

H. Bachelor of Theology

The B.Th Degree is designed to:

- provide the knowledge, skills and values you will need to help you do theology in your own context, and in other less familiar contexts;
- help you think more deeply and critically about Scripture, the Church, and a variety of contexts;
- enable you to put into practice - in church and community contexts - what you are learning;
- stimulate and develop your personal spirituality as you learn to incorporate your studies into your life and ministry;
- develop academic disciplines and competencies that will enable you to continue to study beyond this Degree, should you wish to do so;
- extend your theological competence more broadly than is possible in a Diploma.

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 six 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.

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

Accreditation

TEE College is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) as a Private Higher Education Institution, and it offers qualifications accredited by the Council on Higher Education. This qualification (B.Th) is registered with the South African Qualifications Authority with Learning Programme ID 62765.

Who may register for this qualification?

Any person wishing to register for the B.Th degree must be in possession of a valid South African National Senior Certificate endorsed with a Matric Exemption, or equivalent.

Credits required for completion:

To complete this 364 credit Bachelor of Theology degree you must:

- complete the Fundamental Course - 10 credits (or receive credit for recognition of prior learning);
- complete all six Core courses - 126 credits;
- complete two Elective courses in each of the three academic streams - 144 credits (Working with Sources, Engaging with the Christian Faith, and Applying Theology in Ministry);
- complete a further three Elective courses selected from any of the academic streams - 72 credits;
- in the last year of study, complete the Compulsory course 7401 (Integrating Theology and Ministry) - 12 credits.

If you complete at least four electives in any one academic stream, as well as completing your 7401 academic report in that same stream, then your degree certificate will carry an endorsement in that subject area. Note: this is not the same as a “major”!

Courses on the B.Th Programme:

Fundamental Course

	Credits	Level of difficulty
7000 Developing Skills for Theological Study	10	Introductory

Core Courses

	Credits	Level of difficulty
7002 Engaging with people pastorally and ethically	22	Introductory
7003 Growing spiritually, thinking theologically	24	Introductory
7004 Interpreting Texts: Bible and other sources	30	Introductory
7005 Practising Christian Leadership and Management	12	Intermediate
7006 Facilitating a Christian response to HIV and Aids	12	Intermediate
7001 Doing Ministry for a Change	26	Advanced

Electives

Working with Sources	Credits	Level of difficulty
7103 Working with Old Testament Texts & Contexts 1	24	Intermediate
7104 Working with Old Testament Texts & Contexts 2	24	Advanced
7122 Working with New Testament Texts & Contexts 1	24	Intermediate
7131 Working with New Testament Texts & Contexts 2	24	Advanced
7155 Exploring our Christian Foundations	24	Intermediate
7156 Exploring Christian growth and change	24	Intermediate
7157 Exploring our Christian Contemporary Heritage	24	Intermediate
7158 Exploring our African Christian World	24	Advanced
Engaging with the Christian Faith		
7243 Wrestling with our Faith	24	Intermediate
7276 Journeying in Faith	24	Intermediate
7261 Living and Ethical Faith	24	Intermediate
7245 Discovering our Christian World	24	Advanced
7281 Working with other Faiths	24	Advanced
Applying Theology in Ministry		
7372 Proclaiming our Faith	24	Intermediate
7373 Celebrating our Faith	24	Intermediate
7375 Caring in Faith	24	Advanced
7377 Teaching the Faith	24	Advanced
7378 Reading the Faith through Women's Eyes	24	Advanced
Compulsory ELO		
7401 Integrating Theology and Ministry (includes writing and Academic Report)	12	Advanced

Recommended Study Path

Unless directed otherwise by your church or by those responsible for your training, it is recommended that you:

- start with the fundamental course 7000;
- continue with the introductory Core courses that are pre-requisite for some of the Electives – spread these over at least two years (7002, 7003,

7004);

- complete the remaining Core courses and your selection of Elective courses in any order - but note the levels of difficulty as well as the credit workload;
- attempt course 7001 later in the qualification;
- complete course 7401 only in the last year of the qualification.

Each “credit” requires about 10 hours of work. Therefore a 24 credit course requires about 240 hours. You will do this work between your registration with the College and the date of the final assessment in the course. It therefore pays you twice to register early - firstly to have a longer time period in which to complete your work, and secondly to qualify for the early registration discounts offered on study fees.

