

NEW LIFE COLLEGE

The Education Department of
Nava Jeeva Ashram
Dedicated To Imparting
Spiritual Knowledge and Training



Prospectus

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ABBREVIATIONS		
AA	Associate of Arts	
ATA	Asia Theological Accreditation	
B.TH.	Bachelor of Theology	
B.MUS	Bachelor of Music	
CME	Center for Music Education	
C.TH.	Certificate in Theology	
DIP.TH	Diploma in Theology	
M.DIV	Master of Divinity	
M.TH	Master of Theology	
NLC	New Life College	
NATA	National Association for Theological Accreditation	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

New Life College is a ministry under *Nava Jeeva Ashram* (New Life Ashram), a non-profit society registered in the state of Karnataka in 1978. An Ashram is a discipling center, where teaching is the main function. New Life College was founded in 1985 in obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 28: 19).

The mission of the college is to commit the Living Word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ to faithful men and women who will be able to teach others, also based on the principle from II Tim.2:2 “All the things which you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others”.

Our educational philosophy is based on the view that all human beings are the crown of God’s creation, capable of good or evil, responsible for self and others, needing grace and salvation. Jesus Christ is the only divine Savior of the world. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith, our theological study is Christo-Centric.



New Life College is committed to teaching, training and equipping young men and women who have a definite call and dedication to Christian Ministry. Admission is open to all regardless of language, culture or denomination. The multi-linguistic and multi-ethnic community at New Life College helps students understand and appreciate other customs and cultures.

At New Life College, we strive to maintain a high academic standard. We are blessed with well-qualified Faculty, who have earned theological and music degrees from accredited colleges and seminaries. It is our earnest desire that every student who studies at New Life College be well equipped and motivated to go out into the harvest field with great zeal and conviction. We place great value on personal and spiritual growth as the focus of training for Christian life and ministry. A vision for mission guides all our teaching and learning.

We thank you for your interest in studying God’s word at New Life College and we pray that the Lord lead your decision.

Rev. Dr. John Thannickal
President

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Each member of New Life College shall affirm the following:

- I. We believe in one God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, and Ruler of the entire universe, eternally existing as Triune God revealed in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- II. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15), came to reveal God the Father (John 1:18) who loves all mankind. He was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21, Heb. 4:15b), died an atoning death for Human sin and was buried. But God raised Him from the dead and He is alive for ever more.
- III. We believe in the Holy Spirit sent from God to dwell in all believers in Christ and empower them to live a victorious life.
- IV. We believe in the Church, the assembly of the believers in Christ who possess the new life in Christ and exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the great commission of the Lord. (Matt 28: 19-20)
- V. We believe the Bible is the Word of God inspired and authored by the Holy Spirit; and recorded by human writers. The Old Testament written before Christ contains the promise of the Gospel and the New Testament written after the coming of Christ proclaims the Gospel for the whole world.
- VI. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return for his Church in due time. This is the hope of the Church (I Thessalonians 4:16 -17).

ACCREDITATION

New Life College is accredited by the National Association for Theological Accreditation (NATA) for Diploma, Certificate, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity and Master of Theology in Intercultural Studies Degrees. New Life College's Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity degrees are also accredited by ATA. Our graduates find easy admission to various Indian Theological Institutions and many colleges and universities overseas.

LOCATION

The city of Bangalore, where New Life College is located, has a multi linguistic cosmopolitan population of over eight million people. Bangalore is called the " Garden City of India." It is one of the fastest growing cities in Asia. With its pleasant climate, business centers, growing economy, and infrastructure, the city has attracted people and organizations from all over Asia and the world.

The Bible Society, Far East Broadcasting Associates, Campus Crusade for Christ, Scripture Gift Mission, Gospel Recordings and several other ministries have their headquarters here. A number of denominations have their churches and institutions represented here.

New Life College is located in the North eastern part of Bangalore in Grace Town on the Outer Ring Road at Hennur main road junction. The college is located in the heart of the city, and close to shopping areas, hospitals and other libraries.

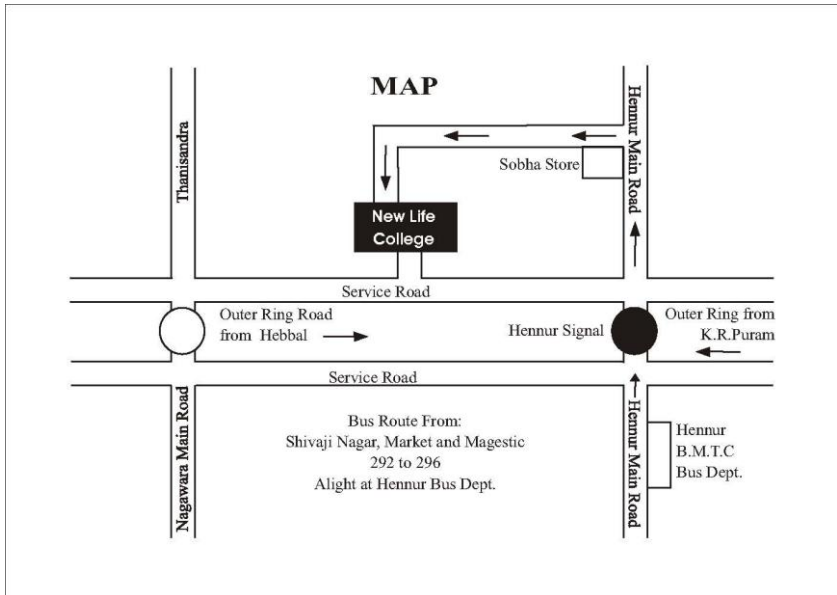
The Bangalore bus depot at Hennur is less than half a kilometer from the College.

City buses 292- 296 (A-F) connect to Hennur bus depot.

The Cantonment Railway Station is 7 km away.

The Bangalore International Airport is 36 kms from the College.

New Life College Location Map



CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS

The main campus of the college houses various buildings including the main administration block, classrooms, library, dining hall, chapel and multi-purpose rooms. The men's hostel is located on the main campus, while the women's hostel is on our second campus, within 5 minutes walking distance. Faculty and staff also live on the two campuses. There are a limited number of apartments available for married couples and two guest rooms for visitors. The Ashram owns other prime property for further expansion.

