagiarism is and how to avoid it.

MTE114 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Course Description

This course equips the student to educate children, adolescents and adults holistically. This course teaches educational strategies with a strong emphasis on the biblical foundations for Christian education in theology and family dynamics. Students learn to lead effective church-based ministries and develop introductory skills in the traditional classroom setting.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 16 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual development of children, youth, and adults.
2. Display basic knowledge of God's design for the family, the role of parents in Christian education, and biblical child rearing.
3. Demonstrate skill in age-appropriate communication learning strategies, principles of classroom leadership, and curriculum development.

MTH122 - HOMILETICS 1

Course Description

This course focuses on the vast area of public communication and in particular the preaching ministry. The primary focus is on the various theoretical components that make up the sermon. Emphasis is placed on an expository model of preaching and the importance of having a Christ-centred focus in all biblical communication.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge and understanding of the Scriptural fundamentals of preaching.
2. Analyse sermons, and begin to develop their own exegetical skills.
3. Construct the basic parts of a sermon.
4. Define the act of preaching and defend its importance in the ministry of the local church.
5. Describe the basic principles of effective communication and show evidence of effective public speaking.

MTC222-BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

Course Description

This course is designed to equip, disciple, and encourage the student toward personal change that leads to helping others change as well. The theological - philosophical underpinnings of biblical counseling will be presented, followed by a brief introduction to biblical counseling methods. Particular application for counseling within the context of the local church will be offered and encouraged.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 8 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge and extensive understanding of biblical principles of counselling; in light of that knowledge, develop their own philosophy of counselling consistent with Biblical principles.
2. Display an in-depth knowledge of the theological foundation for biblical counselling which distinguishes it from other forms of counselling.
3. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the origins and development of the modern biblical counselling movement.
4. Apply the biblical counselling approach to a variety of contemporary counselling issues in the African context.

MTH212 - HOMILETICS 2

Course Description

This course is designed to equip students to construct and deliver sermons. While a basic knowledge of hermeneutics and homiletics theory is assumed, students will be given opportunities to work from Bible text to sermon delivery. Accordingly, the emphasis in this course will be on the implementation of this theory. Attention will be given to communicating biblical truth in our contemporary African context. An important aspect of the course will be for each student to prepare and deliver sermons to the class, which will be evaluated both by the lecturer and the students. Emphasis is placed on an expository model of preaching and the importance of having a Christ-centred focus in all biblical communication.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 8 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge and extensive understanding of the Scriptural fundamentals of preaching.
2. Effectively select and apply the preliminary steps in the process of writing a sermon; select and use the process of bridging the gap between the Bible time and our time; critically analyse and synthesize the information obtained; present the result as a draft sermon and the final product.
3. Critically analyse, evaluate, and offer constructive feedback on a sermon.

MTI311A - PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY 1

Course Description

This course will help students to articulate their individual approach to ministry and style of service by instilling biblical foundations of ministry; and presenting different philosophies of ministry that will inform and challenge their thinking about ministry.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 4 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Critically analyze a variety of ministry styles.
2. Develop their own style of ministry.
3. Formulate practical ways to apply their newly-defined philosophy of ministry in their own ministry context.

MTI321A - PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY 2

Course Description

This course will help students to refine their individual approach to ministry and style of service by providing resources that inform and challenge their thinking about ministry; and by assisting them to articulate and evaluate their personal philosophy of ministry.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 4 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Critically explain how their personal philosophy of ministry has been applied in practical ministry settings.
2. Articulate how their personal philosophy of ministry has developed as a result of recent ministry experience.

MSM113 - MISSIONS, EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

Course Description

This course is designed to teach the student to understand the church's evangelistic mission throughout church history and in the world. It will challenge students to think biblically about the theology and practice of Christ-centred witness, missions and discipleship as they investigate the full range of what it means to reach the unreached, both locally in Africa and globally, and how to properly disciple converts to the Christian faith.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the history of missions from the early church until the present era, especially as it relates to African and South African church history.
2. Display basic knowledge of the general landscape of the current missions movement, such as missions hot spots, persecuted countries, and unreached people groups.
3. Become familiar with the issues involved in life and calling as a missionary.
4. Describe the marks of a missions-minded church.
5. Explain the basic theological foundations and strategies for missions, evangelism and discipleship.