Study Fee Details

On the Bachelor of Theology and Ministry programme:

- there is a *per annum registration administration fee - pay this once per academic year. Paying this fee alone does not register you!*;
- there is a *fee for each course - fees differ for full and half courses*;
- some courses have an exam and there is an *exam fee* to be paid at registration for each of those courses.

Bachelor of Theology Fees for 2012 (November 2011 to January 2012)	
Registration Administration Fee (<i>per annum</i>)	R 300.00
Exam Fee (add to courses 6003, 6004, 6122, 6155, 6243)	R 100.00
Full Course	R 1,700.00
Half Course (7000, 7005, 7006)	R 850.00
Repeat a Full Course	R 1,400.00
Repeat a Half Course (7000, 7005, 7006)	R 700.00
Repeat one assessment	R 510.00
Repeat two assessments	R 680.00

Option A - Registrations for the Bachelor of Theology open on 01 November 2011 and close on 31 January 2012. If you register before 31 December 2011 then you qualify for these discounted fees:

Option A Discounted Fees for 2012 (to 31 December 2011)	
Full Course	R 1,445.00
Half Course (7000, 7005, 7006)	R 720.00
Repeat a Full Course	R 1,190.00
Repeat a Half Course (7000, 7005, 7006)	R 590.00

The Registration Administration Fee and any Exam Fees must be paid in full at registration.

Option B - Registrations for the Bachelor of Theology open on 01 November 2011 and close on 31 January 2012. If you register before 15 January 2012 then you qualify for these discounted fees:

Option B Discounted Fees for 2012 (to 15 January 2012)	
Full Course	R 1,530.00
Half Course (7005, 7006)	R 765.00
Repeat a Full Course	R 1,250.00
Repeat a Half Course (7005, 7006)	R 630.00

The Registration Administration Fee and any Exam Fees must be paid in full at registration.

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.

Instalment Option C (for each course - maximum 3)		
FULL Fees for 2012		
Pay DEPOSIT at registration and INSTALMENTS each month		
	<i>Full Course</i>	<i>Half Course</i>
New Courses		
DEPOSIT to be paid at registration	R 600.00	R 400.00

Instalment Option C (for each course - maximum 3)

FULL Fees for 2012

Pay DEPOSIT at registration and INSTALMENTS each month

	<i>Full Course</i>	<i>Half Course</i>
1st INSTALMENT by 28 February	R 220.00	R 90.00
2nd INSTALMENT by 31 March	R 220.00	R 90.00
3rd INSTALMENT by 30 April	R 220.00	R 90.00
4th INSTALMENT by 31 May	R 220.00	R 90.00
Final INSTALMENT by 30 June	R 220.00	R 90.00
Repeat Courses		
DEPOSIT to be paid at registration	R 500.00	R 300.00
1st INSTALMENT by 28 February	R 180.00	R 80.00
2nd INSTALMENT by 31 March	R 180.00	R 80.00
3rd INSTALMENT by 30 April	R 180.00	R 80.00
4th INSTALMENT by 31 May	R 180.00	R 80.00
Final INSTALMENT by 30 June	R 180.00	R 80.00

The Registration Administration Fee and any Exam Fees must be paid in full at registration.

Miscellaneous Fees

Replace a Student Card:

R 50.00

An Academic Record:

R 50.00

Replacement Materials: Call the College

Student Financial Aid

TEE College does not hold funds for bursaries. Please contact your denominational authorities as some churches do provide bursary assistance to their students. By registering early you will qualify for discounts on certain fees as shown above.

Assessment Dates - 2012

Course	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4
7000	26 Mar 2012	11 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012
7001	26 Mar 2012	28 May 2012	30 Jul 2012	21 Sep 2012
7002	03 Apr 2012	05 Jun 2012	07 Aug 2012	21 Sep 2012
7003 E	16 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	20 Aug 2012	03 Oct 2012
7004 E	09 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	13 Aug 2012	01 Oct 2012
7005	21 May 2012	23 Jul 2012		
7006	03 May 2012	30 Aug 2012		
7103	31 Mar 2012	02 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012	
7104	09 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012	
7122	07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	05 Oct 2012	
7131	23 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012	
7155 E	14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	10 Oct 2012	
7156	09 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	13 Aug 2012	
7157	16 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	20 Aug 2012	
7158	23 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012	
7243 E	30 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	08 Oct 2012	
7245	07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012	
7261	03 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012	
7276	09 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012	
7281	14 May 2012	30 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012	
7372	23 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012	
7373	16 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012	
7375	14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012	
7377	07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012	
7378	16 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	03 Sep 2012	
7401	04 Apr 2012	25 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012	
ELO	04 Jun 2012	04 Oct 2012		

E - The final assessment for these courses is an Exam. You will receive information for the exam in late July.