The library has a holding of over 19,000 books, and a wide range of journals, magazines and research materials. It is located on the main campus on two floors and also houses the computer lab with internet access. Students of New Life College can not only avail these resources but also have access to many other libraries such as UTC, SABC & SAIACS.

The Music department with individual practice rooms, instruments and a recording studio is also housed on the main campus.



BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

New Life College is governed by a Board appointed by Nava Jeeva Ashram. There are also administrative committees in various departments who oversee and ensure the proper functioning of the departments.

At NLC we seek to develop students in:

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

MORAL INTEGRITY

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

COMMITTED SERVICE

FACULTY



The faculty of New Life College are made up of highly qualified teachers and Christian ministers from various denominational backgrounds who are deeply committed to the objectives of the college.

Dr. John Thannickal - *President, New Testament & Missions*

C.Th.	Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
G.Th.	Union Biblical Seminary, Pune
B.D.	Serampore University
M.A.	Wheaton College, USA
D. Miss.	Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

Kenneth Henson - *Biblical Studies and New Testament, Music*

B.A	Music, California State University, Fullerton, USA
M.A.	Biblical Studies, Vanguard University, USA
PhD	<i>Candidate</i> , Wales University.

Varghese Philip - *Pastoral Theology*

M.A.	Mysore University
M.Th.	Asian Christian Academy
M.Th.	South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore
PhD	<i>Candidate</i> , South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore

M. M. Kuriakose - *Biblical Studies (Old Testament)*

B.Th.	Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
B.D.	Union Biblical Seminary, Pune
M.Th.	United Theological College, Bangalore

Muthu Kumar - *Religion and Philosophy*

B.D.	Union Biblical Seminary, Pune
M.A.	Madurai Kamaraj University
M.Phil.	Annamalai University
M.Th.	Asia Institute of Theology, Bangalore
PhD	<i>Candidate</i> , Dravidian University, Andhra Pradesh

Biren Kumar Nayak - Theology & Ethics

B. A.	Berhampur University, Orissa, India
C.T.	Govt. D.A.V. Training School, Kalinga, Orissa
B. Ed.	Utkal University, Bhubaneswer, Orissa, India
M. Div.	Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
M.Th.	South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore

Thomas Varghese - Missions

B.A.	Bhopal University, Madhya Pradesh.
M.Div.	CITS- Itarsi, Madhya Pradesh
M.Th.	South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore.
ThD	<i>Candidate</i> , Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore

Jacob Paikad - Biblical Studies (New Testament)

B.A.	Calicut University, Kerala
M.A.	South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore
M. Th.	South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore

Deepak Kharel - Missions

B.A.	Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
M.Div.	New Life College, Bangalore.
MTh.	New Life College, Bangalore.

Francis Doddamani - Pastoral Theology

B.A.	Kittle Arts College
M.A.	Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamilnadu
M.Div.	Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
T.C.H	Basel Mission Teachers Training College
M.Th.	South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore
PhD	<i>Candidate</i> , Wales University, UK

Gnanaraj D - Old Testament

B. Th	Good News Mission Bible College, Tamilnadu
M.Div	Gospel For Asia Biblical Seminary, Tiruvalla, Kerala
M.Th	Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology, South Korea

Sanjukta Sadhu - Biblical Studies (Old Testament)

B. A.	Utkal University, Orissa.
M.Div.	Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
M.Th.	South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore.

Kezia Jasmine Kripanidhi - Pastoral Counseling & Psychology

B. A.	Mangalore University, Mangalore
B. D.	Union Biblical Seminary, Pune
M. Sc.	(Psychology) University of Madras
M.Th.	The United Theological College, Bangalore

Linson John - General Studies, Librarian

B.Th	Faith Theological Seminary, Kerala
B.D.	Faith Theological Seminary, Kerala

Dr. Vinita Henson - Music Education

B. A.	Vanguard University, USA
M. Mu. Ed.	University of Southern California, USA
D.M.A.	University of Southern California, USA

Lovely Thannickal - Language and Learning Center

B. Ed	Oral Roberts University, USA
M. Ed	Oral Roberts University, USA

VISITING FACULTY

In addition to the regular Faculty, we have several visiting professors who come and teach our students in the B.Th, M.Div, and M.Th programs

Dr. Dale Fife	USA
Dr. Bob Orr	USA
Dr. David Ball	UK
Dr. G.J.A. Sither	Malaysia
Dr. Domnic Savio	India
Mr. Devin Sareen	USA
Rev. Ben Christosom	USA
Rev. Dr. Joseph Tan	Singapore
Rev. Edward Francis	India
Rev. Jonathan Shin	Korea



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

We are grateful to God for committed and well qualified administrative staff who make the daily smooth functioning of college activities possible

Stephen Thannickal - *Administrator*

B.A. Bus. Administration, National University, USA
M.MGT, Oral Roberts University, USA

Anal Amudha - *Accountant*

B.Com. Bangalore University

Kayina Grace - *Receptionist & Secretary*

B.Th, Christ for the Nation Bible College, Nagaland
Dip. in C.M., USA

Pau Kim - *Banking and Maintenance Manager*

M.Div., M.Th

James Samuel - *Campus and Cafeteria Manager*

B. Com

Mrs. Mary Thannickal - *Finance and Accounts*

TTC, Teacher's Training Course, Kerala
B.Th. Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore
D.D. (hon) Asia Evangelical College & Seminary, Bangalore



ADMISSION INFORMATION

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:** A completed form, with two passport size photos should be submitted by April 30th for priority consideration. Applications after this date will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis, depending on available space.
- 2) **DOCUMENTS:** A copy of your High School, PUC, grades sheets and other degree documents relating to previous academic history must be submitted with the application form. Original certificates will need to be submitted after admission to NLC. All original certificates will be returned at the end of your program of study. Please **DO NOT** mail any original certificates, but carry them with you to the interview.
- 3) **CONDUCT CERTIFICATE:** Students who have attended other colleges will be required to provide a conduct certificate or recommendation letter from the previous college.
- 4) **REFERENCE LETTER:** A letter of recommendation from your pastor and reference from a teacher/organization head is required.
- 5) **MEDICAL CERTIFICATE:** All incoming students must also produce a medical certificate indicating good health
- 6) **SPONSORSHIP FORM:** Students must provide a completed sponsorship form with assurance that all expenses will be met by the sponsor. There are a limited number of work scholarships available for needy students and you need to complete an application form. Please see the financial aid section in the Student Handbook.
- 7) **TESTIMONY:** Every applicant must write (handwritten preferred) and submit their personal testimony with your application.
- 8) **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** NLC will consider applicants for the final year B.Th. or M.Div. programs provided the candidate transferring has an exceptional academic record and conduct certificate from the prior institution.
- 9) **DIVERSITY:** To improve diversity at NLC, we will only admit a limited number of students from any state into each class. Students who apply after the quota is reached will be placed on the waiting list.
- 10) **ENTRANCE EXAMS and INTERVIEW:** Students who have been granted admission to NLC must appear for entrance tests in English and Bible Knowledge on the specified date and time. An oral interview will also be held before admission.
- 11) **ORIENTATION:** A special orientation for all incoming new students is held during the last two weeks of June. The regular college year begins the first week in July.



