

Introduction

In 1984, Bishop Emilio J.M. de Carvalho of Angola and Bishop Arthur F. Kulah of Liberia challenged both the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) in Africa. A year later, the GBGM, through the Africa Church Growth and Development Committee, sponsored a consultation on theological education on the continent of Africa. This was held in Harare, Zimbabwe, in August 1985. The urgent need for theological education at tertiary level gave birth to the idea of establishing a university on the continent. This university was to be, according to the planners, international in its design and ecumenical in its spirit.

The original plan presented to the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church was to start the new University with the Faculty of Theology in March 1990. However, it was only in March 1992 that the first class was opened to nine Bachelor of Divinity degree candidates, under the leadership of the founding dean, Dr. David K. Yemba. In fact, the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources are the two founding Faculties of Africa University.

The Faculty of Theology prepares candidates for degrees and enables them to participate in continuing education programmes in order to increase their knowledge and skills for theological scholarship and the practice of their vocations and Christian ministries.

Mission Statement

The Faculty of Theology at Africa University is a community of learning whose purpose is to educate women and men to be pastors and teachers of the Christian Gospel for the churches of Africa. The Faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and research where an understanding of the Bible's transforming and prophetic message is central. Students gain knowledge and understanding of God's mission in today's Africa and the world. Generations of teachers are prepared to teach church leaders across the continent through pastors' schools and e-learning. The Faculty of Theology, related through the University to the United Methodist Church, welcomes to its community persons of other churches, celebrating unity in Christ through theological study. The mission of the Faculty is to prepare women and men to be "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (I Corinthians 4:1) for the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Goals And Objectives

The goals and objectives of the Faculty are:

- to provide well-trained Christian leadership for the life of the church;
- to provide well-trained faculty for African seminaries and Bible training schools;

- to provide Christian leadership for theological education by extension and continuing education in collaboration with African theological institutions and the churches;
- to facilitate research and promote dialogue and publications concerning authentic African theology and methodology;
- to stimulate collaboration among existing theological institutions within the continent of Africa;
- to initiate studies that deliberately focus on intercultural and inter-religious perspectives;
- to ascertain theological and religious competencies in our graduands in meeting the challenges of our civil/secular society; and
- to assert afro-centric theological and religious initiatives that address the multidisciplinary challenges of Africa e.g. HIV and AIDS, War, etc.

Endowed Chairs

In addition to offering classes in the regular curriculum, a part of the responsibilities accompanying these endowed chairs in the Faculty is the challenge to create and conduct workshops that extend the ministry of a chair into the community beyond the University.

- The Kurewa Chair, an E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism - This Chair is already established and occupied.
- The James M. Walker Chair of Pastoral Care - This Chair is already established.
- The Goddard/Johnson Chair of Christian Education - This Chair is being established.

Undergraduate Programmes

Bachelor of Divinity Degree Programme

The Faculty of Theology offers a three-year, full-time Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree programme designed to prepare University level candidates for lay and ordained Christian ministry and to advance religious studies in the context of modern Africa.

The Bachelor of Divinity degree is intended for qualified applicants who seek to fulfil a dream of getting a degree in the field of theology and who desire to prepare for ordained ministry or another form of church leadership.

The Faculty offers three-year General and Honours degree programmes. For those in the Honours Programme it is possible to concentrate on one of the following theological disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Theology,

Christian Ethics, Worship, Evangelism, Preaching, Church in Society, or World Religions.

Related Programmes

- **Ethics and Christian Values Course**
As a church-related institution, Africa University – through the Faculty of Theology – offers an Ethics and Christian Values course to all students in undergraduate degree programmes.

- **Continuing Education**
The purpose of continuing education is to promote on-going learning in ministry for scholars, ordained clergy, lay professionals and interested lay persons of various denominations. The Faculty of Theology offers opportunities for continuing education, which are designed to address the needs for life-long preparation for effective ministry, theological scholarship and contemporary Church leadership in Africa.

Through continuing education opportunities, the Faculty of Theology expects to extend its community of learning, helping various participants to increase their knowledge and skills for the better practice of their various vocations and ministries.

In addition to degree programmes, continuing education opportunities are periodically offered through workshops, an In-Residence programme, and the annual Africa University Theological Week.

- **Spiritual Formation and Colloquium Session**
Each week an hour is set for the whole Faculty to gather for spiritual and intellectual enrichment that goes beyond the classroom. On three Wednesday afternoons each month students and staff meet in small groups for sharing their lives, reflecting on them, and praying for each other. The fourth Wednesday they meet as a plenary to listen to a faculty member or a senior student read a research paper in which theological and biblical issues are integrated in the African context.

- **Field Education and Internship**
Students who enrol in the Bachelor of Divinity Programme *without* three years' prior experience ministering in a local congregation are to be attached to a local church for supervised ministry under the pastor-in-charge during the second semester of the second year. It is the responsibility of the Faculty and the

student to make arrangements for the attachment in consultation with the Co-ordinator of Field Education and Internship.

Students *with* three years' prior pastoral experience, and all third year students, are encouraged to enlarge their experiences by giving voluntary ministries to local churches of their own choice. As an ongoing process, reflections on pastoral experience are integrated both in the courses taught in pastoral theology and in other courses in the FOT curriculum.

All students regardless of their ministerial background will be required to undertake at least a six-week internship during the long vacation (June/July) after the second year. This offers a service to the church as well as enhances learning for the students. The students will make arrangements for this in consultation with the Coordinator of Field Work.

Special Regulations

- **Specific Entry Requirements**

In addition to meeting the general requirements for admission to Africa University, candidates wishing to undertake a course of study in the Faculty of Theology's Bachelor of Divinity degree programme must meet the following special Faculty requirements:

- Any candidate who is academically qualified in Arts or Sciences, or a combination of the options, according to the University General Entry Regulations, is academically admissible to the B.D. degree programme;
- A candidate who holds a diploma in Theology from a recognized theological institution acquired normally in not less than three years of study, plus not less than five subjects at Ordinary Level or equivalent prior to diploma may be admitted, subject to the approval of Senate Admissions Committee;
- Because the degree is designed to prepare students for Christian ministry, it is essential that prospective students secure the commitment and recommendation of their Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, or of the equivalent ecclesiastical body of the candidate's church.

