

F. Diploma in Theology and Ministry

The Dip.ThMin is designed to:

- provide the knowledge, skills and values you will need to help you do theology in your own context;
- 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 Diploma, should you wish to do so.

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 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.

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 (Dip.ThMin) is registered with the South African Qualifications Authority at Level Six on the National Qualifications Framework with Learning Programme ID 62619.

Who may register on this qualification?

Any person wishing to register for courses on the Dip.ThMin must have passed Grade 12 / Standard 10 (South African National Senior Certificate), or equivalent.

Note that this programme begins its phase-out in the 2012 academic year. The Dip.ThMin continues to be a valid and accredited qualification, but **no new registrations** will be accepted for this programme. Current students already busy with the Dip.ThMin are required to complete it by 2015.

Please see the phase-out information given below for more information and for different options available to you.

Credits required for completion:

To complete this 256 credit Diploma in Theology and Ministry you must:

- complete the Fundamental Course – 10 credits (or receive credit for recognition of prior learning);
- complete all six Core courses – 126 credits (note that course 6001 can only be attempted in the last year of study);
- complete one Elective course in each of the three academic streams – 72 credits (Working with Sources, Engaging with the Christian Faith, and Applying Theology in Ministry);
- complete a further two Elective courses selected from any of the academic streams – 48 credits.

Courses on the Dip.ThMin Programme:

Fundamental Course

	Credits	Level of difficulty
6000 Developing Skills for Theological Study	10	Introductory

Core Courses

	Credits	Level of difficulty
6002 Engaging with people pastorally and ethically	22	Introductory
6003 Growing spiritually, thinking theologically	24	Introductory
6004 Interpreting Texts: Bible and other sources	30	Introductory

	Credits	Level of difficulty
6005 Practising Christian Leadership and Management	12	Intermediate
6006 Facilitating a Christian response to HIV and Aids	12	Intermediate
6001 Doing Ministry for a Change	26	Advanced

Electives

Working with Sources	Credits	Level of difficulty
6103 Working with Old Testament Texts & Contexts 1	24	Intermediate
6122 Working with New Testament Texts & Contexts 1	24	Intermediate
6155 Exploring our Christian Foundations	24	Intermediate
6158 Exploring our African Christian World	24	Advanced
Engaging with the Christian Faith		
6243 Wrestling with our Faith	24	Intermediate
6276 Journeying in Faith	24	Intermediate
6261 Living and Ethical Faith	24	Intermediate
Applying Theology in Ministry		
6372 Proclaiming our Faith	24	Intermediate
6373 Celebrating our Faith	24	Intermediate
6375 Caring in Faith	24	Advanced

Please note that during its phase-out period this qualification works with a reduced selection of elective courses.

Recommended Study Path

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

- start with the fundamental course 6000;
- continue with the introductory Core courses that are pre-requisite for some of the Electives – spread these over at least two years (6002, 6003, 6004);
- 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 6001 in the last year of the programme.

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 (about 32 weeks). 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.

Phase-out

The TEEC Diploma in Theology & Ministry is not alignable to the new Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) and is therefore to be phased-out from 2012 in terms of the HEQF regulations.

What does this mean?

- The Dip.ThMin continues to be an accredited and valid qualification (like the old Joint Board Diploma), but no new students will be registered on this programme;
- New students starting out will be registered on the Diploma in Theology (the replacement programme for the Dip.ThMin);
- If a student has any credits on the Dip.ThMin at the end of the 2011 academic year then they are considered to be a current student on the Dip.ThMin. This gives three options:
 1. To continue on the Dip.ThMin and complete it by 2015 (no Dip.ThMin courses will be offered from 2016). *Students need to plan their study path in order to complete the requirements of the Dip.ThMin by 2015;*
 2. Students who have been struggling on the Dip.ThMin have the option of transferring work to the Higher Certificate in Theology and completing that qualification;
 3. Students who have done well on the Dip.ThMin have the option of transferring their work to the Bachelor of Theology - provided that they had a Matric Exemption at the start of your studies on the Dip.ThMin (no conditional exemptions!).

Dip.ThMin students who wish to transfer to either the B.Th or the H.Cert. (theology) will not be charged the usual fees for transferring work between programmes for this registration

period only. Transfer to the B.Th is only possible during this registration and is not possible in any future year. Transfers to the H.Cert. (theology) in future years will be charged the usual fees.

Transferring credits to the B.Th

All work completed on the Dip.ThMin can be transferred to the B.Th. if you meet the entrance requirements for the B.Th. Bear in mind this is a longer programme.

Speak to your church authorities about this change if your studies are related to your preparation for ministry!

Transferring credits to the H.Cert. (theology)

Use the table below to determine if you qualify to transfer completed work from the Diploma in Theology & Ministry to the Higher Certificate in Theology - tick against those courses you have passed. That will indicate which courses are eligible to be credited.

Select eligible courses to a maximum of 60 credits. This limit is set by legislation, additional credit cannot be granted.

DipThMin Code	Passed?	Higher Certificate Course Name & (Code)	Credits	Transfer? (max 60)
6001		Call to Discipleship (45269)	12	
6002		Pastoral Care (45371)	12	
		Intro to Christian ethics (45261)	12	
6003		Intro to Spirituality (45251)	12	
		Intro to Theology (45241)	12	
6004		Intro to OT (45111)	12	
		Intro to NT (45121)	12	
6006		Pastoral response to HIV / Aids (45384)	12	
6000 + 6155		Investigating our Christian world (45130)	24	
6158		South African Church History (45131)	12	
6372		Christian proclamation (45378)	12	

If you have passed other Diploma in Theology & Ministry courses that are not shown in the table above, unfortunately you are not able to transfer them. Only the courses shown are eligible for transfer. Also note that courses that were credited to you on the Diploma are not eligible for transfer (the exception being course 6000). Only

coursework that you have done with this College can be considered. If you have courses that qualify for transfer (but are limited by the 60 credit maximum) then you might consider transferring electives and registering for Intro to the Old Testament, Intro to the New Testament, or Intro to Theology as these three courses are significantly different from what you would have experienced in the Diploma.