MSM233-WORLD RELIGIONS

Course Description

This course introduces students to the history, beliefs, and practices of various world religions and Christian cults. General characteristics of cults will be discussed and how they deviate from historic Christian doctrines. A strong emphasis is placed on Islam and engaging with Muslims.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of the history, beliefs, characteristics, practices, authoritative texts, and demographics of the world religions and major cults, especially those currently in South Africa, with an understanding of how religions

- develop.
2. Display in-depth knowledge and understanding of the pros and cons of ecumenism, and to what extent Christians should cooperate with people of other faiths.
 3. Critically engage with the adherents of other religions from the basis of historic Christian doctrines.

MSM313 - CHURCH AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Course Description

This course is designed to teach the student to understand the world and the church's holistic mission in social transformation. Through readings, lectures, research, and fieldwork, this course will challenge students to research contemporary issues in missions to society and understand the application of faith to societal problems. The course will discuss imbalance, endemic poverty, corruption, good governance, African culture and worldview, disease, conflict resolution and reconciliation and the historical trajectories which have led to these concerns. Focus will be on African and South African contexts in particular. Students will also research varied approaches which the church has taken to engage those issues.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Develop a strategy for social transformation emerging from that faith-based foundation.
2. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of acute societal problems in the South African and African contexts.
3. Evaluate the history of the church's mission to engage social concerns, especially as it relates to the African and South African context.
4. Develop a theological foundation and rationale for missions and social engagement.

THE123 - THEOLOGICAL ETHICS 1

Course Description

This course examines the questions of right and wrong from a biblical perspective. Alternative ethical options are briefly mentioned, while the principles involved in making Christian ethical decisions are examined from both Old and New Testaments. Contemporary social ethical problems are presented by student research and discussed by all. Global and local issues are also covered.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the discipline of Theological Ethics and the place of the Scriptures in ethical reflection.
2. Apply biblical principles to ethical issues in the African and South African contexts.
3. Apply the Scriptures to contemporary ethical problems.
4. Recognize the major ethical systems, their strengths and weaknesses.
5. Understand the difference between individual versus group ethics, situation ethics, secular versus Christian ethics, teleological versus deontological, and various other ethical categories.
6. Understand the broad features of Old Testament and New Testament ethics.

THH112 - HERMENEUTICS

Course Description

This course is an introduction to hermeneutics – the interpretation of the Bible. It is designed to give students a general understanding of the Bible, its books, and the different types of literature used in it, while developing the skills to interpret the Bible effectively. It includes an historical survey of past methods and mistakes underlining the importance of the historical-grammatical approach.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 8 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of biblical hermeneutics, with the ability to develop observational skills and recognise the various rules, basic genres, and approaches of biblical interpretation.
2. Understand and explain the pros and cons of various approaches to hermeneutics in the church's history.

THS112 - THEOLOGY 1: SCRIPTURE

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the discipline of theology and the doctrine of Scripture, or Bibliology. Topics include revelation, inerrancy, inspiration, the development of the canon of Scripture, illumination, and characteristics of Scripture.

This course is taught at NQF Level 5 with a workload of 8 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display basic knowledge of the doctrine of Scripture and related topics such as revelation, the Spirit's role in inspiration and illumination, and various Bible translation theories.
2. Display basic knowledge of the development of the New Testament Scriptures to its present canonical form.
3. Define 'theology', explaining the nature and task, division and necessity, of theological disciplines and their relationship to philosophy.

THS213 - THEOLOGY 2: THE TRINITY 1

Course Description

This course explores the topic of theology proper (the study of God), covering the Trinity, the attributes of God, rational proofs for his existence, his will, providence and creation, election, and related topics. Angels, demons, and Satan will also be covered in this course, as well as an introduction to the deity of Christ. As with all doctrine courses, these topics are explored along biblical, historical, and systematic lines.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrine of the Trinity as it pertains to God's attributes, character, self-revelation, will, election, and providence, and how these impinge practically upon Christians today.
2. Critically explain the key issues relating to the doctrines of Satan, angels, and demons, addressing these matters from different perspectives.
3. Provide biblical, historical, and theological reasons for why the Church declares Jesus to be fully God and fully human.

THS223 - THEOLOGY 3: THE TRINITY 2

Course Description

This course is a continuation of the study of the Trinity, specifically dealing with the doctrine of Christ (Christology) and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology). The work of Christ, theories on the atonement, his resurrection and ascension, and the offices of Christ will be studied. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit will be covered in detail, including such topics as personhood, deity, gifts, and work of sanctification. As with all doctrine courses, these topics are explored along biblical, historical, and systematic lines.

