

## **B. Award in Theology**

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### ***The Award programme is designed to:***

- prepare you to contribute to the ministry of your church;
- provide you with the knowledge, skills and values you will need to do theology in your context;
- help you think more deeply about Scripture and the Church in a variety of contexts;
- enable you to put into practice – in the church and in the community – what you are learning;
- help you to grow spiritually as you learn to use what you are studying in your daily life and ministry.

### ***Outcomes for the Award programme:***

By the end of this programme, you should be able to:

- show how your personal faith has developed and grown;
- tell others about the Christian faith with more understanding of the Bible and its meaning;
- explain the most important teachings and apply them to your own life as well as to the life and ministry of your church;
- offer healing and care to individuals in your church and in the community;
- use the knowledge and skills you have gained to contribute to towards change in your church and community.

**This qualification does not automatically lead to ordination. Ask your church leaders for advice about the requirements for ministry in your church.**

### ***We recommend that:***

- you study a maximum of two courses at a time if you study part-time, and no more than four courses if you study full-time;
- you set aside at least two to three hours of study time per week for each course;
- you give yourself more study time in the weeks leading up to

due dates for assignments, as you may need to carry out practical work done away from your desk;

- you attend a tutorial group, if any are available near you.

*New Students: Register as early as possible, preferably before the end of the year! This will give you the advantage of extra time to settle into a new and challenging way of studying. You will also qualify for a discount on your study fees.*

### ***Important Note***

The Award programme is not registered on the National Qualifications Framework, but is recognised and underwritten by the Member Churches of TEE College. Completion of this programme does not guarantee that you are qualified for ministry in your church. Communicate with your church authorities in that regard.

### ***Language Choice***

The language of instruction at TEE College is English. The Award programme offers material in additional South African languages. You must indicate your preferred language on your registration form for each course.

**If you do not indicate your language choice, then TEE College is not responsible for the costs of replacing materials that were not supplied in a different language. This additional cost will be charged to your student account.**

### ***Choice of Courses***

To achieve the Award in Theology you must complete all three required (compulsory) courses; and you must complete a further three courses of your own choice (optional courses).

### ***Courses on the Award in Theology Programme:***

#### **Required Courses (Compulsory)**

		<b>Available languages</b>
102	God and God's People	Afrikaans, English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu
121	Jesus Christ and His People	English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu
141	Basic Christian Doctrine	English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

## Your choice of courses (Optional)

		Available languages
101	Introduction to the Bible	English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu
153	South African Church History	English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu
171	Pastoral Studies	English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu
172	Preaching	Afrikaans, English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

## ***Special Focus Studies***

If you do not wish to complete the whole of the Award in Theology programme, but would like to only complete a selection of courses that interest you, then you are free to choose whichever courses you wish. Certain combinations of four courses on the Award programme are recognised with a Special Focus Studies Certificate. These are:

Know your Bible: Award courses required: Introduction to the Bible (101), God and God's people(102), Jesus Christ and His people (121), Basic Christian Doctrine (141).

Care for People: Award courses required: Pastoral Studies (171), God and God's people (102), Jesus Christ and His people (121), Basic Christian Doctrine (141).

Preach your Faith: Award courses required: God and God's people (102), Jesus Christ and His people (121), Basic Christian Doctrine (141), Preaching (172).

A certificate will be issued on request when you have completed the four required courses. Courses completed for a Special Focus Studies certificate will still be credited towards the Award in Theology, if you wish to continue studying.

## ***Assignments***

The required assignments, together with the dates on which they are due, can be found in the Assignment Booklet.

No extensions are given for assignments, and work submitted late will receive a penalty (or if very late, will not be marked at all).

Refer to your Study Aid (which you receive once at your first registration) for important information about writing assignments.

## ***College Rules and Regulations***

These are sent to students once with their first registration, and are also available from the College web site. Take special note of the penalties for copying another person's work! Your assignments must always be your own work and expressed in your own words.

## Study Fee details

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On the Award in Theology programme:

- there is no registration administration fee;
- there is a fee for each course (multiply the fee by the number of courses you register for);
- there are no exams or exam fees.

<b>Award in Theology</b> FULL Fees for 2012 (November 2011 to February 2012) <i>See further down for Discounted Fees</i>	
each COURSE costs (e.g. 102, 121, 141, etc)	R 525.00
To REPEAT a WHOLE course	R 345.00
To REPEAT ONE assignment from a course	R 105.00
To REPEAT TWO assignments from a course	R 180.00

**Option A** - Registrations for the Award in Theology open on 01 November 2011 and close on 10 February 2012. If you register before 31 January 2012 then you qualify for these discounted fees:

<b>Option A</b> DISCOUNTED Fees for 2012 <i>If you pay your fees in full by 31 January 2012</i>	
each COURSE costs (e.g. 102, 121, 141, etc)	R 445.00
To REPEAT a WHOLE course	R 330.00
To REPEAT ONE assignment from a course	R 105.00
To REPEAT TWO assignments from a course	R 180.00

**Option C** - If you are not able to pay your fees in full when you register, then you may pay a deposit for each course at registration and pay the balance in instalments up to June (*shown below*).

You can only register up to three courses using option C - any additional courses must be paid for in full when you register. If you register early you will qualify for a discount on those extra courses.

<b>Instalment Option C (for each course)</b>		
FULL Fees for 2012		
Pay DEPOSIT at registration and INSTALMENTS each month		
	<i>Full Course</i>	<i>Repeat Course</i>
DEPOSIT to be paid at registration	R 225.00	R 170.00
1st INSTALMENT by 28 February	R 60.00	R 35.00
2nd INSTALMENT by 31 March	R 60.00	R 35.00
3rd INSTALMENT by 30 April	R 60.00	R 35.00
4th INSTALMENT by 31 May	R 60.00	R 35.00
Final INSTALMENT by 30 June	R 60.00	R 35.00

## **Assignment Due Dates - 2012**

When choosing courses, do note when the work for that course is due and preferably take course combinations that allow you ample time between assessment due dates.