No Extensions - no extensions are given. If you submit work after the due date but before the emergency date (which is shown in your assignment booklet) you will receive a penalty. Very late work (after the emergency date) 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 (there is no need to phone the College or your marker). Keep a copy of your assignment. Keep your "proof of posting".

Course Descriptions

7000 - Developing skills for theological study

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Fundamental / Compulsory</i>	<i>Introductory</i>	<i>10</i>

Course Description:

This course will help you develop skills relevant to the successful study of all the theological courses you will undertake in the future. It combines study skills for adult distance learning, with an introduction to thinking critically and reflecting theologically. Included in the course material is a DVD Course Guide.

Completing this course successfully enables you to

- Manage time, environment and materials related to study
- Read, analyse and respond to texts relevant to theological study
- Gather, select and organise information for a variety of purposes
- Demonstrate skills in critical thinking and analysis

Course Material:

- 1 Distance Learner
- 1 Resource Workbook

Assessments:

Two written assessments, no examination.

Assessment dates:

First registration		Second registration	
Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 1	Assessment 2
26 Mar 2012	11 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012

Study path: This course must be taken in the first year of registration. You may apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). Contact the College for more information. This course may be taken at the same time as other courses e.g. 7003.

Special conditions: There are two registration periods for this course. Register between 1 November and 31 January for the first period (together with other courses), or between 1 March and 15 June for the second period (for this course only).

7001 - Doing ministry for a change

Stream

Core / Compulsory

Level

Advanced

Credits

26

Course Description:

This course will focus on the basis of all Christian ministry: transforming mission. Building on the mission of Jesus, other biblical models of mission, and selected historical examples of mission, it will help you to assess your personal sense of mission and evaluate that of local churches.

A major part of this course will be to learn and use transformation skills with a chosen group or community, to transform aspects of injustice on the basis of Christian principles, informed by a mission perspective.

Note: This course involves practical work and community involvement so you should plan for time away from your desk.

Completing this course successfully enables you to

- Outline the changing understanding of mission in church history
- Describe and evaluate mission-focused churches
- Define personal mission in relation to the mission of Jesus
- Analyse the basic needs and dynamics of a community and identify aspects that need transformation
- Design a process to address issues of transformation in a community
- Apply Christian insights on transformation from the perspective of the mission of God (missio Dei)
- Implement a process addressing issues of transformation in a community

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

DVD - Introduction to the course

Assessments:

four written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4
26 Mar 2012	28 May 2012	30 Jul 2012	21 Sep 2012

Study Path - Core courses and several electives should be completed prior to registering for this course.

7002 - Engaging with people Pastorally and Ethically

Stream <i>Core / Compulsory</i>	Level <i>Introductory</i>	Credits <i>22</i>
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This course is a prerequisite for course 7261 and course 7375

Course Description:

This course will help you to develop the basic skills of pastoral care within a clear moral framework, and competency in applying those skills in church and community. It will also provide you with the tools for making sound ethical decisions that are contextually appropriate and grounded in the Christian gospel. Included in the course material is a DVD Course Guide.

Video/DVD: A video or DVD introduction to Christian Ethics by Professor Dr Louise Kretzschmar of UNISA can be purchased at R30.00, excluding postage.

Successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

- Compare and contrast approaches to Christian ethics in a range of contexts
- Apply and critique basic models of ethical decision-making
- Evaluate and apply approaches to the Bible in Christian Ethics
- Describe and engage in personal moral formation
- Identify and display qualities of a pastoral care-giver
- Describe and evaluate key principles and skills of pastoral care
- Apply and critique key principles and skills in a range of contexts
- Describe and apply the principles of forgiveness and reconciliation

Course Material:

3 Workbooks
DVD - Introduction to the course

Assessments:

Four written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4
03 Apr 2012	05 Jun 2012	07 Aug 2012	21 Sep 2012

7003 - Growing spiritually, thinking theologically

Stream <i>Core / Compulsory</i>	Level <i>Introductory</i>	Credits <i>24</i>
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This course is a prerequisite for course 7276 and 7243.