This course is taught at NQF Level 6 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display in-depth knowledge of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrine of Christ as these pertain to the person and work of Jesus, his resurrection and ascension, and how he fulfills the Old Testament offices of prophet, priest, and king.
2. Display in-depth knowledge of important past and present opinions concerning the doctrine of the Holy Spirit as these pertain to the gifts, fruit, baptism, personhood, and deity of the Spirit.
3. Verbalise practical implications for the above doctrines in the life of Christians today.

THE323 - THEOLOGICAL ETHICS 2

Course Description

This course builds on Theological Ethics 1 and continues to investigate various ethical options and principles involved in making Christian ethical decisions, with an emphasis on how to effectively argue for those principles in a secular society.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Collect and select information effectively, and evaluate it critically in light of existing knowledge so as to lay down guidelines on the establishment of their own Christian foundation for ethical action.
2. Critically apply biblical principles to key ethical issues in the African and South African contexts.
3. Demonstrate the ability to discern the validity or invalidity of arguments and lines of reasoning, and to identify underlying analogies, presuppositions, and assumptions.
4. Display profound and systematic understanding of the theoretical foundation of Christian Ethics.

THS313 - THEOLOGY 4: MAN, SIN & SALVATION

CourseDescription

This course covers the systematic areas of doctrine of humanity (Anthropology), doctrine of sin (Hamartiology), and doctrine of salvation (Soteriology). The origin and constitution of human beings, the consequences of the Fall, the effect of sin on humans and their relationships, personal salvation, the Holy Spirit's role in salvation, election, justification, security, and the blessings of salvation are studied in detail. As with all doctrine courses, these topics are explored along biblical, historical, and systematic lines.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrines of humanity and sin as these pertain to issues such as the constitution and origin of human beings, what it means to be made in the image of God,

the effect of Adam's sin on humanity, and the key Greek and Hebrew terms from Scripture used to describe these doctrines.

2. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrine of salvation as these pertain to issues such as redemption, regeneration, adoption, justification, election, grace, freewill, and other 'steps of salvation,' and how these are articulated in different Christian traditions as compared to traditional African conceptions.
3. Critically apply this knowledge to develop practical implications for the above doctrines in the life of Christians today, especially as they relate to various options concerning the afterlife.

THS323 - THEOLOGY 5: ECCLESIOLOGY & ESCHATOLOGY

Course Description

This course covers the Systematic areas of doctrine of the church (Ecclesiology) and doctrine of last things or end times (Eschatology). Important ecclesiastical matters such as church government, the sacraments, the relationship between the Church and Israel, metaphors for the Church, offices and marks of the Church, and other matters will be explored. How these matters relate to the expected return of Christ, and the various schools of thought on the last things, will also be examined. As with all doctrine courses, these topics are explored along biblical, historical, and systematic lines.

This course is taught at NQF Level 7 with a workload of 12 NQF Credits.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrine of the church as it pertains to issues such as the government, offices, sacraments, membership, discipline, and biblical metaphors for the Church, especially in light of how the Church relates to the Kingdom of God and Israel.
2. Display profound knowledge and critical understanding of the history of interpretation regarding the doctrine of the 'last things' as it pertains to issues such as the Second Coming of Christ, the future judgment and resurrection, various views on hell and the millennium, and what is meant by a new heaven and new earth.
3. Critically apply this knowledge to develop practical implications for the above doctrines in the life of Christians today.



ENROLMENT CONTRACT

I, _____,

Identity/Passport Number:

declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all the particulars supplied by me in the College application form are true, complete and correct.

If I am offered a place at College:

1. I undertake to comply with the rules and regulations, including the disciplinary rules, of the Bible Institute of South Africa including any amendments thereof as published from time to time and to acquaint myself with all the provisions thereof.
2. I undertake to acquaint myself with the rules and regulations applicable to the programme for which I am enrolling, including the rules regarding the payment of fees.
3. I undertake to inform the Registrar immediately if I withdraw from my course of studies.
4. I accept that if I withdraw from my course of studies at any time that no cancellation or reduction of fees is applicable and I will remain liable for payment of all fees due.
5. I undertake that I will not hold BISA liable nor make any claim against the College for any compensation and/or expenses incurred or damages suffered as a result or in respect of any injury to me or illness or my death, irrespective of whether any such damages, injury or death may have been attributable to any degree of negligence on the part of BISA or one or more of its employees or any other person for whose actions it might, but for this undertaking, have been responsible.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Herein assisted as may be necessary while the applicant is still under the age of twenty-one years:

I, _____, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge myself to be jointly and separately responsible for monies which the above-mentioned applicant may at any stage by owing to The Bible Institute of South Africa in terms of the agreement as set out above, including any change thereto.

Signature _____ Date _____

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