GRADING SYSTEM

The following is a general outline of the grading system for the evaluation of academic performance:

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
A+= 85.01 -100 GPA 4.0	B+= 73.01 – 77 GPA 3.3	C+ =61.01–65 GPA 2.3	D = 50.01– 53 GPA 1.0
A = 81.01 – 85 GPA 4.0	B = 69.01 – 73 GPA 3.0	C = 57.01–61 GPA 2.0	Pass= 50 GPA 0.7
A- = 77.01 – 81 GPA 3.7	B- = 65.01 – 69 GPA 2.7	C- = 53.01– 57 GPA 1.7	Fail= < 50

Grade Point scale: A = 4.0, B= 3.0, C= 2.0 and D = 1.0. Minimum pass mark is 50 and <50 is fail.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We believe that dedicated and committed students should have access to quality Theological and Music Education at affordable rates. The NLC fee structure is significantly lower when compared to other colleges. Our actual cost to train a student is significantly higher than we charge and we rely on donations from friends and well-wishers to meet the full expense for training each candidate. Because our fees are subsidized and all students are considered on the scholarship program, we require that all students contribute in daily service work and responsibilities to the college and community.

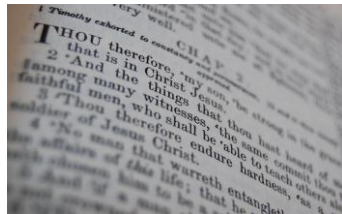
For more information on fees for individual programs of study, please contact the office at **080-2544-6000 or 9980597932**

NON –RECURRING CHARGES

Application & Prospectus	
M.Div & B.Th	Rs.200/-
M.Th.	Rs.300/-
New Students Orientation Fee	Rs.1500/-
Late Return Fee on Re-opening day of each semester	Rs.500/-
Fine for unexcused absence	Rs.100/- per day
Transcript Fee (Inland)	Rs.400/-
(Overseas)	Rs.600/-
Re-take Exam Fee	Rs.300/- per exam
Thesis Fee	Rs.1000/-
Graduation Fee	Rs.500/-

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Payments should be made directly to the college by drafts in favor of ‘**New Life College**’ State Bank of Travancore, Cox Town, Bangalore.
- Direct Bank transfer information can be obtained from the Accounts office
- Fees for the entire year must be paid at the time of admission.
- A late fee is charged for any late payment and installment plan
- Refunds will not be made after the first month of classes
- A limited number of work scholarships are available according to individual eligibility and need. Students who receive further scholarships will be required to perform additional responsibilities and summer work.
- All students who receive additional scholarships are required to maintain a grade average of B or better, or the scholarship may be removed.



STUDENT LIFE INFORMATION

Training for Christian service at New Life College involves far more than gaining theological, musical knowledge or practical training. Our emphasis on developing students with spiritual maturity, moral integrity, academic excellence and committed service make NLC very unique.

1. Chapel Services

Chapel Services are a favorite time on campus each day as we come together as a community to worship God through dynamic music and by hearing God's word from guest speakers, faculty and students. All students are required to attend every chapel service and attendance is recorded.

2. Prayer

Personal and corporate prayer is greatly emphasized at NLC as we develop a deeper personal relationship with the Lord. Students in each dorm are required to attend morning devotions at 6:30am and 6:30pm each day. Regional services, all-night prayer, special seminars and fasting and prayer services are also arranged for the community.

3. Outreach Ministries

Students participate in outreach ministry as a way of helping local churches and other ministries. Our evangelism teams go out on weekends to schools, hospitals, orphanages and prisons to share the love of Christ. Music students are very active in music ministry in various churches on weekends. The Spiritual Life department provides placement in various organizations.

4. Cell Groups

The students, faculty and staff are placed in cell groups which meet each week for a time of learning and fun. Each cell group has an opportunity to present a chapel service and lead a social night.

5. Cultural & Social Nights

At NLC, we have a monthly social night for the whole community, which enables students from multi-ethnic and cultural groups to present cultural folk dances, drama, skits, songs, and costumes. We are blessed with an amazing display of talent. Each social night culminates with a delicious community meal.

6. Talent Show and Competitions

The Center for Music hosts a Talent Show in the month of November, providing yet another display of abilities and talent. The Ministry department conducts a Bible Quiz and Debate each year.

7. Sports and Out-door activities

Yearly college sports are an event to which we all look forward. The students are divided into 4 competitive teams. Inter-collegiate events provide students with opportunities for interaction and competition.

8. Educational Trips

Students accompanied by faculty go on educational tours to places of interest and relevance in South India like Chennai or Goa.

CAMPUS DISCIPLINE

All students at New Life College are required to abide by the college rules in order to maintain the testimony and environment of a Christian college. The Student Handbook contains a detailed list of the rules and regulations. The following include student's responsibilities.

- Each student must be conscientious, punctual, loyal and virtuous in all aspects of academic and campus life.
- Students must be exemplary in dress and manners displaying cleanliness and politeness.
- Obedience and respect towards the administration, faculty, staff and fellow students is required of all students.
- Use of intoxicating drugs, alcoholic drinks, smoking, gambling or any other morally wrong acts are strictly forbidden. Any student who commits such acts will be dismissed.
- One's conduct and dealing must meet the highest Christian standards when dealing with the opposite sex. We discourage the development of any 'special relationships' that would distract you from your studies.
- All students are required to show servant-like attitudes towards service and duties of any kind. All students are required to do their dormitory duties assigned by the Dean of Students.