Course Description:

This course will help you to develop the basic skills of theological and spiritual reflection in relation to a range of Christian doctrines and practices. You will also exercise these skills in your own Christian journey and in the contexts in which you minister, and ensure that your beliefs and lifestyle agree with one another.

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

- Outline and evaluate classical and contemporary models of Christian spirituality
- Demonstrate the relevance and applicability of various models to the Southern African context
- Identify and address key personal aspects of spiritual formation
- Describe and critique key Christian doctrines in a range of contexts
- Outline and analyse a range of ways of constructing theology
- Compare and contrast interpretations of key doctrines
- Apply key Christian doctrines to contemporary contexts

Course Material:

4 Workbooks
DVD - Introduction to the course

Assessments:

Three written assessments, and One examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Examination
16 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	20 Aug 2012	03 Oct 2012

7004 - Interpreting texts: Bible and other Christian sources

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Core / Compulsory</i>	<i>Introductory</i>	<i>30</i>

This is one of the more demanding courses in the Degree, so plan well and balance your course selection. This course is a prerequisite for courses 7103, 7104, 7122 & 7131.

Course Description:

This course will help you to apply exegetical and hermeneutical skills to Old and New Testament texts and to two post-biblical documents: the Didache and the Nicene Creed. It will also help you to describe, evaluate and interpret (in your own context), the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Included in the course material is a DVD Course Guide.

Video/DVD: An introduction to the skill of Exegesis (interpreting texts) is available on video and DVD at R30.00, excluding postage. The presentation is by Rev James Massey, a former Principal of TEE College and Mr Hilton Tayler, tutor. It is highly recommended.

Completing this course successfully enables you to

- analyse the process by which Christian texts emerge in historical contexts
- interpret texts in their contexts
- apply texts in contemporary situations using broadly recognised hermeneutic methods
- analyse the historical, religious, social and political background to the life of Jesus
- describe and critically compare the different Gospel presentations of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth
- critically analyse the significance of the person of Jesus Christ within the context of first century Judaism and of the emerging Christian community
- interpret the person and teaching of Jesus for people within the student's own context using recognised hermeneutic methods

Course Material:

6 Workbooks
Exegesis booklet
DVD - Introduction to the course

Assessments:

Three written assessments, and One examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Examination
09 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	13 Aug 2012	01 Oct 2012

7005 - Practising Christian Leadership and Management

Stream <i>Core / Compulsory</i>	Level <i>Intermediate</i>	Credits <i>12</i>
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Course Description:

This course will help you develop your skills in leadership and management in church contexts. It aims to develop skills, heighten accountability and increase competence and efficiency.

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

- Describe key principles of Christian leadership and management
- Evaluate models of Christian leadership and management in context
- Evaluate own experiences of leadership and management
- Outline, apply and assess basic leadership management structures in a church

Course Material:

2 Workbooks

Assessments:

Two written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2
21 May 2012	23 Jul 2012

7006 - Facilitating a Christian response to HIV/AIDS

Stream

Core / Compulsory

Level

Intermediate

Credits

12

Course Description:

This course explains the causes and effects of HIV/AIDS and explores theological, ethical, pastoral and spiritual issues related to the pandemic. It is also a practical course which contains tools and skills to equip you and your church for this important ministry. It is designed to enable you to get involved in the AIDS ministry of your church or community, or to initiate one, if this does not exist.

Included in the course material is a DVD Course Guide.

This course involves significant practical work away from your desk.

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

- Analyse and critique definitions of HIV/AIDS
- Present and assess a Christian theological perspective on the issues
- Organise and facilitate programmes in response to the pandemic
- Evaluate the impact of programmes

Course Material:

2 Workbooks

DVD - Introduction to the course

Assessments:

Two written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2
03 May 2012	30 Aug 2012

7103 -

Working with Old Testament texts and contexts 1

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Working with Sources / Elective</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	24

Course Description:

This course will develop skills in relating contemporary / situations / issues/problems to the Old Testament and vice versa. To do this, you will need to critically reflect on your contemporary situation/issues/problems, as well as the situations that gave rise to the Old Testament passages, and then to discover in the passages principles that can be a prophetic word for today.

