

B. Description of Programs

1. Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)

a. Purpose of the Degree

The Bachelor of Theology degree has a long history as the basic degree to prepare persons for ordained ministry in Asia. After graduation, a student is well prepared to lead a congregation and to pursue further studies at the master's level.

b. Primary Goals of the Program

This program is aimed at nurturing servants and visionary leaders for congregations. It tries to help the student grow in spiritual depth and moral integrity; to give the student comprehensive knowledge in Biblical and theological studies and the ability to articulate faith to themselves and others; to train the student in developing the specific skills needed for effective ministry and public leadership, and to develop a deep understanding of the cultural and social context.

c. Requirements for Admission

The B.Th. is a baccalaureate degree. Admission requirements shall include: i) six years of secondary school studies or equivalent; ii) applicants with only a secondary school Form 5 background who are strongly recommended by their congregation may be accepted as non-degree students for one year before being accepted into a degree program. This arrangement is intended to enhance the academic abilities and spiritual growth of the students. Students are required to complete 30 credits of courses with a GPA of 2.30 or above; (students cannot take more than 18 credits in each semester or more than 3 credits in each J term.) iii) applicants must have been baptized at least three years prior to application for study; iv) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for pastoral leadership; and v) proof of the academic ability to engage in theological study. For more information see VI. Enrollment Procedures.

d. Courses Required

Old Testament	credits
OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
3 basic courses (level 2)	9
1 advanced course (level 3)	3
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Total credits	15
New Testament	credits
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
3 basic courses (level 2)	9
1 advanced course (level 3)	3
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Total credits	15

Church History and Historical Theology	credits
CH1000 Introduction to Church History	3
CH1002 Introduction to Historical Theology	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
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Total credits	12
Systematic Theology	credits
ST1000 Introduction to Christian Theology	3
ST1001 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
3 basic courses (level 2)	9
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Total credits	15
Pastoral Theology and Counseling	credits
PT1000 Introduction to Pastoral Formation	3
PT1002 Introduction to Homiletics	3
PT1003 Introduction to Counseling Theory and Practice	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
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Total credits	15
Christian Education	credits
CE1000 Introduction to Christian Education	3
2 basic courses (level 2)	6
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Total credits	9
Spirituality and Worship	credits
SW1000 Introduction to Spiritual Formation	3
SW1001 Introduction to Worship and Liturgy	3
1 basic course (level 2)	3
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Total credits	9
Mission and Culture	credits
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
MC1001 Introduction to Religion and Culture	3
1 basic course (level 2)	3
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Total credits	9
Languages and Practical Training	credits
LP1021 Choir	8
LP1016 Guidance to Academic Study and Writing	2
LP1017-1020 Field Education I, II, III, IV	14
LP1010-1011 Greek I, II or	
LP1012-1013 Biblical Hebrew I, II	9
LP4000 Integrative Seminar	3
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Total credits	36

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Required Courses	135
Electives	9
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Total Credits Required for Graduation	144

e. Credit Hours

Students in the B.Th. program cannot take more than 18 credits in each semester or more than 3 credits in each J term.

f. Assessment

At the beginning, the middle and the end of studies, each student is assigned to meet with an adviser. Using a questionnaire, the student and adviser will reflect on academic development as well as spiritual growth. The final meeting will, in addition, focus on readiness for ministry.

g. Residency Requirement

Since B.Th. education has a complex goal: the personal, vocational, spiritual, and academic formation of the student, and because of the importance of a comprehensive community of learning, the B.Th. degree cannot be viewed simply as an accumulation of courses or of individual independent work. In order to ensure an appropriate community life and formation, at least one year of residency on the LTS campus is required.

h. Duration

In order to fulfill the broad educational and formational goals of the B.Th., the program requires at least four academic years of full-time work or its equivalent. The time allowed for completion of the program on a part-time basis may not exceed two times that of the full-time program.

i. Requirements for Graduation

- i) In order to earn the B.Th. degree, a student must complete the requirements for B.Th. with a GPA of 2.00 or above.
- ii) Satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS in other aspects.