For further information on the expectations of student behavior, please read the Student Handbook. Any student found to deliberately break any of the rules will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the college reserves the absolute authority of disciplinary measures, including dismissal, against those who are found guilty of violating the college guidelines.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

SAMPLE ACADEMIC CALENDAR: 2010-11

Entrance Test & Interviews	June 17 – 18
New Student Orientation	June 21 – 29
Returning Students Arrival	June 28 – 29
Day of Registration (Returning Students)	June 30
Inaugural Service	July 01
1st Semester begins	July 01
Independence Day (Holiday)	August 15
Mid Term Exam Week	August 23-27
Gandhi Jayanthi (Holiday)	October 02
Semester End	October 08
Final Examinations	October 11-16
Special Seminar	October 18
College Sports Activities	October 19-20
Mid-Semester Break	October 21-24
2nd Semester Begins (Registration)	October 25
Karnataka Formation (Holiday)	November 01
Ashram Day	November 15
Mid Term Exam Week	December 06-10
Christmas Program (After class)	December 17
Christmas Holiday	Dec 18-Jan 04
Classes Resume	January 05
Comprehensive Exam	January 15
Republic Day (Holiday)	January 26
Semester End	February 18
Final Examinations	February 19-23
Graduation	February 26

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (B.Th.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Duration: 3-year course

Units: 106 credit units

Overview

The B.Th. program is designed to equip prospective candidates for Christian ministry and lay leadership through spiritual knowledge and practice.

The program seeks to provide a thorough understanding of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels and the development of the Church among the Gentiles is a special emphasis.

The Old Testament Scriptures are studied in the light of the New Testament. A study of the Pentateuch and Historical books traces the development of the history of the people of Israel as a background to the New Testament Scriptures. An introductory study of Theology, Church History, World Religions, Church and Society is offered. Special attention is given to the skills of communication of the Gospel to various cultures. The disciplines of devotion and prayer are encouraged and maintained throughout the program.

General Goals

- To provide a general knowledge of the revelation of God in history, particularly in the biblical revelation.
- To develop the skills of analysis and exposition of selected biblical books.
- To understand how to apply the principles of Bible interpretation.
- To demonstrate a basic understanding of Christian Theology.
- To establish an appreciation for the history and mission of the Church
- To develop leadership and administrative skills
- To develop awareness of the multiplicity of the cultural contexts where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has to be communicated.

Admission Requirements

- 1) B. Th I applicants require completion of PUC or 12th standard pass. Those with 10th standard pass will need an additional 2 year Certificate in Theology.
- 2) Mature candidates (20 years and above) with ministry experience and at least a 10th standard pass will be considered for B. Th I.
- 3) B. Th II applicants require completion of PUC or 12th standard with 1 year at the Bachelor of Theology level from an accredited Bible College.
- 4) B. Th II applicants will be required to obtain at least 50% on the entrance tests. Applicants who do not reach this mark will be granted admission into B.TH I.

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) Curriculum

FIRST YEAR					
	First Semester			Second Semester	
NT121	Life of Christ	2	OT112	Pentateuch	3
BG131	Introduction To Bible	3	NT122	Synoptic Gospel	3
BG133	Bible Survey	4	TE142	Theology I	3
H151	Hist. Of Christianity I	2	CH152	Hist. Of Christianity II	2
GE181	Remedial English I	2	GE182	Advanced English	2
GE183	Research Methodology	2	GE184	Introduction To Sociology	2
			NT222	Book Of Acts	2
	Total	15		Total	17
SECOND YEAR					
	Third Semester			Fourth Semester	
OT211	O.T. Historical Books	2	NT226	Introductory Greek II	3
NT221	Johannine Writings	3	NT228	General Epistles & Hebrew	3
NT223	Introductory Greek I	3	TE242	Theology III	2
NT225	Prison Epistles	2	CH252	History Of Christianity In India	3
TE241	Theology II	3	MM272	Homiletics	3
RP261	Major World Religions	3	GE281	Introduction To Psychology	2
BG231	Hermeneutics	2	MM271	Christian Education	2
	Total	18		Total	18
THIRD YEAR					
	Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester	
OT311	Poetic & Wisdom Literature	2	OT312	Old Testament Prophets	3
NT321	Romans & Galatians	3	NT322	Apocalyptic Literature	2
NT323	Pastoral Epistles	3	TE344	Christian Apologetics	3
NT325	Corinthians	2	RP362	Introduction To Philosophy	2
TE341	Christian Ethics	2	MM372	Church Growth, Leadership & Management	3
TE343	Christian Thought In Asia	2	MM374	Pastoral Care And Counseling	3
RP361	Major Religions & Secular Movement	3	MM376	Christian Marriage & Family (Elective)	2
MM371	Mission And Evangelism	3		Comprehensive Exam	
	Total	20		Total	18
TOTAL HOURS = 106 UNITS					

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Each of the courses listed below has a classification and identification number. The first digit indicates the year in which the class is taught. Numbers 100 through 300 represent the three years of the B.Th. course and 400 through 600 represent the three years of the M.Div. course.

The second digit represents the department of the course:

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| 1. | OT | Old Testament |
| 2. | NT | New Testament |
| 3. | BG | Bible General |
| 4. | TE | Theology and Ethics |
| 5. | CH | Church History |
| 6. | RP | Religion and Philosophy |
| 7. | MM | Mission and Ministry |
| 8. | GE | General Education |
| 9. | IS | Intercultural Studies |

The third digit indicates whether the class is offered in the first or second semester. Odd numbers are used for the first semester and even numbers are used for the second semester. TH digit is allotted for thesis and the numerical code is 99.

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT

OT112 PENTATEUCH

A comprehensive study of the five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Relevant secular history, geography and archaeological discoveries will be included. Students will be encouraged to evaluate various literary approaches to these books.

OT211 OT HISTORICAL BOOKS

A study of the history of Israel from the conquest of Canaan to the beginning of the reformation under Ezra and Nehemiah. Apart from authorship, dates and brief backgrounds of books, attention will be given to the development of God's dealing with his people as well as the special issues as recorded in the Old Testament books of Joshua through Esther.