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

- Describe the characteristics of the genre of prophecy
- Outline the historical and socio-political contexts of biblical prophecy and interpret prophetic texts according to their internal criteria
- Apply prophetic texts in contemporary contexts
- Describe the characteristics of the genre of wisdom
- Outline the historical and socio-political contexts of wisdom literature
- Interpret wisdom texts according to their internal criteria
- Apply wisdom texts in contemporary contexts

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

If you do not already have the "Exegesis booklet" it is available from the College at a cost of R50 + postage.
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Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
31 Mar 2012	02 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7004 <i>Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian sources.</i>

7104 - Working with Old Testament texts and contexts 2

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Working with Sources / Elective</i>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>24</i>

Course Description:

This course will enable you to further your understanding of how stories are constructed and to develop skills in writing stories, using biblical and other passages as a basis. You will also explore appropriate ways in which Biblical poetry may be interpreted and used in group and individual contexts as a means of strengthening spiritual life.

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

- describe the differences between reader-centred, author-centred and text-centred methods of analysis
- describe and analyse how narrative passages are constructed
- describe and analyse the characters in narrative passages
- describe and analyse the setting of narrative passages
- write narratives
- describe the characteristics of the genre of Biblical poetry
- explore poetic texts according to the internal criteria of the genre
- apply poetic texts in contemporary context

Course Material:

2 Workbooks

If you do not already have the "Exegesis booklet" it is available from the College at a cost of R50 + postage.

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
09 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7004 *Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian sources.*

7122 -

Working with New Testament texts and contexts 1

Stream

Working with Sources / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will be useful if you wish to be grounded in the art of interpreting the biblical texts in an ethical, responsible way in different contexts. This course will also enable you to apply the tools of biblical interpretation to discover and evaluate the theological principles used by the early Church to deal with the problems which confronted it and apply them to problems in today's Church, your community and the world.

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

- explain basic theories of biblical and other textual interpretation
- assess and apply different approaches to hermeneutics
- construct creative contextual interpretations of biblical texts
- describe the situations that gave rise to a selection of the letters of the NT
- summarise and evaluate the arguments and theological responses of the letter writers apply the arguments and theological principles to issues which you have identified within today's Church, your own community and the world.

Course Material:

4 workbooks

If you do not already have the "Exegesis booklet" it is available from the College at a cost of R50 + postage.

Assessments:

Two written assessments, and an examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Examination
07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	05 Oct 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7004 *Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian sources.*

7131 -

Working with New Testament texts and contexts 2

Stream

Working with Sources / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

Course Description:

The course entails a detailed study of the Johannine literature (Gospel of John, John 1, 2 and 3 and Revelation) and of Apocalyptic literature in both the Old and New Testaments

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

- describe the situations that gave rise to the Johannine literature
- summarise and evaluate the arguments and theological responses of the writer(s) of the Johannine literature
- apply the arguments and theological principals to issues which the learner has identified within today's church, the learner's own community and the world
- describe the characteristics of the genre of biblical apocalyptic
- outline the historical and socio-political contexts of biblical apocalyptic
- interpret apocalyptic texts according to their internal criteria
- apply apocalyptic texts in contemporary contexts

Course Material:

2 workbooks

1 textbook - *The Hope of a People who Struggle*

1 extract - Chapters 1 + 6 - *Guide to the New Testament*

If you do not already have the "Exegesis booklet" it is available from the College at a cost of R50 + postage.

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
23 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7004 *Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian Sources*.

7155 - Exploring our Christian Foundations

Stream

Working with Sources / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will introduce you to the history of Christianity from the time of the New Testament until the split between Western and Eastern Christianity. You will gain insight into the culture of Christendom in Western Europe, and ways in which Christian faith and political expression became entangled. It will also be of value for those who wish to work with the classical Christian spiritualities, and their relevance to the contemporary world.

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

- Describe and analyse key Christian concepts, movements and developments associated with the 1st millennium
- Locate those concepts, movements and developments in their historical, geographical, and socio-cultural context
- Describe and evaluate the dynamics of the interaction between religion and the social and political context
- Assess the early foundations of patterns of worship and Christian practice, and their contemporary relevance

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

Assessments:

Two written assessments, and an examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	10 Oct 2012

7156 - Exploring Christian Growth and Change

Stream <i>Working with Sources / Elective</i>	Level <i>Intermediate</i>	Credits <i>24</i>
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Course Description:

This course will enable you to identify structural and ideological processes through which the Church has been reformed in the past, and to apply these processes to the contemporary Church where reform is needed. You will also gain insight into the emergence of the culture of Christendom in Western Europe and ways in which Christian faith and political expression became entangled. This is a particularly important course for those whose church has Reformation roots.