- **Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) [*being revised*]**

- In order to enrol for the B.D. (Hons), the student must have earned a CGPA of 3.20 or above at the end of the second year of the programme.
- The student must earn credit in two elective courses in the area of Ministerial Studies. In his/her third year, the student shall take all the electives from his/her area of concentration and will substitute the writing of a research-and-reflection paper for one of the remaining courses. The paper shall be in his/her area of concentration during the last semester of the programme.

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- The Bachelor of Divinity (Hons) paper shall normally be 30 - 40 pages, double line spacing in Times New Roman, 12 point.
 - **Student Evaluation**
Students enrolled in the B.D. degree programme will be evaluated on continuous basis throughout the course of their academic studies. Credit for each course shall comprise of continuous assessment and end of semester examination. The final course grade is constituted by fifty percent (50%) continuous assessment and fifty percent (50%) end of semester examination. Evaluation of Field Education and Internship will be based on reports submitted by the Fieldwork Coordinator and the onsite supervisor.
 - **Categories of Courses**
Three categories of courses are offered in the Bachelor of Divinity degree programme (total credit hours: 106).
 - **14 credit hours of University-wide Courses** – required of all Africa University Undergraduate students;
 - **77 credit hours of Core Courses** – required to provide the basic skills and knowledge to theologically equip a student for Christian ministry in Africa;
 - **15 credit hours of Elective Courses** – those that enable the student to acquire more specialised knowledge of a particular theological discipline or to broaden their understanding of theology or a related subject. Not all elective courses listed in this section are offered each year; a selection will be offered depending on the availability of teaching staff, the interests of the students, and the number of credit hours required for the completion of the programme.

Bachelor of Divinity Curriculum

Three-year Bachelor of Divinity Degree Programme (the number of credit hours are in parentheses)

Year One (35 Credit Hours)

Semester One

THC 101 Survey of Church History (3), TBS 104 Introduction to New Testament (3), TBS 103 Introduction to Old Testament (3), HCS 101 Communication Skills I (3), HFR 111 French for Beginners I/HPO 111 Portuguese for Beginners I/HESL 111 English as a Second Language I (3), HIT 100 Introduction to Information Technology (2)

Semester Two

HAS 100 African Studies (3), TRP 100 Introduction to the Study Religion (3), HFR 112 French for Beginners II/HPO 112 Portuguese for Beginners II/HESL 112 English as a Second Language II (3), TST 203 Christian Doctrine I (3), TRM 100 Introduction to Research Methods (3), TPT 201 Homiletics (3),

Year Two (37 Credit Hours)

Semester One

TST 205 Theology and Land Praxis I (3), TPT 207 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counselling (3), TPT 202 Ministry of Evangelism (3), TPT 203 Christian Worship (3), TST 204 Christian Doctrine II (3), Elective (3).

Semester Two

TST 206 Theology and Land Praxis II (3), TEV 200 Ethics and Christian Values (2), TPT 205 Christian Education (3), TPT 206 Preaching Practicum (3), TPT 208 Field Education (2), TCH 218 The History of Methodism/Wesleyan Studies (3), Elective (3).

Year Three (34 Credit Hours)

Semester One

TBS 308 Prophets I (3), TPT 301 Internship (1) (June – July), TBS 306 Pauline Literature (3), THC 302 African Church History (3), TCS 301 Church and Social Transformation (3), TCS 303 Introduction to Ministry in the HIV and AIDS Context (3), Elective (3).

Semester Two

TBS 309 Prophets II (3), THC 304 Introduction to the Ecumenical Movement (3), TPT 306 Church Administration (3), Electives (6).

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Descriptions of University-wide Courses

Language Proficiency

HCS 111 Communication Skills I, (3 Credit Hours) [See FHSS Syllabus]

HFR 111,112; HPO 111,112; HESL 111,112 French I, II or Portuguese I, II or English as a Second Language I, II (6 Credit Hours) [See FHSS syllabus]

HIT 100 Information Technology (2 Credit Hours) [See FMA syllabus]

African Studies

HAS 100 (3 Credit Hours) [See FHSS syllabus]

Ethics And Christian Values

TEV 200 Ethics and Christian Values (2 Credit Hours)

The meaning of “ethics” and the necessity for both individuals and communities of developing an ethical approach to making life’s decisions are the underlying “tracks”

on which this course runs. A model for ethical decision-making is proposed and students work with it as part of the challenges of the course. Each Faculty will have a time allocated for the course.

Description of Core Courses

Introduction Course

TRM 100 Introduction to Research Methods (3 Credit hours)

The course is an introductory course aimed at imparting basic research methodology techniques like conducting field investigation, administering questionnaires and interpreting the findings in a scholarly manner.

Biblical Studies

Old Testament

TBS 103 Introduction to Old Testament (3 Credit hours)

The course introduces the Old Testament books TANAK, the process of canonisation, major themes and methods of studying the books of the Old Testament.

TBS 308 Prophets I (3 Credit Hours)

This is a study of the origins of prophecy and Israelite pre-classical prophets. The course will also examine the concepts of prophecy in ancient Israel and the problems associated with conceptualisation of the phenomenon of prophecy.

TBS 309 Prophets II (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of Israelite classical prophets focusing on the activities of the individual prophets with particular emphasis on Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

New Testament

TBS 104 Introduction to New Testament (3 Credit hours)

The course introduces the background to the New Testament from the inter-testamental period to Jesus' time. It introduces the religio-philosophical background, the socio-economic conditions of Palestine immediately before and during Jesus' time and many other introductory issues like canonisation.

TBS 306 Pauline Literature (3 Credit hours)

Students examine Pauline literature in its social, religious and literary setting paying special attention to issues that occasioned the letters, the impact of Greco-Roman Hellenism and Synagogue Judaism, and to the distinctive traits of the developing Pauline Literature.

Church And Society

TCS 301 Church and Social Transformation (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the contribution of the local congregation to community development. It approaches this subject from the viewpoint of marginalized and disempowered peoples within the community and measures the value of the church's contribution to social change by the extent to which they have been brought into the centre of decision-making. Students are assisted in gaining personal skills for analysing social dysfunction and capacitating the local congregation for strategic community action.

