

# THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP PROGRAMS

## Goals and Objectives

1. Equip students with theories and practices of theology and library science to manage Asian theological libraries, especially seminary libraries.
2. Enable students to handle English and Chinese theological information.
3. Help students to understand current library automation technology.
4. Encourage students to face the challenges of Asian theological libraries.

## Programs

1. **Diploma of Theological Librarianship**  
(Total 30 credits. 1 year full-time or 2-3 year part-time)
  - a. Entrance Requirements:
    - i. 6 year secondary school education or equivalent;
    - ii. 1 year library experience.
  - b. Theological Courses (18 credits )  
Old Testament (3 credits)  
New Testament (3 credits)  
Historical Theology (3 credits)  
Systematic Theology (3 credits)  
Practical Theology (6 credits)
  - c. Theological Library Courses (12 credits)  
Theological Librarianship Program Orientation (1 credits)  
Technical Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits)  
Public Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Library  
Automation & Asian Challenges (3 credits) Library Visits,  
Fieldwork and Group Work I/II (2 credits)
2. **Master of Arts (Theology) (M.A.) with Theological Librarianship emphasis**  
(Total 33 credits. 1 year full-time or 2-3 year part-time)
  - a. Entrance Requirements:
    - i. B.Th. or B.R.E. degree with a grade average of “B” or above; or M. Div. or M.C.S or equivalent;
    - ii. 1 year library experience;
  - b. Theological Courses (21 credits)  
Select appropriate courses with the Advisor’s advice
  - c. Theological Library Courses (12 credits)  
Theological Librarianship Program Orientation (1 credits)  
Technical Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Public  
Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Library  
Automation & Asian Challenges (3 credits) Library Visits,  
Fieldwork and Group Work I/II (2 credits)

3. **Master of Arts (Theology)(M.A.) with Theological Librarianship emphasis**  
(Total 66 credits. 2 year full-time or 3-6 year part-time)
  - a. Entrance Requirements:
    - i. B.A. or equivalent;
    - ii. 1 year library experience.
  - b. Core Theological Courses (33 credits)
  - c. Elective Theological Courses (21 credits)
  - d. Theological Library Courses (12 credits)  
Theological Librarianship Program Orientation (1 credits)  
Technical Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Public  
Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Library Automation  
& Asian Challenges (3 credits) Library Visits, Fieldwork and  
Group Work I/II (2 credits)
  
4. **Master of Divinity (M.Div) with Theological Librarianship emphasis**  
(Total 68 credits. 2 year full-time or 3-6 year part-time)
  - a. Entrance Requirements:
    - i. B.Th.. B.R.E. or equivalent;
    - ii. 1 year library experience.
  - b. Core Theological Courses (36 credits)
  - c. Elective Theological Courses (12 credits)
  - d. Theological Library Courses (12 credits)  
Theological Librarianship Program Orientation (1 credits)  
Technical Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Public  
Services of Theological Libraries (3 credits) Library Automation  
& Asian Challenges (3 credits) Library Visits, Fieldwork and  
Group Work I/II (2 credits)
  - e. Thesis on Theological Librarianship (8 credits)

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### Remarks

1. The program is conducted basically in English. However, as portions of the program concern Chinese theological librarianship, such portions are for Chinese students only and will be instructed in Cantonese or Mandarin.
2. The library courses will be offered every 2 years (Coming library courses will be offered in January 2008, and the next will be in September 2009). For students who are planning to take the one-year Diploma / M.A. program, they should pay attention to the schedule of library courses. Normally they should enter the program in September and prepare to take the Library Automation & Asian Challenges as intensive courses in June before he/she can graduate. For students who are planning to take the two-year M.A. / M. Div. Program, their schedules are more flexible and they can enter the program at any time.
3. The program is concentrated on:
  - a. Asian seminary library's context and need;
  - b. English and Chinese theological materials and information;
  - c. Chinese and American descriptive cataloging rules;
  - d. Dewey Decimal Classification and Library of Congress Classification;
  - e. Library of Congress Subject Headings.

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