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

- Describe the context and processes of church reform in a selected historical period
- Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the church in that period
- Produce a reform strategy based on the period
- Apply that strategy to a chosen contemporary context
- Describe and analyse key Christian concepts, movements and developments associated with the medieval period
- Locate those concepts, movements and developments in their historical, geographical and socio-cultural context
- Describe and evaluate the dynamics of the interaction between religion and politics
- Assess classical spiritualities and their contemporary relevance

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
09 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	13 Aug 2012

7157 - Exploring our Contemporary Christian Heritage

Stream <i>Working with Sources / Elective</i>	Level <i>Intermediate</i>	Credits <i>24</i>
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Course Description:

This course will be useful to people who wish to gain insight into the impact of the modern world on expressions of Christianity, and ways in which Christianity has adapted itself to that world. It will also be of value for those who wish to formulate a missiological response to contexts of modernity and post-modernity.

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

- Describe and analyse key concepts, movements and developments associated with the rise of modernity.
- Locate those concepts, movements and developments in their historical, geographical, and socio-cultural context.
- Outline and assess Christian movements within the modern period.
- Critique and evaluate Christian reactions and responses to modernity.
- Develop strategies for constructive engagement with the contemporary world.

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
16 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	20 Aug 2012

7158 - Exploring our African Christian World

Stream <i>Working with Sources / Elective</i>	Level <i>Advanced</i>	Credits <i>24</i>
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Course Description:

This course looks at the history of Christianity on the African continent as well as the history of South African Christianity from the 17th Century onwards. We strongly recommend that all students studying for formal ministry do this course as part of the Degree.

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

- Present an overview of Christianity as an African religion
- Critically discuss the founding of the church in North Africa, Nubia & Ethiopia
- Describe and analyse European missionary expansion into Africa
- Critically analyse the response of Christianity to slavery and colonialism
- Overview the early religious history of the indigenous people prior to Christianity and the founding and establishment of Christianity in South Africa
- Discuss the different missionary societies, their work and people
- Identify, locate and discuss the founding of the African Initiated Churches, with analysis of the relation between Christianity and African nationalism
- Discuss the growth and character of Christianity since 1948
- Present an overview of African Theology and Black Theology in the South African context

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

1 Textbook - "A History of Christianity in SA"

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
23 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012

7243 - Wrestling with Our Faith

Stream

Engaging with Faith / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will be useful to people who wish to compare a range of New Testament and Christian understandings of the meaning and significance of the cross, and locate their own theological perspective within that range.

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

- Describe and compare key New Testament understandings of the death of Jesus and the symbol of the cross
- Describe and compare key Christian understandings of the death of Jesus and the symbol of the cross
- Explain your own faith perspective on the cross and
- Apply the doctrine of redemption in personal and community situations
- Show that the doctrines of the Trinity and of humanity as 'imago Dei' are social models
- Critique traditional theological and Church perspectives in the light of the two doctrines
- Apply the two doctrines to redemptive and liberative models of human relationships

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

Assessments:

Two written assessments, and one examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Examination
30 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	08 Oct 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7003 *Growing spiritually, thinking theologically.*

7245 - Discovering our Christian World

Stream

Engaging with Faith / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course requires you to explore your own denominational tradition from a range of perspectives, including theology, worship, church organisation and discipline and culture. Then it will take you through an exploration of ecumenism, in which you will reflect on your own Christian tradition and experience in the light of other traditions and experiences and insights.

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

- outline the history, theology and operating principles of your denomination
- locate your denomination within a global Christian perspective
- analyse and critique your denomination from an ecumenical perspective
- propose ways of deepening collaboration between Christian bodies

Course Material:

1 Textbook – “Essays and Exercises in Ecumenism”
Notes on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry"

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012

TEE College supplies you with the required workbooks for the ecumenical element of the course. You need to supplement the course material with resources relating to your own denomination from your denomination's resources.