OT311 POETIC AND WISDOM LITERATURE

This course aims at exposing the student to the literary structure of Hebrew poetry and the principles of interpretation with an emphasis of understanding its message for practical living. This is also a study of the general features, theology and messianic prophecies contained in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

OT312 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

This course is a study of the prophetic books from Isaiah to Malachi with particular note of the historical setting, structure of the books with an emphasis on Messianic prophecies.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT

NT121 LIFE OF CHRIST

This course is a study of the life of Jesus Christ based on the Synoptic Gospels. Special emphasis will be placed on the teachings of Jesus. This course is designed to allow students to understand

the historical, geographical, and religious setting of the time of Jesus and interpret the events of his life and teachings and relevance for today.

NT122 SYNOPSIS OF THE GOSPELS

An analysis of Matthew, Mark and Luke in the light of the evidences for and against the literary dependency of Luke and Matthew on Mark and other possible oral and literary sources of the Gospels.

NT221 JOHANNINE WRITINGS

A study of the Gospel of John and the letters of John (I, II, III) in view of the Jewish context and the Gentile application.

NT222 BOOK OF ACTS

An analysis of the book of Acts with an emphasis on the mission expansion of the Gospel through the Jews to the Gentiles and the ministry gifts in operation through the Apostles and members of the early Church.

NT223 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK I

A preliminary study of *Koine* Greek. Study includes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd declension nouns, personal and demonstrative pronouns, and adjectives. Also present active indicative, future, second aorist, and imperfect verb forms will be memorized. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary, syntax and grammar.

NT224 PRISON EPISTLES

An analytical study of Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon from the perspective of Paul's mission to the Gentiles and his relation to the churches.

NT226 PRELIMINARY GREEK II

The second half of a one year study of *Koine* Greek. First aorist, contract, perfect and imperative verb forms; present, aorist and perfect participles; aorist and future passives, numbers, and clause types will be memorized. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary, syntax and grammar.

NT228 GENERAL EPISTLES & HEBREWS

A study on the general background and settings of the early Christian churches to which these epistles were addressed, their content and theological significance.

NT321 ROMANS AND GALATIANS

An analysis of the historical and the theological background of the problems discussed in Romans and Galatians. There will be a chapter-wise exposition of the books.

NT322 APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

A study of the book of Revelation in relation to Daniel, and other, non-canonical writings from the Apocrypha and Pseudopigraphy. This class includes a detailed analysis of the symbols of the Apocalypse in relation to the OT, looking through the OT as an interpretational grid.

NT323 PASTORAL EPISTLES

A study on the general background and the settings of early Christian churches to which these epistles were addressed, their content and their theological significance.

NT325 CORINTHIANS

A study of the problems and issues of the Corinthian Church and Paul's response in regards to the theology of Christian morality, the Body of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

GENERAL BIBLE STUDIES

BG131 INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to the Bible with its background, structure, formation and unity. A consideration of tradition, history and the process of the formation of OT & NT canon. Emphasizing the customs, cultural practices, religion and social values of the people of Bible times and the major themes of the Bible.

BG133 BIBLE SURVEY

This course is an overview and survey of the books of the Bible, both OT and NT in their historical, geographical and cultural context, looking at the structure, theme and message in order to provide the understanding of God's self-revelation and His plan of redemption. This course is intended to give the students a grasp of the principal themes and outstanding features of each book, as well as to show the relationship of each to the other books of the Bible.

BG231 HERMENEUTICS

This course will cover the basic rules of bible interpretation by stressing a pattern of explaining the rule, illustrating the principle and allowing the students to practice interpretation. Students will be exposed to basic definitions, presupposition that affects interpretation and various critical interpretative systems and strategies will be considered. The predominant literary genres of the bible will be examined and relevant principles of interpretation will be highlighted. Students will be given opportunity to apply all the rules on selected passages.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

TE142 THEOLOGY I

This course introduces the student to systematic theology in regards to the biblical teachings of God, the Bible, man and the doctrine of sin.

TE241 THEOLOGY II

This course covers the Biblical teachings on the person, life and work of Jesus Christ, the person and work of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of salvation.

TE242 THEOLOGY III

This course deals with the biblical themes of the Kingdom of God, the Church, the spirit-world and the doctrine of the future.

TE341 CHRISTIAN ETHICS

This course deals with the current moral social problems in the Indian context and enables the learner to participate in public discourse on Ethics of the society in a meaningful and responsible way from a Christian world-view.

TE344 CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

This study traces the defense of the Christian truth against the non-Christian philosophies. This course is designed to acquaint the student with the basis of Christian Faith and the grounds for its Reasonable and Existential Validity in the context of Modern Ideologies and Movements.

TE343 CHRISTIAN THOUGHT IN ASIA

This course explores the attempts made thus far to interpret the message of Jesus Christ through the lens of contextual diversity and challenges in Asia and India. The course delves into various trends that have emerged in theologizing the Gospel in Asian, particularly in Indian contexts.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HISTORY

CH151 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

A survey of the history of the Christian church from its founding based on the book of Acts, the record of the Church Fathers and historical records through the Middle Ages (1517).

CH152 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II

A continuation of the study of church history beginning from the Reformation to the modern expansion of the Church.

CH252 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

The study of the History of Christianity in India from its beginning to its present day, within the context of the social, cultural and political environs in India.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

RP261 MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

This is an introductory study of five major non-Christian world religions: Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism.

RP362 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

This class traces a cursory overview of philosophical thinking from Greek Philosophy to the modern Renaissance. Major philosophers will be studied, tracing their reaction to the Christian message. Emphasis will be placed on methodology of empirical and critical thinking.

RP361 MODERN RELIGIONS AND SECULAR MOVEMENTS (MRSM)

This is a study of the theological and ideological development in India. There is an emphasis on the 19th century and its positive impact on Indian thought patterns and various reform movements that emerged as the result.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

MM271 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This course is an introduction to the role and significance of Christian Education in the church. It is a comprehensive study of the characteristics, structures and methods of education to build Christian character.

MM272 HOMELETICS

This course is an introduction to the principles of preaching. It is designed to make students familiar with the main aspects of sermon preparation and delivery. Study is made of the spiritual and mechanical elements of sermon development, including an understanding of the various types of sermon structures. The course encourages expository preaching by way of inductive method of Bible study. In this class students practice the principles of preaching with critical evaluation and correction.

MM374 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING

This introductory course seeks to look into the unique ministry of the pastor or Christian worker as a counselor. Students explore various problems commonly faced in pastoral counseling and seek to arrive at solutions based on techniques compatible with the Scriptures.