<b>Course</b>	<b>First Assessment</b>	<b>Second Assessment</b>	<b>Third Assessment</b>	<b>Final Assessment</b>
101	30 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	23 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012
102	30 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	23 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012
121	07 May 2012	18 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012
141	14 May 2012	25 Jun 2012	06 Aug 2012	17 Sep 2012
153	07 May 2012	18 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012
171	14 May 2012	25 Jun 2012	06 Aug 2012	17 Sep 2012
172	21 May 2012	02 Jul 2012		24 Sep 2012

\* This course only has three assessments, the final assessment includes a preaching task.

**No Extensions** - no extensions are given. If you submit work late then you will have marks deducted as a penalty. Very late work will not be marked at all.

**Note** - If a due date falls on a date when the Post Office is closed (strike, public holiday, weekend, etc), then post your assignment on the very next working day. Always keep a copy of your assignment, always keep your "proof of postage".

# Course Descriptions

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## ***101 - Introduction to the Bible***

### **Course Description:**

*This course is an introduction to the Bible which covers:*

- the relationship between the books of the Old Testament and those of the New Testament;
- the way in which the Bible has come to us;
- the Bible as an inspired book;
- the nature of the God who works in history through the covenants he makes with human beings.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- interpret and apply the Scriptures more faithfully.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 2 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
30 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	23 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012

## ***102 - God and God's people***

### **Course Description:**

This course will give you an introduction to the Old Testament. It works systematically through the books of the Old Testament to give you the history of God's people, the Israelites. It will also help you to understand the way in which they understood God and his dealings with them as a nation.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- outline the history of the people of Israel;
- place Bible books, events and people in their proper historical context;
- use your knowledge to help you understand and interpret the New Testament;
- apply Old Testament insights into the nature of God to real life situations in your own context.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 3 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

Afrikaans, English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
30 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	23 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012

## ***121 - Jesus Christ and His people***

### **Course Description:**

This course covers the life of Christ as told in all four Gospels. This includes:

- the Jewish background to Jesus' life and ministry;
- the significance of the ministry and person of Jesus;
- the growth of the early Church;
- the Letters and Revelation.

*If you complete this course successfully, you will be able to:*

- show how the Old Testament was fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus;
- explain simply who Jesus is and the salvation he came to bring;
- describe how the Church spread out from Jerusalem, some of the problems it faced and how they were solved;
- find solutions to some of the problems in the life of the Church and the world today based on the letters of the New Testament;
- use the life of Jesus and the Early Church as a model for Christian discipleship and mission in today's world.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 3 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
07 May 2012	18 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012

## **141 - Basic Christian Doctrine**

### **Course Description:**

The Early Church soon found itself trying to express in creeds what it knew about the person of Jesus and the nature of the Church.

This course is an introduction to the Apostles' Creed and looks at the basic doctrines of the Christian Church:

- God the Father and Creator, God the Son and Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Spirit;
- the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church;
- salvation, heaven and hell;
- baptism, Christian ministry and prayer.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- develop your understanding of your own faith;
- explain that faith to others who do not have a Christian background.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 2 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
14 May 2012	25 Jun 2012	06 Aug 2012	17 Sep 2012

## **153 - South African Church History**

### **Course Description:**

This course covers the history of the Church in South Africa beginning with the Dutch East India Company. It looks at all of the missions that worked in South Africa and Lesotho. It also describes the origins of the African Independent Churches, the Zionist churches and key South African religious leaders. It concludes with a discussion of ecumenism and the Church's response to the Bantu Education Act.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- explain the history of any of the major churches in South Africa;
- write a history of your own local congregation.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 4 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
07 May 2012	18 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012

## **171 - Pastoral Studies**

### **Course Description:**

This course is designed to help all those who take part in the pastoral ministry of their congregation. It includes what can be learned about pastoral ministry from the life of the Apostle Peter.

It gives a brief introduction to:

- healing and counselling;
- communication and authority;
- the importance of small groups and Bible study;
- children in the church;
- the church in the community.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- play a fuller and more informed part in the pastoral ministry of your congregation.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 2 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Four (4) written assignments, no exam.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>Assignment 4</b>
14 May 2012	25 Jun 2012	06 Aug 2012	17 Sep 2012

## **172 - Preaching**

### **Course Description:**

This course looks at the preparation, writing and delivery of a sermon and the need for it to be relevant to the real life situations faced by the people who are in the congregation. It also looks at the importance of the life and example of the preacher for effective preaching. The course is also helpful for students who give more informal talks within group meetings of different kinds.

*If you complete this course successfully, you should be able to:*

- prepare, write and deliver sermons or talks that are suitable to your particular hearers within a variety of different situations.

### **Course Material:**

The College supplies 3 workbooks.

### **Available languages:**

Afrikaans, English, seSotho, isiXhosa, isiZulu

### **Assessments:**

Three (3) written assignments, the third includes the sermon.

### **Assessment Dates:**

No extensions

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>Assignment 3 *</b>
21 May 2012	02 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012

\* Assignment 3 is an oral preaching assignment:

The student must write and preach a sermon. The student must fix his/her own date for the sermon with their minister. The sermon and all the papers relating to the oral assignment must reach the marker no later than the due date. Students who are not licensed to preach could give an informal talk to a church group. It will be assessed in the same way as a sermon in church. There is a separate booklet and Assignment cover for this Assignment with detailed instructions which you must follow carefully.

**Methodist students should note that this assignment is not your Trial Service. The sermon for this course is marked at the College and not in your Circuit.**