TCS 303 Introduction to Ministry in the HIV and AIDS Context (3 Credit hours)

This is an introduction to the Ministry in the context of HIV and AIDS. It is aimed at equipping students with the basic knowledge, skills and the capacity to minister to people infected and affected with HIV and AIDS.

Church History

TCH 218 The History of Methodism/Wesleyan Studies (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the history of the Wesleyan movement from John Wesley to the present. It considers the contribution of leading personalities, the interplay of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the spread of the United Methodist Church with special reference to Africa.

THC 101 Survey of Church History (3 Credit hours)

An overview is presented of key events, movements and people that have shaped the history of the church as an institution and Christianity as a movement and as a theology. In addition to the beginnings of Christianity in the Mediterranean Basin, developments throughout the world are considered.

THC 302 African Church History (3 Credit hours)

This course surveys the history of Christian theology in Africa, beginning in North Africa in the First Century, encompassing the rapid expansion of Christianity on the continent which accompanied the period of colonial expansion during the 19th century, and continuing to the present.

THC 304 Introduction to the Ecumenical Movement (3 Credit hours)

This course introduces the field of Ecumenical Theology. It includes an introduction to the Ecumenical movement; an overview of the major traditions of Christian Theology (Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anabaptist, Pentecostal and African Initiated Churches), and the role of bilateral and multilateral dialogues in Contemporary Ecumenical Theology. Some key ecumenical themes, texts and leaders are examined.

Ministerial Studies**TPT 201 Homiletics (3 Credit hours)**

The students are exposed to the theory of constructing and delivering a sermon. Characteristics of African styles of preaching and of congregational responses are some of the topics for reflection.

TPT 202 Ministry of Evangelism (3 Credit hours)

Ministry of Evangelism as an introductory course to Evangelism includes examination of the concept of evangelism, the theological and sociological motives, and opportunity for the ministry of evangelism. This course is designed to encourage the student to move beyond simply taking notes from the instructor and to do more reading and participate in class discussions.

TPT 203 Christian Worship (3 Credit hours)

The course has a double focus. Both historically respected forms of worship and forms that are emerging in the African context constitute the content of this course. Types of prayer, Christian rituals, sacraments, and gender issues are among specific topics addressed.

TPT 205 Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

The course is an introduction to Christian Education including the biblical/theological foundation, philosophy, and history. Students will study the developmental stages of persons, the teaching/learning process and how to organise a program of Christian Education in a local congregation. Each student is required to plan and teach a lesson to a class in the context of her/his field education.

TPT 206 Preaching Practicum (3 Credit hours)

This is a laboratory course for competence in the preparation, delivery, and evaluation of sermons.

TPT 207 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

The course is an introduction to pastoral care and pastoral counselling, with special attention paid to life-stages and premarital and marriage guidance. The course deals also with the care of the ill, the dying, and the bereaved. Students reflect on traditional African forms of counsel and guidance, and their applicability in Christian pastoral care.

TPT 208 Field Education (2 Credit hours)

See Field Education and Internship Programme

TPT 301 Internship (1 Credit Hour)

See Field Education and Internship Programme

TPT 306 Church Administration (3 Credit hours)

The meanings and interrelationship of “administration,” “leadership,” “stewardship,” and “discipleship” in the church are studied. Emphasis is placed on fund-raising and on managing human and material resources in a context of pastoral ministry.

Religion and Philosophy

TRP 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion

This course introduces students to the phenomenon of religion and the various ways of studying this phenomenon.

Theology

TST 203 Christian Doctrine I (3 Credit hours)

This is an introductory course to Christian Theology. Special attention is given to the sources, methods and tasks of theology; the doctrines of God, the person of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, and the problem of evil.

TST 204 Christian Doctrine II (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the following fundamental doctrines: Man and sin, the Atonement, the Church, the Ministry, the Sacraments, and Eschatology.

TST 205 Theology and Land Praxis I (3 Credit hours)

This course applies theological beliefs and ethical principles to the theory and practice of crop production. It is aimed at equipping students with theoretical agricultural knowledge and practical skills within a theological and ethical framework informed by African religio- cultural sources.

TST 206 Theology and Land Praxis II (3 Credit hours)

This course applies theological beliefs and ethical principles to theory and practice of livestock production. It is aimed at equipping students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills on livestock production within a theological and ethical framework informed by African religio- cultural sources.

Descriptions of Elective Courses

All students are required to select a minimum of four elective courses worth 3 credit hours each. “Electives” include courses that are given regularly and those that are offered from time to time depending on the availability of academic staff, visiting lecturers and the interest of the students. Each semester the Faculty makes available a list of elective courses, selected from the following catalogue, to be offered that semester.

Biblical Studies**Old Testament****TBS 100 Biblical Interpretation (3 Credit hours)**

The course shows how interpretation of the Bible involves reflection on texts in their contexts. Students learn critical methods of exegesis and discover how interpretation both informs and is informed by a reading of the biblical texts.

TBS 203 Biblical Hebrew I (3 Credit hours)

This is an introductory course to Biblical Hebrew, its basic vocabulary and grammar. Learning this material enables students to translate Hebrew Texts and to make more informed use of scholarly Biblical Commentaries.

TBS 211 Biblical Hebrew II (3 Credit hours)

This is an advanced course in Biblical Hebrew. Students wishing to do this course must normally have obtained at least B- in Biblical Hebrew I.

TBS 212 Exegesis of the Hebrew Old Testament (3 Credit hours)

Students are introduced to the exegesis of selected Old Testament texts using the Hebrew text.

TBS 214 Spirituality in the Psalms and Its Relevance to African Worship (3 Credit hours)

The course examines the different types of Psalms as expressions of Israelite and Jewish spirituality, and their importance in the life of the church today. This entails a comparative and cultural analysis from an African perspective.

TBS 215 The Old Testament and the Environment (3 Credit hours)

A socio-cultural and ethical analysis of relevant positions will be provided, with emphasis on how the interpretation of certain texts of the Old Testament can impact positively or negatively on the environmental awareness process.

TBS 216 Preaching from Old Testament Texts (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the relationship between Old Testament exegesis and preaching. Selected Old Testament texts are studied with the aim of enabling the student to construct relevant sermons from them.