Speak to your church authorities about this change if your studies are related to your preparation for ministry!

Study Fee details

On the Diploma in 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.

Diploma in Theology & Ministry 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 1,650.00
Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 825.00
Repeat a Full Course	R 1,350.00
Repeat a Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 675.00
Repeat one assessment	R 495.00
Repeat two assessments	R 660.00

Option A - Registrations for the Diploma in Theology & Ministry 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 1,400.00
Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 700.00
Repeat a Full Course	R 1,125.00
Repeat a Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 570.00

Still include the Registration Administration Fee and any Exam Fees. Assessment repeat fees remain the same.

Option B - Registrations for the Diploma in Theology & Ministry 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 1,485.00
Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 745.00
Repeat a Full Course	
Repeat a Half Course (6005, 6006)	R 605.00

Still include the Registration Administration Fee and any Exam Fees. Assessment repeat fees remain the same.

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		

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>
DEPOSIT to be paid at registration	R 600.00	R 400.00
1st INSTALMENT by 28 February	R 210.00	R 90.00
2nd INSTALMENT by 31 March	R 210.00	R 90.00
3rd INSTALMENT by 30 April	R 210.00	R 90.00
4th INSTALMENT by 31 May	R 210.00	R 90.00
Final INSTALMENT by 30 June	R 210.00	R 90.00
Repeat Courses		
DEPOSIT to be paid at registration	R 500.00	R 275.00
1st INSTALMENT by 28 February	R 170.00	R 80.00
2nd INSTALMENT by 31 March	R 170.00	R 80.00
3rd INSTALMENT by 30 April	R 170.00	R 80.00
4th INSTALMENT by 31 May	R 170.00	R 80.00
Final INSTALMENT by 30 June	R 170.00	R 80.00

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

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
6000	26 Mar 2012	11 Jun 2012	30 Jul 2012	24 Sep 2012
6001	26 Mar 2012	28 May 2012	30 Jul 2012	21 Sep 2012
6002	03 Apr 2012	05 Jun 2012	07 Aug 2012	21 Sep 2012
6003 E	16 Apr 2012	18 Jun 2012	20 Aug 2012	03 Oct 2012
6004 E	09 Apr 2012	11 Jun 2012	13 Aug 2012	01 Oct 2012
6005	21 May 2012	23 Jul 2012		
6006	03 May 2012	30 Aug 2012		
6103	31 Mar 2012	02 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012	
6122 E	07 May 2012	16 Jul 2012	05 Oct 2012	
6155 E	14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	10 Oct 2012	
6158	23 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012	
6243 E	30 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	08 Oct 2012	
6261	03 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012	
6276	09 Apr 2012	25 Jun 2012	27 Aug 2012	
6372	23 Apr 2012	09 Jul 2012	10 Sep 2012	
6373	16 Apr 2012	02 Jul 2012	03 Sep 2012	
6375	14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	17 Sep 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

Descriptions of all courses follow. Please note which are compulsory and prerequisite courses, and the order in which they can be taken.

The Dip.ThMin begins its phase-out in 2012. Please see that section of the year-book for additional information.

6000 - Developing skills for theological study

Stream <i>Fundamental / Compulsory</i>	Level <i>Introductory</i>	Credits <i>10</i>
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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. 6003.

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).

6001 - Doing ministry for a change

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Core / Compulsory</i>	<i>Advanced / Final Year only</i>	<i>26</i>

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

6002 - 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 6261 and course 6375

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

6003 - Growing spiritually, thinking theologically

Stream	Level	Credits
<i>Core / Compulsory</i>	<i>Introductory</i>	<i>24</i>

This course is a prerequisite for course 6276 and 6243.

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

6004 - 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 Diploma, so plan well and balance your course selection. This course is a prerequisite for courses 6103 & 6122.

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 Director 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

Note: This is a demanding course - not only in time required, but also in what you need to learn and apply. Select additional courses carefully when registering for this course!

6005 - 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

6006 - 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 a significant amount of practical work away from your desk. You will need to plan your work well.

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

6103 -

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

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 6004 *Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian sources*. An "Exegesis booklet" it is available at a cost of R50 + postage.

6122 -

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

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 6004 *Interpreting Texts: Bible and other Christian sources*. An "Exegesis booklet" it is available at a cost of R50 + postage.

6155 - 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	Examination
14 May 2012	23 Jul 2012	10 Oct 2012

6158 - Exploring our African Christian World

Stream

Working with Sources / Elective

Level

Advanced

Credits

24

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

6243 - 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 6003 *Growing spiritually, thinking theologically.*

6261 - 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 6002 *Engaging with people pastorally and ethically.*

6276 - 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 6003 *Growing Spiritually, Thinking Theologically*.

6372 - 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 6003 *Growing Spiritually, Thinking Theologically*, and Course 6004 *Interpreting texts: Bible and other Christian sources*.

6373 - Celebrating 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 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 - We recommend that you also complete Course 6155 *Exploring our Christian foundations* before or at the same time as this course.

6375 - 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

6378 - Reading the Faith through Women's Eyes

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