7261 - Living an Ethical Faith

Stream

Engaging with Faith / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will be useful to people who seek to make informed, defensible decisions within the framework of Christian theology and ethics and who wish to engage in personal, church and societal moral formation. This course also applies the theories, skills and processes of Christian ethics to the specific area of sexual ethics.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Describe and evaluate main ethical theories and theologies
- Make and apply defensible ethical decisions, informed by Christian theology and ethics, using a variety of ethical approaches
- Facilitate moral formation in local church and/or social contexts
- Describe and analyse the major areas of sexual ethics
- Construct a set of principles and guidelines based on a model of Christian ethics
- Apply those principles and guidelines to specific issues and problems of sexual ethics in context

Course Material:

4 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
03 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7002 *Engaging with people pastorally and ethically.*

7276 - Journeying in Faith

Stream

Engaging with Faith / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This Spirituality course will be useful for people who wish to develop their understanding of a range of Christian spiritualities and formulate a rule of life for themselves in community.

Please note that this course requires that you keep a journal of your spiritual journey throughout the year. This journal will form part of the assessment of this course.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Survey and assess developments in Christian spirituality
- Select elements from a range of models appropriate to their life contexts
- Construct and apply a rule of life
- Conduct a critical self-assessment

Course Material:

4 Workbooks

1 Resource book

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
09 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012

Study Path - Students must have completed Course 7003 *Growing Spiritually, Thinking Theologically*.

7281 - Working with Other Faiths

Stream

Engaging with Faith / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will be of use to all who are involved in working with people of other faiths or who may wish to learn about other religions.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Recognise and analyse the diverse nature of culture and evaluate a specific context
- Describe other religions and identify relevant points of contact
- Describe African Traditional Religions and identify relevant points of contact
- Interact in multicultural contexts
- Investigate the basic dynamics of human relationships

Course Material:

2 Workbooks

1 Textbook - "A Guide to Religions"

1 Textbook guide

1 Extract - "Go Make Disciples"

1 set of WCC Notes

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
14 May 2012	30 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012

7372 - Proclaiming our Faith

Stream <i>Applying Theology / Elective</i>	Level <i>Intermediate</i>	Credits <i>24</i>
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Course Description:

This course will be of use to all who are involved in leading worship and preaching, as well as other forms of Christian communication, including radio and television.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Determine sermon subjects and source and analyse material
- Prepare, deliver and evaluate sermons
- Explain the nature and origin of Christian worship
- Explore the way in which worship and culture influence each other
- Develop a theology of the service of worship as expressed in the student's tradition, and compared with other traditions
- Apply theology of the Christian sacraments to worship services
- Explore the use of architecture, art, colour and symbolism in worship
- Develop the skill of leading in worship and the use of music
- Develop an understanding of theology of prayer and apply it to the corporate prayer of the worship service
- Investigate the history and nature of the Christian calendar and apply it in worship

Course Material:

4 Workbooks

1 Textbook - "Principles of Christian Worship"

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
23 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012

Study Path - Students should have completed Course 7003 *Growing Spiritually, Thinking Theologically*, and Course 7004 *Interpreting texts: Bible and other Christian sources*.

7373 - Celebrating our Faith

Stream

Applying Theology / Elective

Level

Intermediate

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will be of use to all who are involved in the preparation and leading of worship, and to anyone who has an interest in helping the Christian church to worship God more effectively. It examines worship in the Bible and Christian worship down the centuries, across the denominations and in the African context. In it, you will be helped to analyse the structures of worship, create forms of worship that are appropriate to a range of contexts, and assess what it is that makes worship "work" better.

Successfully completing the course, you should be able to:

- Describe and analyse the Biblical and early church bases of Christian worship
- Outline the key principles of Christian worship
- Analyse and evaluate denominational worship in historical context
- Develop proposals for changed patterns of worship based on historical principles
- Describe Baptism and Eucharist as sacraments within the Church
- Describe different ministries in the Church and their relationship to church structures
- Describe the relationship between the ministry and sacraments of the church, and the role of the church in the wider community

Course Material:

2 Readers

1 Set Study Notes

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
16 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012

Study Path - It is recommended that students have completed all the Core courses, or be completing them in the same year as registering for this course. In particular, Course 7003 *Growing Spiritually, Thinking Theologically* and Course 7004 *Interpreting texts: Bible and other Christian sources*. In

addition, we recommend that you also complete Course 7155 *Exploring our Christian foundations* before or at the same time as this course.

7375 - Caring in Faith

Stream

Applying Theology / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course will give you an opportunity to integrate your own faith and theological training with the social sciences, so that you may become part of the Church's mission to heal our society.