TBS 217 Contemporary Issues in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

Students are introduced to Old Testament Theologies and significant issues in contemporary Old Testament studies such as liberation, contextualisation, tribalism, nationalism and sacrificial practices.

TBS 220 Ruth and Esther through African Feminist Hermeneutics (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the books of Ruth and Esther using feminist hermeneutics. The objective is to develop an affirmative approach to women's dignity and initiatives as reflected in the stories, and also to see how the Bible, through these characters, operates as an empowering device for human development. Part of the course's work is an exegesis from an African perspective of selected passages from these books.

New Testament

TBS 102 Jesus and the Gospels (3 Credit hours)

In this course a literary and historical study of Jesus of Nazareth is undertaken with an extensive literary critical analysis of the diverse portrayals of Jesus in the canonical gospels. Students also examine modern historical-critical attempts to reconstruct the mission and message of the historical Jesus lying behind the literary and theological accounts.

TBS 205 Biblical Greek I (3 Credit hours)

This is an Introductory course to Biblical Greek, its basic vocabulary and grammar. The acquisition of language skills in this area will be helpful in dealing with New Testament texts and similar literature from the inter-testamental period.

TBS 311 Biblical Greek II (3 Credit hours)

This is an advanced course in Biblical Greek. Students wishing to do this course must normally have obtained at least B- in Biblical Greek I.

TBS 312 Exegesis of the Greek New Testament (3 Credit hours)

Using the Greek text, students are introduced to the exegesis of selected New Testament periscopes.

TBS 313 Luke-Acts (3 Credit hours)

Students examine Luke-Acts in their social, religious and literary setting.

TBS 314 Johannine Literature (3 Credit hours)

Students explore the Johannine Literature in its social, religious and literary setting.

TBS 315 General Epistles (3 Credit hours)

Students examine Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, and Jude in their social, religious and literary setting.

TBS 316 New Testament Theologies in Context (3 Credit hours)

Students are introduced to significant attempts to develop New Testament theologies with a focus on issues such as methodology, the unity and diversity of the New Testament, the implications of New Testament theologies for contemporary African Christianity.

TBS 317 New Testament Ethics (3 Credit hours)

Students are introduced to a variety of approaches to the study of New Testament Ethics and selected ethical themes from the New Testament. This course concludes by examining the relevance and contribution of New Testament Ethics to contemporary ethical issues.

TBS 319 Biblical Foundations for Leadership, Conflict Transformation and Peace Building (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates the extent to which the Bible (Old and New Testaments) provides the basis for Leadership, Conflict Transformation and Peace Building. The course attempts to exegete texts that show evidence of principles of Leadership, Conflict Transformation and Peace Building and from a hermeneutical perspective reflect on the theological implications of those principles and see how they apply to our contemporary African context.

Church and Society

TCS 201 Environmental Ethics in Africa I (3 Credit hours)

The realities of environmental degradation on a local as well as global level demand that we re-examine our understanding of the relationships among God, humanity and the non-human creation. This course develops a religio-cultural and theological understanding of these relationships as the basis for addressing the pressing environmental issues faced by the people of Africa.

TCS 313 Sexual Ethics (3 Credit hours)

Contemporary Africa faces major challenges in the area of sexual morality brought about by the interaction of traditional African moralities, Christianity, and western culture within the context of urbanisation and globalisation. This course helps students develop a critical Christian sexual ethic that addresses issues such as marriage, pre and extra-marital sex, polygamy and monogamy, HIV and Aids, prostitution, pornography and homosexuality.

TCS 316 Contemporary Issues in Theological Ethics (3 Credit hours)

Selected issues relevant to contemporary African life situations are researched and analysed. These may be arising from both the method and the content of Theological Ethics.

TCS 317 Major Figures in Historical and Contemporary Theological Ethics (3 Credit hours)

A selected figure or selected figures (such as Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin Luther, Barth, Bonhoeffer, H.R. Niebuhr, R. Niebuhr, Reuther, Gutierrez, Tutu, Bujo, Mugambi, Hauerwas, Ramsey, and Lehman will be studied in relation to their impact on the development of theological ethics and its continuing significance.

TCS 318 Theological Ethics in an African Context (3 Credit hours)

This course explores key theological themes that have shaped different approaches to theological ethics. The contribution of African theology to the critique and development of these themes will be given particular attention. Themes such as the following will be examined: *missio dei*; the reign of God; creation and redemption; the *imago dei* and human sin; the Law and gospel; community and character; love and justice; Christology and discipleship; the command of God.

TCS 319 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Africa (3 Credit hours)

In this course students are assisted to analyse the African context in order to highlight significant ethical issues that emerge continent-wide. They select some of these issues for particular study, and examine them from the perspective of an African theological ethic.

TCS 320 Environmental Ethics in Africa II (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates factors influencing the rapid depletion of Africa's natural resources and the impact this depletion might have on the welfare of the African people now and in the future. The course explores ways in which the church in Africa can give leadership in efforts to develop human and social lifestyles that respect and protect the natural environment.

TCS 321 Church and Political Ethics (3 Credit hours)

This course examines biblical and historical resources for understanding the relationship between the church and the state with the aim of developing a constructive Christian political ethic for contemporary Africa. With this framework, a variety of issues (such as human rights, democracy, the church in an Islamic state, the mass media, the church in the context of war) are addressed.

TCS 322 Ethics and Development (3 Credit hours)

This course develops a theological understanding of human well-being. This becomes the basis for critically evaluating the causes of poverty and underdevelopment in Africa. Models for development and contemporary socio-economic systems are critically analysed.

Church History

TCH 211 Early Church History (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the history of the church and theology from the time of the apostles to Augustine. The course addresses the relationship between theology and culture in Patristic theology and the significance of the ecumenical councils and creeds.

TCH 212 Medieval Church History (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the history of the church and theology from the death of Augustine to the dawn of the Reformation. The course gives attention to the rise of Scholasticism and its contribution to the development of Christian theology.

TCH 213 Reformation Church History (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the conflicts in ideas and personalities that provoked the Protestant and Catholic Reformations. The course introduces both the history and theology of these movements and examines their impact on the history of the church.