MM371 MISSION AND EVANGELISM

This course is designed to study the concepts and methods of Mission and Evangelism as one of the main vehicles through which people receive the Gospel of Christ. This course therefore, will work from three points of reference: God's communicational activity, the Bible and contemporary communication theory, the review of intercultural and inter-personal communication through skills, techniques and technologies.

MM372 CHURCH GROWTH, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

This course is a practical study, which emphasizes the importance of church planting as a means of evangelizing the world. This course will guide the student to involve in the task of planting and perfecting church and thereby become a multiplying church. This study will also focus Biblical, historical methods and contemporary leadership and management skills for the developments of church planting. It will also attempt to interpret and evaluate contemporary approaches related to culture and customs of a people groups.

MM376 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (OPTIONAL)

This course is designed to enrich the ministers of God to discover God's plan and purpose for Christian marriage and family in order to carry over God's will in their families, as well as the families they minister to.

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION**GE181 REMEDIAL ENGLISH**

Basic courses in grammar to increase speed of reading and improve vocabulary.

GE182 ADVANCED ENGLISH

A study of English composition, with special emphasis on the forms of discourse, organization of papers, the use of the library, note taking and compilation of a research paper.

GE183 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Methodology is a course designed to impart basic tools for logical thinking and search of knowledge towards solution of given problem. Research Methodology also offers the researchers not only tools for creative thinking, but also the skills of writing.

GE184 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

This course presents a general survey of the nature and scope of sociology, including the basic methods and concepts such as socialization, culture, social organization, social stratification, social institutions and social change.

GE282 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

This course studies the science of human behavior, incorporating Christian theology and worldview with the most recent research covering brain function, the chemistry of emotions and the psychological basis for human interaction.

GE185 JAPANESE

Students at NLC have a unique opportunity to learn a foreign language. This course is taught by an expert in the Japanese language, who has authored the textbook we use. A unique teaching method makes learning Japanese very interesting

MUED101 COLLEGE CHOIR

This course offered by the Music department is open to all students as an elective to develop basic singing and performance skills

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MASTER OF DIVINITY (M. Div.) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Duration: 2 year course for B.Th degree holders
3-year course for secular degree holders

Units: 104 credit units

Overview

The M.Div. program is designed for those who have demonstrated a high level of aptitude and competence in the areas of professional ministry. Students learn from a Christo-centric view of the Bible, with special emphasis given to the New Testament. Theology Philosophy and Ethics are taught from historical and reflective points of view. Church History is offered with attention to the Fathers and Councils and formation of the Western and Eastern wings of the Church. Mission and Church Growth are studied with specific cultural contexts in view. Students at the M.Div. level are required to read and reflect on all subjects independently. They are further required to do research and write term papers and a thesis in accordance with the approved format of the college. The purpose of the M.Div. program is to train students to interact with modern Bible scholarship with competence and professionalism.

General Goals

- To develop the ability to discover and understand the glory of the Christian message and the knowledge of God who is revealed in the Scriptures.
- To understand the ecumenical and evangelical sphere of the Church.
- To master the theological disciplines by learning to think critically and independently guided by the Spirit of God.
- To learn to function professionally and skillfully among the educated class.
- To develop the skill to communicate the Christian faith to the non- Christian world through a variety of media.
- To understand the cultural complexity of India and develop the appropriate skill to communicate the Gospel here.
- To learn to work and lead effectively and harmoniously with Church leaders.
- To equip the students spiritually, mentally, physically, emotionally, morally and socially.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This three-year graduate program is designed for graduates from any recognized university with a B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. or equivalent degree. Theological graduates with a B.Th. degree in the second class and one year practical ministry experience can apply for the two year M.Div. program. Original certificates and transcripts are required from all the schools previously attended.

Additional Requirements:

- 1) M.Div. I applicants will be admitted with a secular degree from a recognized university. The applicant is required to obtain a minimum of 50% in Entrance Examination to be admitted.
- 2) M.Div. II applicants will only be admitted if they have completed their B.TH degree from NATA, Serampore or ATA colleges.
- 3) Mature candidates 25 years or older with ministry experience may be considered directly for M.Div. based on successful completion of all other entrance exams and requirements.
- 4) M.Div. II applicants will be required to have obtained their B.Th. degree with at least a 2nd Class or B average.
- 5) M.Div. II applicants will be required to obtain at least 70% on the entrance exam. Applicants who do not reach this mark will be considered for admission into M.Div I.
- 6) The entrance exam includes proficiency in English and Bible Knowledge for M.Div.I candidates. Preliminary Greek is additionally required for M.Div. II.



Master of Divinity (M.Div) Curriculum

FIRST YEAR					
First Semester			Second Semester		
NT421	Preliminary Greek I	3	OT412	Pentateuch	3
BG431	Introduction To Bible	3	NT422	Preliminary To Greek II	3
CH451	Hist. Of Christianity I	2	NT424	Synoptic Gospel	3
RP461	Major World Religions	3	TE442	Systematic Theology I	3
GE481	Advanced English	2	MM472	Introduction To Christian Education	2
GE483	Research Methodology	2	CH452	History Of Christianity II	2
MM471	Mission And Evangelism	3			
	Total	18		Total	16
SECOND YEAR					
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
OT511	Preliminary Hebrew Language	3	OT512	Poetical And Wisdom Literature	2
OT513	OT Historical Books	2	TE542	Church & End Time	2
NT521	Johannine Thought	3	TE544	Christian Ethics	2
BG531	History Of Biblical Interpretation	3	CH552	History Of Christianity In India	3
TE541	Christ And Salvation	3	RP564	Contemporary Religious Movement	3
RP561	Philosophy	3	MM572	Homiletics	3
MM571	Pastoral Care And Counseling	3	MM574	Cultural Anthropology	2
	Total	20		Total	17
THIRD YEAR					
Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
OT613	Old Testament Prophets	3	OT612	Old Testament Theology	3
NT621	New Testament Theology	3	NT622	Pauline Thought	3
NT623	Apocalyptic Literature	2	BG632	Biblical Criticism	3
TE641	Theology In Context	3	TE644	Christian Apologetics	3
TE643	Christ & Religious Pluralism (Elective)	/2	MM672	Leadership And Church Administration	2
RP661	Women In Religion & Society	2	MM676	Christian Marriage & Family (Elective)	/2
MM671	Theology Of Missions	2		Comprehensive Exam	
TH699	Thesis	2	TH699	Thesis	2
	Total	17		Total	16
TOTAL HOURS = 104 UNITS					

**MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.Div)
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT

OT412 PENTATEUCH

A comprehensive study of the first five books of the Old Testament with critical reflection on different theories of creation, formation of nations, relevant secular history, geography and archaeological discoveries and the history of deliverance of the Israelites.