NOTE: This course does not qualify you to practise professionally as a counsellor. At least 30 hours practical work is required (15 hours under supervision)

Successfully completing the course, you should be able to:

- Describe and explain the role of the Church as a healing community
- Describe and compare healing practices in different church traditions
- Describe and evaluate the practice and theology of people with a healing ministry and explain the relationship between worship and healing
- Describe the role of forgiveness in the healing process
- Identify and display essential skills of a pastoral care-giver
- Develop advanced listening skills (report on at least 15 hours practical work)
- Describe causes and effects of different conditions and describe suitable counselling strategies including one Pastoral Counselling Model.

Course Material:

4 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012

Study Path - Students should have completed, or be completing, all the Core courses, particularly Course 7002, when registering for this course.

7377 - Teaching the Faith

Stream

Applying Theology / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

Course Description:

This course is aimed at those who want to reflect on and improve their ministry in Christian education in churches, educational institutions, and communities.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Critically analyse the role and function of Christian Education in personal life, the church and the wider community
- Describe the biblical, theological and church-based aspects of Christian Education
- Critically analyse effective methods of learning and teaching and apply them to Christian Education
- Plan, run and evaluate a Christian Education learning experience, event or activity within a local church context
- Design a relevant Christian Education programme for a specific context
- Design a short curriculum for a selected context.

Course Material:

3 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	17 Sep 2012

7378 - Reading the Faith through Women's Eyes

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Applying Theology / Elective</i>	<i>Advanced</i>	<i>24</i>

Course Description:

This course is intended for women and men who want to develop a more critical and compassionate ministry to women in their churches and communities.

If you successfully complete the course, you should be able to:

- Define patriarchy and feminism
- Outline the major developments in feminist theology (20th and 21st Centuries)
- Describe and critically analyse hermeneutical and methodological approaches found in the work of contemporary feminist writers
- Facilitate an event which is aimed at the transformation of attitudes towards women in the Church and in society
- Give an overview of the history of the marginalisation of women in the Christian Church
- Do an historical-socio-critical study of prescribed texts from both the Old and New Testaments
- Analyse the marginal position and role of women in differing contexts
- Use the context analysed in the preceding outcome to re-read the selected biblical texts in a liberative way for women

Course Material:

4 Workbooks

Assessments:

Three written assessments, no examination

Assessment Dates:

Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
16 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	03 Sep 2012

Study Path - It would be of benefit to have already studied further biblical electives and 7243 *Wrestling with our Faith*.

7401 - Integrating Theology and Ministry

Stream

ELO / Compulsory

Level

Final Year

Credits

12

Course Description:

This course completes the Bachelor of Theology Degree. Students write an academic paper on a subject and in a stream of their own choice. Students should find a supervisor / mentor to guide them through their research, and will be assigned a marker who can provide feedback on their progress.

Students also write a paper that demonstrates their achievement of the exit level outcomes and shows that they are able to integrate theology and ministry.

If you complete the academic paper successfully, you should be able to:

- Show competence in researching relevant material using a variety of resources.
- Understand issues and trends surrounding the theme.
- Formulate a title reflecting the question or theses of the subject material.
- Use suitable report-writing elements to establish the desired report structure.
- Display mastery of a suitable academic writing style and format.

If you complete the exit level outcome assessment successfully you should be able to:

- Identify and distinguish basic concepts and theories with regard to Theology as a human and social science.
- Integrate and apply a range of theological concepts and disciplines.
- Critically compare and use theological and other sources to explore faith questions and proclaim Christian faith in context.
- Identify, evaluate and develop your personal faith in context.
- Engage in and articulate critical and creative theological thought and writing
- Play a moral and constructive role by developing and applying core human and Christian norms and values, to contexts, to facilitate moral decision making and formation.
- Facilitate Christian pastoral ministry to individuals and communities, and evaluate effectiveness.
- Promote, develop and evaluate transformative leadership in a faith community.
- Participate constructively in multi-cultural and multi-faith communities
- Identify and formulate transformative responses to contemporary societal needs.

Course Material:

Academic Report Booklet
Integrative ELO Project Booklet

Assessments:

Research paper - proposal, draft and final
Integrative ELO - draft and final

Assessment Dates:

	Proposal	Draft	Final
Research project	04 Apr 2012	25 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012
ELO Narrative		04 Jun 2012	04 Oct 2012

Study Path - The Academic Report and Exit Level Outcome Papers must be written in the last year of study when preparing to complete the Bachelor of Theology Degree.