TCH 214 Enlightenment and Awakening (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the European philosophical movement called “Enlightenment” and the Eighteenth Century revivals (“Awakening”) in the American colonies and their significance to Christianity. Both influenced the rise of Methodism and the modern Missionary Movement, which are also topics of this elective.

TCH 215 Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Church History (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the history of the church and theology in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. This course includes a particular focus on the impact of the missionary movement and the rise of the younger churches in Asia, Africa, and South America.

TCH 216 The African Initiated Churches (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the origins, theologies and continuing impact of African Initiated Churches.

TCH 217 Significant Issues in Church History (3 Credit hours)

In this course students will undertake a highly focussed study of a single significant issue, movement, person or period in the history of Christianity.

TCH 311 Case Studies in Ecumenical Theology (3Credit hours)

This course is a critical examination of significant documents and theological agreements that have emerged out of ecumenical dialogues.

TCH 313 Contemporary Issues in Ecumenical Studies (3 Credit hours)

In this course students are introduced to significant issues in contemporary ecumenical studies, such as ecclesiology, sacrament, conciliarity, authority in the church, theological anthropology and the unity of the Church

Ministerial Studies

TPT 204 Denominational Studies (3 Credit hours)

The specific polity and discipline of the student's home denomination are explored. Where there are several students from one denomination the course is taught for the group across the years of study, and where there is only one student from a denomination the course is taught with the involvement of the denomination concerned.

TPT 309 United Methodist Church Polity and Doctrine (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the way the United Methodist Church is organized; and it also meets the disciplinary requirement for diaconal ministry requirement or ordination to elder or permanent deacon in the UMC [a requirement for UMC students who are not yet ordained]

TPT 311 Advanced Study in Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

In this course selected themes in Pastoral Care and Counselling are examined. These themes include: Theology of Pastoral Care, the history of the discipline of Pastoral Care, counseling the sick, the dying and the bereaved.

TPT 312 Homiletical Resources (3 Credit hours)

This is an advanced study in the theory and practice of preaching. The course also examines challenges in preaching through the Christian year as well as on specific occasions such as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

TPT 313 Christian Education II (3 Credit hours)

Students will study and critique the Village Concept of Christian Education developed by the All Africa Conference of Churches. Then they will develop a plan of implementation for their own context.

TPT 314 Curriculum Writing for Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

The course will provide an in-depth study of the definition, purpose and place of curriculum in the Christian Education program of a local congregation. After learning

how a Christian Education Curriculum is developed, each student will write a unit of study for one age group based on a season of the Christian year.

TPT 315 Evangelism Through the Local Church (3 Credit hours)

In this course students explore ways of approaching Christian discipleship in such a manner that evangelism and Christian education have a common goal of inviting and guiding people toward sound Christian commitment and maturity in the Christian faith.

TPT 316 Dynamics of Church Growth (3 Credit hours)

This course will analyze the 'church growth theory' from a global perspective, causes of church growth in Africa and explore strategies for reaching out to new frontiers, including new church planting.

TPT 317 Trends in Church Music Administration (3 Credit hours)

This course is about equipping candidates with the skills necessary for the organisation of church music programs including service planning, the selection of material for worship in an integrated music industry, working with the choir and its director in determining the nature of worship, the evaluation of service music and the selection of music for liturgical seasons and celebrations.

TPT 323 United Methodist General Conference (3 Credit hours)

This course is taught every four years in conjunction with the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Students meet a few times to prepare for the conference and then converse on line with other United Methodist Church students from one of the seminaries in the United States of America present at the conference site.

Religion And Philosophy

TRP 101 Introduction to the Study of the Main Religions of Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course provides an introduction to the problematic encounters of the main religions of Africa: African Traditional Religion, Islam and Christianity. The ultimate goal is to expand the understanding of religion in Africa as a human quest for meaning, while also identifying the contributions of African Traditional Religion to the world.

TRP 201 African Religion (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the world of African religious beliefs, experiences and expressions. Some specific African religion like Shona or Ndebele religion shall be studied.

TRP 202 Islam (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the history, development, beliefs and practices of Islam. Emphasis shall be put on the practice and development of Islam on the African continent.

TRP 210 Philosophy I (3 Credit hours)

This is an introductory course to the basic themes, concerns and methods of Western and African philosophy. Students shall be introduced to what the discipline of Philosophy is all about in the western tradition, and its existence and practice among Africans.

Theology

TST 207 God and Creation (3 credit hours)

The doctrine of God as Trinity is presented with reference to both biblical and historical sources. The doctrine is related to some traditional African concepts of God, and to creation theology, the nature of human beings as images of God, and the contemporary ecological crisis.

TST 210 Liberation Theologies (3 Credit hours)

Contemporary liberation movements with a focus on feminist, Black, Third World and Fourth World theologies will be examined. The origins, methods, sources, commonalities and differences as well as points of tension of these theologies are also covered.

TST 211 Major Figures in Historical and Contemporary Theology (3 Credit hours)

The works of two or three theological authors [selected from such works as those by Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, Luther, Wesley, Schleiermacher, Barth, Niebuhr, Ruether, Russell, Daly, Canon, Oduyoye, Okure, Mbiti, Bujo, and Pobee are examined with reference to their theologies, the contexts in which they wrote, the tasks to which they addressed themselves and their relations to other theologians' projects.

TST 212 Contemporary Issues in Theology (3 Credit hours)

Both intellectual issues (such as theological method and theology of religions) and applied issues (such as liberation and ecumenism) are addressed, through the examination of the works of selected authors.

TST 213 Depth Studies in Doctrines (3 Credit hours)

A selected doctrine (e.g. trinity, church, incarnation, providence, theodicy, natural theology, revelation,) is examined in historical, experiential and conceptual frameworks. The emphasis here is on expanding awareness of the ways Christian faith has been

articulated, and developing an appreciation of some of the differences of interpretation and opinion that have contributed to the history of Christian thought.

TST 214 Cultural Theologies (3 Credit hours)

Both those theologies commonly thought of as bearing specific cultural marks (such as third world theologies) *and* those commonly treated as ‘standard’ (such as European, American or Eastern Orthodox theologies) are explored as expressions of their particular cultures about what is important, how to approach the truth, and how to interpret authoritative traditions, both oral and written.