OT511 PRELIMINARY HEBREW LANGUAGE

A preliminary study of the Hebrew language with emphasis on vocabulary, syntax and grammar of the Old Testament.

OT512 POETIC WISDOM LITERATURE

This course aims at exposing the student to the literary structure of Hebrew poetry and the principles of interpretation with an emphasis to understand its message for practical living. This is also a study of general features, theology and messianic prophecies contained in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

OT513 OT HISTORICAL BOOKS

A study of the history of Israel from the conquest of Canaan to the beginning of the reformation under Ezra and Nehemiah. Apart from authorship, date and brief backgrounds of books, attention will be given to the development of God's dealing with his people as well as the special issues as recorded in the Old Testament books Joshua through Esther.

OT612 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

Study on the major theological themes based on the Old Testament: God, Man, Sin, Promise, Salvation, Judgment, Law, Grace, Eschatology, etc. Special attention will be given to the theological significance of the prophets.

OT613 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

This course is a study of the prophetic books from Isaiah to Malachi with particular note of the historical setting, structure of the books with emphasis on Messianic prophecies.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT

NT421 PRELIMINARY GREEK I

A preliminary study of Koine Greek. Study includes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd declension nouns, personal and demonstrative pronouns, and adjectives. Also present active indicative, future, second aorist, and imperfect verb forms will be memorized. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary, syntax and grammar.

N422 PRELIMINARY GREEK II

The second half of a one year study of Koine Greek. First aorist, contract, perfect and imperative verb forms; present, aorist and perfect participles; aorist and future passives, numbers, and clause types will be memorized. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary, syntax and grammar.

NT424 SYNOPSIS OF THE GOSPELS

An analysis of Matthew, Mark and Luke in the light of the evidences for and against the literary dependency of Luke and Mathew on Mark and other possible oral and literary source of the Gospels.

NT521 JOHANNINE THOUGHT

A comprehensive study about the theological outlook of John as found in John's Gospel and the letters and the relevance of John's message to the present age. This study will emphasize Christological and Philosophical themes from his writings.

NT522 BOOK OF ACTS

A view of the book of Acts as the record of the growth of the Church in the light of conflicts among the Jews and the Gentiles. The cultural differences and conflicts will be critically studied and implied missions methodologies examined.

NT621 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

A critical study of the major themes on God, Man, Christ, Grace, Salvation, Church and eschatology are examined based on New Testament texts.

NT622 PAULINE THOUGHT

This course provides an analysis of Paul's letters with a view to understand his theology. In this course the theological writings of Paul the Apostle are systematically studied with special attention to Christology, Soteriology and Eschatology. Focus will be given to the Prison and Pastoral Epistles from Paul's mission perspective.

NT623 APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

A study of the book of Revelation in relation to Daniel, and other, non-canonical writings from the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha. This class includes a detailed analysis of the symbols of the Apocalypse in relation to the OT, looking through the OT as an interpretational grid.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BG431 INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

This course is designed to provide a general introduction to the Bible with its background, structure, formation and unity. A consideration of tradition, history and the process of the formation of OT & NT canon, emphasizing the customs, cultural practices, religion and social values of the people of Bible times and the major themes of the Bible are studied.

BG631 HISTORY OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

A study of basic principles and methods of Biblical interpretation and its historical background. This course will focus on the textual criticism, canonicity and early versions of the Bible.

BG632 BIBLICAL CRITICISM

A study of the Old and New testaments and the various extant copies and translations. The use of the Nestle- Aland 26th Edition of the Greek New Testament and its Apparatus is learned, as well as consideration of the Modern translation debate. The critical methods of "lower" and "higher" criticism will be examined, including Textual, Structural, Redaction, Tradition History, and Source critical methods.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

TE442 INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

This course is an introduction to systematic theology that covers Biblical teachings on the doctrine of God (Theology proper), the doctrine of the Bible (Bibliology), doctrine of Man (Anthropology) and doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology).

TE541 CHRIST AND SALVATION

This course covers the biblical teachings and emphasis on the person and work of Jesus Christ (Christology), person and work of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology), and the doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology).

TE542 CHURCH AND END-TIME

This course deals with Biblical themes of the Kingdom of God, the Church, the spirit-world and the doctrine of the End time

TE544 CHRISTIAN ETHICS

This course is an introduction to moral and ethical viewpoints and Christian conduct in the light of the Biblical teachings on God, self and society. This course delves into the social and ethical issues and provides a Christian response with reference to the Indian context.

TE641 THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT

This course is a study of theologies that emerged as a result of contemporary theologies and comprehensively deals the concepts, historical developments and different models of contextual theologies. It introduces students to major theological developments in the modern period that presented truth of the Bible in the context of different ideologies, which led to the present day contextual theologies. This course delves into various trends that emerged in theologizing the Gospel in Indian contexts and explores the necessity, types and possibilities of different contextual theologies.

TE643 CHRIST AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

This course is designed to acquaint students with the essential issues in the current debate concerning the finality and decisiveness of Jesus Christ in relation to the other religions. It seeks to equip students with biblical, theological and phenomenological resources for responding effectively to challenges presented by religious pluralism to Christian witness in the twenty-first century.

TE644 CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

This study traces the defense of the Christian truth against non-Christian philosophies. This course is designed to acquaint the student with the basis of Christian Faith and the grounds for its reasonable and existential validity in the context of modern ideologies and movements.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HISTORY

CH451 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY I

A survey of the history of the Christian church from its founding based on the book of Acts, the record of the Church Fathers and historical records through the Middle Ages.

CH452 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II

This course is a continuation of the study of church history beginning from the Reformation to the modern expansion of the Church.

CH552 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

This is a study of the History of Christianity in India from its beginning to the present day, within the context of the social, cultural and political aspects in India.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY**RP461 MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS**

This course will aim at the study of the origin, basic teachings and the current trends of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Sikhism with an emphasis on inter-faith dialogue between religions.

