

2.1 Bachelor of Christian Studies (B.C.S.)

a. Purpose of the Degree

The Bachelor of Christian Studies degree provides a foundational theological training course for lay leaders, and to nourish their spiritual formation so that they are well-equipped to respond to their respective calling from God. After graduation, they can continue to pursue their studies at the master's level.

b. Primary Goals of the Program

The primary goals of this program are to nurture faithful servants and visionary leaders for the Kingdom of God. It tries to help students grow in spiritual depth and moral integrity; to give students comprehensive knowledge in biblical, systematic and practical theologies so that they should be able to reflect upon their own faith and to articulate their faith to others; and to train students in developing the specific skills needed for effective ministry and public leadership.

c. Requirements for Admission

The B.C.S. is a bachelor's degree. Admission requirements shall include: i) six years of secondary school studies or equivalent; ii) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for Christian service; and iii) proof of the academic ability to engage in theological study. For more information, see VI. Enrollment Procedures.

d. Courses Required

i) Biblical Theology credits

Core Courses

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament 3

NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament 3

Guided Electives

1 course on OT 3

1 course on NT 3

Electives (3 courses) 9

subtotal 21

ii) Systematic Theology credits

Core Courses

CH1003 Church History I 3

DM1000 Introduction to Christian Theology 3

Guided Electives

1 course on CH/HT 3

2 courses on DM/CT 6

Electives (2 courses) 6

subtotal 21

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| iii) Practical Theology | credits |
| Core Courses | |
| CE1000 Introduction to Christian Education | 3 |
| SW1002 Spiritual Formation | 3 |
| WL1000 Introduction to Worship and Liturgy | 3 |
| MC1000 Introduction to Missiology | 3 |
| CP2001 Christian Counseling | 3 |
| CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth | 3 |
| DK2000/OT2012/NT2011 Biblical Perspectives on Diakonia | 3 |
| PT3003 Church Administration and Christian Leadership | 3 |
| subtotal | 24 |
| iv) Integrated Studies | credits |
| Core Course | |
| IS1000 Workshop on Academic Writing | 1 |
| v) Practical Training | credits |
| Core Course | |
| MU1000 Choir | 2 |
| vi) Free Electives | credits |
| 17 courses | 51 |
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| Total Credits Required for Graduation | 120 |

e. Credits

Full-time students in the B.C.S. program normally take 21 credits in each semester.

f. Duration

In order to fulfill the broad educational and formational goals of the B.C.S., the program requires at least three 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 three times that of the full-time program.

g. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.00 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

h. Further Study

If a B.C.S degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity (M.Div.3-yr) at LTS, a maximum of 24 credits can be exempted.