TST 215 Theology and Spirituality (3 Credit hours)

The theological assumptions and implicit or explicit teachings of spiritual writers/teachers will be explored as students reflect on works by such persons as Theresa of Avila, John Chrysostom, Gregory Palamas, Desmond Tutu, Emmanuel Milingo, Carlo Caretto, Henri Nouwen, Evelyn Underhill.

TST 216 Philosophy and Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course introduces students to the interrelationship between theology and philosophy through an examination of the influence of different western philosophies on the history of Christian theology. This introduction becomes a basis for discussing the possible relationship between African philosophy and theology.

TST 217 Focus on Selected Christian Doctrines (3 Credit hours)

Such doctrines as ‘incarnation,’ ‘trinity,’ ‘forgiveness of sin,’ ‘life in the Spirit’ are given deeper attention as regards their particular meaning in the African context. The selection of three of these is made by the lecturer in consultation with the students and other lecturers in the Constructive Theology field. Reference is made to the published works of African theologians.

TST 304 Third World Women Theologies (3 Credit hours)

The course analyses emerging themes and issues in African, Latin American, and Asian women theologies through studying the works of important figures. The origins, methods, sources, commonalities and differences as well as points of tension of these theologies are also covered.

TST 305 African Christian Theology (3 Credit hours)

Published works of African theologians are examined in depth and comprehensiveness. In addition, historical and contemporary issues in African Christian theology such as inculturation, liberation and other emerging themes are discussed in the light of Christian faith and teachings.

Graduate Programmes

1. Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S)

Objectives of the Programme

The programme is designed for students who seek to further their studies in theology and pastoral ministry. It is aimed to improve them academically so that they become competent pastors and/ or ministers of their churches.

Special Regulations

These special regulations shall be read in conjunction with the Africa University General Regulations for Graduate Degree Programmes. These regulations shall not take precedence over the general academic regulations.

Specific Entry Requirements

The normal requirement for admission to the programme shall be a good first degree in Theology from Africa University or a good degree in Theology or Religious Studies from a recognised institution of higher learning, deemed to be equivalent to a second class B.D honours degree of Africa University.

Structure and Duration of the programme

- . The programme offers specialisation in five areas listed below.
 - Biblical Studies (Old Testament and New Testament)
 - Church and Society
 - Church History
 - Ministerial Studies (Christian Education, Church Administration, Evangelism, Homiletics, Pastoral Care and Counselling, Worship)
 - Theology
- . A student shall select one area of specialisation. A student may also take a maximum of two courses related to the area of specialisation from Masters level courses offered at Africa University.
- . The duration of the M.T.S programme is 24 months for full-time students and 48 months for part-time students.
- . The programme of study consists of prescribed lectures, seminars, independent studies, practicals, assignments, written examinations, end of semester papers and dissertation.

Student Evaluation

Evaluation of each course or seminar shall consist of continuous assessment and an end-of-semester examination or paper. Continuous assessment will constitute 50% of the final mark, and the end-of-semester examination (or paper) will make up for the remaining 50%.

Graduation Requirements

- In order to graduate, the candidate must have successfully completed 45 credit hours: Introductory courses [TRM 500 and CIS 102] – 6 credit hours; Dissertation – 9 credit hours ; Courses in the area of specialization - 30 credit hours .
- In no case may a student graduate from the M.T.S. programme at Africa University without successfully completing the dissertation based on Africa University Graduate Regulations and Faculty of Theology Special Regulations.
- The dissertation shall be a minimum of 100 pages and shall be required to conform to the general regulations of graduate degree programmes.

Course Descriptions

Introductory Courses

Year 1 Semester 1

TRM500 Research Methods (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

CIS102 Microcomputer Applications (3 Credit hours)

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Knowledge work productivity concepts; advanced software functionality to support personal and group productivity such as templates and macros and functions; Advanced concepts in organization and management of data (sorting, filtering, data analysis) via spreadsheets and database tools; Accessing organizational and external data; Information search strategies, Tool use optimization and personalization, Professional document design; Image processing; Web page design and publishing; Effective presentation design and delivery.

TRM500 Research Methods (3 Credit hours)

The course is an introductory course to graduate students aimed at imparting basic research methodology and techniques like conducting field investigation, administering questionnaires and interpreting findings in a scholarly manner.

Biblical Studies

Objectives

- To enable students to acquire skills and competency in the interpretation of the scriptures (Old Testament or New Testament)
- To enable students to be conversant with Biblical Theology
- To enable students to contribute to biblical scholarship in academia, church and society

Old Testament

Year 1 Semester 1

TBS501 History and Methods in the Study of the Old Testament (3 Credit Hours)

TBS511 Major Themes in the Study of Pentateuchal Traditions (3 Credit Hours)

TBS513 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Pentateuch (3 Credit Hours).

Year 1 Semester 2

TBS503 Major Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit Hours)

TBS515 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TBS603 Contemporary Issues in Old Testament Interpretation (3 Credit Hours)

TBS605 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from the Hebrew Old Testament (3 Credit hours)

TBS611 Contemporary Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TBS607 Dissertation (Old Testament) (9 Credit hours)

TBS501 History and Methods in the Study of the Old Testament (3 Credit hours)

The course is an investigation of the history, and methods of the interpretation of the Old Testament. It seeks to, *inter-alia*, explore the major problems of the investigation of the Old Testament over the years from both exegetical and hermeneutical perspectives.

TBS503 Major Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

This course deals with some major themes in the Old Testament. One of several themes may be selected. Appropriate themes could include: salvation (*yaša'*); covenant (*berît*); prophets (*nebiim*); steadfast covenant love (*hesed*); the messiah; the kingdom of God; and the Spirit world of the of Old Testament and Africa

TBS511 Major Themes in the Study of Pentateuchal Traditions (3 Credit hours)

This is an investigation of major themes in the Pentateuch including the historicity of the Patriarchs and Exodus, the Religion of the Patriarchs and such themes as Creation and the Covenant.

TBS513 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Pentateuch (3 Credit hours)

This is a course aimed at translating and commenting meaningfully on selected texts from the Pentateuch.

TBS515 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

This course is a historical investigation of the methods used to interpret the Old Testament from the Reformation to the present day.

TBS603 Contemporary Issues in Old Testament Interpretation (3 Credit hours)

The course aims at examining current issues or problems arising from and/or influencing the interpretation of the Old Testament.