RP561 PHILOSOPHY

The history of philosophical thinking from the Greek Philosophy to the modern Renaissance is studied. Major philosophers will be addressed, tracing their reaction to the Christian message. Emphasis will be placed on the methodology of empirical thinking. This study also will focus on the six orthodox philosophical schools of Indian Philosophy.

RP564 CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

This course primarily deals with contemporary religious movements from theological, psychological and sociological perspectives.

RP661 WOMEN IN RELIGION AND SOCIETY

This is an inter-disciplinary course dealing with the status of women in religion, church and society in the light of emerging feminist theology. It covers the status of women in the major religions of the world as well as in current society.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

MM471 MISSION AND EVANGELISM

This course is designed to study the concepts and methods of Mission and Evangelism to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It deals with God's communicational activity as a model and the Bible and contemporary communication theory as tools for insight. It reviews intercultural and inter-personal communication to be effective in mission and evangelism.

MM472 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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MM571 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING

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MM572 HOMILETICS

This is a basic course in sermon preparation. Study is made of the spiritual and mechanical elements of sermon development, including an understanding of the various types of sermon structures. Actual practice in the preparation and delivery of basic types of sermons, under the appraisal of the teacher and students is required.

MM574 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

A survey of cultural anthropology and the establishment of basis laws under-girding and governing cultural stability, growth and development. It studies the basis patterns of culture and dynamics of cultural change affecting Asia.

MM671 THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS

A review of the biblical theology of missions, a review of the history of mission theology including catholic and protestant movements and a study of the theological basis church growth movement of the 20th and 21st centuries.

MM672 LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

A survey of the biblical concept of leadership and a review of modern scholarship in the study of leadership theory. It includes the issues related to administration in the churches and related organizations.

MM676 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY

This course is designed to enrich ministers to discover God's plan and purpose for Christian marriage and family in order to carry out God's will in their families, as well as the families they minister to.

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION

GE481 ADVANCED ENGLISH

This course will involve the study grammar, composition, comprehension, figures of speech and conversational English.

GE483 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Methodology is a course designed to impart basic tools for logical thinking and search of knowledge towards solution of given problem. This is a study of the methods of researching

with emphasis on the preparation of a thesis. The use of library resources and reference techniques are to be mastered.

ELECTIVES

GE185

JAPANESE

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Master of Theology in Intercultural Studies (M.Th.)

Emphasis in Missions

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Duration: 2 years (4 months residential March-June)

Units: 40 credits

Overview

This program is designed for the convenience of a student who is already in full-time ministry. Students will be required to attend residential modules from March to June for 2 summers. The remainder of the study is done online, with full access to a faculty mentor. Each student will undergo a preliminary year of Interdisciplinary studies covering 8 courses of 3 credits and 2 integrated papers of 2 credits each. After the successful completion of 8 modules of residential studies, students will be required to write a Thesis of about 25,000 words (100-120pages), to be submitted at the end of the course.

Admission Requirements

- The candidate must have a definite born again experience.
- He/she is expected to hold an M.Div from a recognized institution
- Candidate should be either teaching or serving in ministry
- Candidate should be sponsored by his/her institution
- Pastoral and academic references will be required
- Candidates should give a letter of assurance to attending all the demands of the course, writing of assignments and meeting all submission deadlines

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (M.TH) COURSE DESCRIPTION

ISG181 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY/ EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

This course is designed to assist students with the various aspects of field research. Techniques of field data collection, processing and reporting will be discussed.

ISC171 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This course examines anthropological insights and relationships between the gospel and culture. It deals with the meaning and concept of culture and the importance of understanding culture for Christian witness. It defines the gospel as an agent of cultural change and transformation.

ISH153 HISTORY OF MISSIONS

This course is a missiological interpretation of the history of the dynamic spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide and an application of the insights which emerge as strategies of missions. The means in spreading the gospel, effects of renewal movements on the development of missions, structures for missions and relationship between means, renewal and dynamics of missions will be examined.

ISC252 CHURCH GROWTH

This course identifies the links between church planting, church health and church growth. It studies the reason behind the strengths and weaknesses of the church, its boldness and its fear, its spirituality and its carnality, its victories, defeats, its growth and decline.

ISM173 INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

This course is designed as a multidisciplinary study to allow students to integrate learning in a wider discipline that will provide opportunities to interact in different dimensions beyond mission.

IST42 THEOLOGY OF MISSION

This course is designed to provide an overview of biblical teachings on mission and will address issues fundamental to missions. Issues related to Christian mission within and outside the church, origin of mission in the Bible, election of Israel, place of nations in God's salvific plan and the aspects of transformation envisaged as a result of Christian mission will be discussed. It also aims to unify and integrate the whole range of theological themes in and around the idea of missions.

ISM282 METHODOLOGICAL ISSUE IN MISSIONS

This course deals with approaches to the methodological study of Missiology. It also studies the place of Missiology in theological education and deals with the philosophy, science and theology of missions.

ISM262 MISSIONS AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

This course deals with doing mission in a pluralistic society. Various aspects and divisions of pluralism will be dealt with.

ISM272 CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIES OF MISSION

This course helps to study and reflect on various contemporary theologies of mission facing the church in India and learning to integrate them biblically.

ISR264 FOLK RELIGION

The purpose of this course is to understand and sensitize Christians of the need to deal with folk religions. There is a need to understand the nature of folk religions and the reasons why they persist despite centuries of church censure. This course seeks to communicate the gospel in understandable ways and thereby critiques old religious ways. This course is not an attempt to find formulas or strategies for quick solutions raised by folk religions.

ISM274 URBAN MISSION

This course is designed to enable students to identify, understand and appreciate the enormous urban challenges in ministry. Biblical and theological reflections on the city are undertaken with a view of assisting students grasp the importance of doing effective ministry in India's growing urban context. The course provides students basic knowledge to reflect on various urban issues and practices in examining appropriate principles and strategies related to transforming the city.

ISC276 GOSPEL AND CULTURE

This course is a study on the relationship between Gospel and Culture. It includes definitions of the Gospel as supra-cultural, and the concept and nature of culture. The gospel as an agent of cultural elements in the Bible, theory of contextualization of the gospel and theology, theory of the inculturation of the church, and the nature, process, and characteristics of the transformation of worldview are examined. This course is a sequel to the course, Missionary Anthropology.



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