TBS605 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from the Hebrew Old Testament (3 Credit hours)

The course is concerned with the translation and exegesis of selected texts, which include prose, prophets and poetry. The course will investigate theological themes in the course of exegesis such as berît; yašá'; hesed; kabod; and others

TBS611 Contemporary Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates selected themes contemporary readers may draw from the Old Testament, and the relevance of the Old Testament in contemporary society, especially in Africa.

New Testament

Year 1 Semester 1

TBS502 History and Methods in the Study of the New Testament (3 Credit hours)

TBS512 Major Themes in the Study of the Gospels and Acts (3 Credit hours)

TBS514 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Gospels (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TBS504 Major Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit Hours)

TBS516 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TBS606 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from the Greek New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers (3 Credit hours)

TBS612 Contemporary Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

TBS620 Contemporary Issues in New Testament Interpretation (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TBS608 Dissertation Writing (New Testament) (9 Credit Hours)

TBS502 History and Methods in the Study of the New Testament (3 Credit hours)

The course traces the history, and examines the methods of the interpretation of the New Testament beginning from the pre-critical stage right through to the contemporary stage. The problems of the investigation of the New Testament over the centuries are explored and the major exegetical and, or, hermeneutical methods discussed.

TBS504 Major Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

The course discusses selected major themes from the broad areas of New Testament Theology namely: Christology (a discussion of which includes the mission of Jesus and his major teachings), Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Pneumatology, Eschatology and Ethics.

TBS512 Major Themes in the Study of the Gospels and Acts (3 Credit hours)

This course is an analysis of major themes in the Synoptic Gospels, John and the book of Acts and how these themes are related and how they relate to themes in the entire New Testament.

TBS514 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Gospels (3 Credit hours)

The course trains students to translate and exegete selected texts from the Gospels.

TBS516 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

This course is an historical investigation of the methods used to interpret the New Testament from the Reformation to the present.

TBS518 Major Themes in the Study of Pauline and Non-Pauline Literature (3 Credit hours)

This course will analyse selected themes in the authentic Pauline letters, Deutero-Pauline and non-Pauline letters.

TBS606 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from the Greek New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers (3 Credit hours)

In this course selected passages from the Greek New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers are interpreted in the light of the preferred translations.

TBS612 Contemporary Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates current themes that the contemporary exegete of the New Testament in contemporary society, particularly Africa, has to grapple with.

TBS 620 Contemporary Issues in New Testament Interpretation (3 Credit hours)

This course is an examination of contemporary issues or problems arising from, and/or affecting the interpretation of the New Testament.

Church And Society**Objectives**

- To enable students to acquire skills and competency in dealing with societal issues and concerns.
- To enable students to be aware of the role and responsibility of the church in the society.

Year 1 Semester 1

TCS501 Methods in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

TCS509 Environmental Ethics I (3 Credit Hours)

TCS507 Indigenous Religion and African Democracy (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TCS504 Major Themes in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

TCS512 Conflict Management (3 Credit Hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TCS601 Analysis of Selected Authors and Texts in Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

TCS610 Ethics and Development (3 Credit hours)

TCS609 HIV and AIDS and Society (3 Credit Hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TCS615 Dissertation Writing (Christian and Society) (9 Credit hours)

TCS501 Methods in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

This course presents and analyses the application of theoretical models in the study of Christian Ethics from both philosophical and religious traditions.

TCS509 Environmental Ethics 1 (3 Credit hours)

This course critically examines the problem of environmental degradation on a local and global level from a religious ethics perspective.

TCS504 Major Themes in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

The course examines major themes in Christian ethics which include gender equality, poverty, war, corruption, economic justice, and environmental justice.

TCS507 Indigenous Religion and African Democracy (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates the contribution of African religio-cultural systems to the African system of justice and leadership. It seeks to provide a conceptual framework for democracy in general and investigates perspectives on democracy from within the African experience.

TCS512 Conflict Management (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the processes of change and conflict management. It explores the meaning and guiding principles of dialogue in general and inter-religious and inter-faith dialogue in particular. The course will also discuss the areas of common agreement, controversial and divisive issues in different parts of Africa.

TCS601 Analysis of Selected Authors and Texts in Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

This course critically analyses significant works of at least two authors. Appropriateness of their interpretations to current African questions will be considered.

TCS610 Ethics and Development (3 Credit hours)

This course analyses models for development and contemporary socio-economic systems from a theological perspective.

TCS 609 HIV and AIDS and Society (3 Credit hours)

This course addresses the issue of HIV and AIDS from a theological and pastoral perspective. It is aimed at equipping students with the basic knowledge, the skills and the capacity to minister to people infected and affected with HIV and AIDS.

Church History

Objective

- To enable students to acquire a knowledge of the development of the Christian church, traditions, practices and personalities.

Year 1 Semester 1

THC501 Methods in the Study of History of Christianity (3 Credit hours)

THC503 History of Ecumenical Movement (3 Credit Hours)

THC507 History of Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

THC502 Themes and Issues in Contemporary African Christianity (3 Credit hours)

THC504 Major Themes in the Study of Ecumenical Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

THC600 Issues in Contemporary Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit Hours)

THC602 Issues in Contemporary African Initiated Churches (3 Credit hours)

THC603 Christianity and Ecumenism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

THC610 Dissertation Writing (Church History) (9 Credit hours)

THC501 Methods in the Study of History of Christianity (3 Credit hours)

This research course will help students to carry out a systematic study or a careful examination of a topic in order to (a) discover facts, and (b) generate new knowledge or confirm existing knowledge. The course will enable the students to utilize a variety of historical and contemporary research methods of gathering data.

THC502 Themes and Issues in Contemporary African Christianity (3 Credit hours)

The course will develop current themes in Contemporary African Christianity relating to Christian beliefs, sacraments, ministry, and traditions. The student will examine new topics such as: African Initiated Churches (AICs), New Religious Movements, Relationship between Church and State, Ecumenical Movements, African Theology, Christian-Muslim dialogue, Renewal and Charismatic Movements, which have enhanced the growth of authentic Christianity in Africa, south of the Sahara.

THC503 History of Ecumenical Movement (3 Credit hours)

In this course students learn the origins and development of the Ecumenical Movement, on the mission field, then on the worldwide basis and its influence on the African Continent

THC504 Major Themes in the Study of Ecumenical Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Selected themes in the Study of the Ecumenical Movement in Africa that arise out of the faith based institutions' encounter with contemporary African cultures and religions are to be discussed. These themes will be examined in their historical context, especially in the light of African ecumenical scholars. Students will have the opportunity to choose a research project in an area of their interest.

THC507 History of Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will study the impact of modern Pentecostal and charismatic movements on African Christianity.

THC600 Issues in Contemporary Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on current issues within Pentecostalism and charismatic movements in African Christianity.

THC602 Issues in Contemporary African Initiated Churches (3 Credit hours)

This is an exploration of some issues in African Initiated Churches. These include process of indigenization of African Christianity and the challenges of leadership and unity.

THC603 Christianity and Ecumenism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will be a study of authors of contemporary African Church History so as to understand their contribution to the growth of scholarship in Contemporary African Christianity.

Ministerial Studies

Objectives

- To enable students to acquire advanced skills and competency in the ministry of the Church.
- To enable students to be catalysts of change and spiritual development in their churches?
- To enable students to share the Gospel of loving care to others.

Christian Education

Year1 Semester 1

TPT501 History and Methods in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

TPT523 Impoverished Children and Christian Mission (3 Credit hours)

TPT527 The Bible and Teaching Ministry (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT505 Themes and Issues in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT524 Religious Education within the Community (3 Credit hours)

TPT526 The Congregation as Educator (3 Credit hours)

TPT609 Advanced Study of Christian Education Curriculum (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT613 Dissertation Writing (Christian Education) (9 Credit hours)

TPT501 History and Methods in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the history and methods of studying Christian Education. Extended attention will be given to the missionary approaches and local attempts to develop appropriate African teaching/learning models.

TPT505 Themes and Issues in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

This course is an in-depth study of selected themes and issues in Christian Education. Topics relevant to the contemporary African situation are explored, such as stages of intellectual and spiritual development, the impact of culture, justice and peace.

TPT523 Impoverished Children and Christian Mission (3 Credit hours)

This course explores religious and civil religious attitudes that inform public and church policy in institutions serving poor children.

TPT524 Religious Education within the Community (3 Credit hours)

The course explores methods, theories and issues related to engaging congregations in experimental, community based religious education. The course will involve critical reflection about the dangers of paternalism, Christian ethics of 'service' and solidarity, and strategies for developing just, collaborative partnerships with community members of different class, ethnic and gender backgrounds.

TPT526 The Congregation as Educator (3 Credit hours)

This course helps students to understand the congregation's role in educating and mobilising members in partnership with God's work in the world.

TPT527 The Bible and Teaching Ministry (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on content and teaching methods appropriate to all age groups. It will include analysis and development of Bible study resources.

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the development of the techniques and skills for pastoral leadership.

TPT609 Advanced Study of Christian Education Curriculum (3 Credit hours)

This course is an in-depth study of how to develop and construct a Christian Education Curriculum for a local context.

Church Administration

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT513 The Minister as Administrator (3 Credit hours)

TPT514 Dynamics of Pastoral Leadership (3 Credit hours)

TPT518 Planning and Directing the Programme of the Church (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

TPT542 Church Leadership and Administration (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT520 Management and Organisational Behaviour (3 Credit hours)

TPT543 Leadership in the Community of Faith (3 Credit hours)

TPT619 Advanced Christian Stewardship and Church Finance (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT623 Dissertation Writing (Church Administration) (9 Credit hours)

TPT513 The Minister as Administrator (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the study of the importance of effective administration in pastoral ministry with special attention to organisation, the use of time, the development of management skills, and group process.

TPT514 Dynamics of Pastoral Leadership (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the nature and function of pastoral leadership in a local church setting. Opportunities will be given for a study of literature in the field of effective local church leadership and effective church pastors at work.

TPT518 Planning and Directing the Programme of the Church (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the principles of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and evaluating the programme of the local church.

TPT520 Management and Organisational Behaviour (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the role, principles and functions of management and organizational behaviour relevant to church administration.

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the development of the techniques and skills for pastoral leadership.

TPT542 Church Leadership and Administration (3 Credit hours)

The course addresses specific areas of church administration, including organisational development and planning, conflict and decision-making, stewardship of resources, and legal issues for the contemporary church.

TPT543 Leadership in the Community of Faith (3 Credit hours)

The course looks at the ministry of the ordained leader within the community of “the priesthood of all believers” as a symbol bearer, pastor, proclaimer and prophet.

TPT619 Advanced Christian Stewardship and Church Finance (3 Credit hours)

The course will involve a comprehensive look at stewardship from a Christian perspective. This will include caring for creation, financial planning and management in the local church.

Evangelism

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT500 History, Issues and Methods of Evangelisation in Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credit Hours)

TPT506 Evangelism and Doctrine in African Context (3 Credit hours)

TPT521 Revival and Mass Evangelistic Meetings (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT550 Theology of Evangelism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT552 Issues in Evangelism (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT553 History of Revivals in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT610 Evangelism, Mission and Culture in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT608 The local church and its context (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT614 Dissertation Writing (Evangelism) (9 Credit hours)

TPT500 History, Issues and Methods of Evangelisation in Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course is an examination of the history and development of the worldwide missionary enterprise, evangelism and the phenomenon of revivals. Special attention

will be given to the evangelisation of sub-Saharan Africa from the fifteenth century onward, examining critically the motives and success of the missionary enterprise.

TPT506 Evangelism and Doctrine in the African Context (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the understanding of the biblical, theological and cultural importance of doctrine and life situation in evangelism.

TPT521 Revival and Mass Evangelistic Meetings (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the history and role of revival and mass evangelistic meetings as an important method of evangelism in the life of the Church. The study will also include a critique of some of the prominent personalities as revivalists and evangelists.

TPT550 Theology of Evangelism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will review ways in which the emphasis on evangelism has continually influenced Christian theological traditions.

TPT552 Issues in Evangelism (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of issues that have been at the centre of evangelism. One or more topics may be offered during any given year, including travel seminars to revivals or/ and mass evangelistic meetings.

TPT553 History of Revivals in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on historical spells of the revivals that took place in Africa at different times.

TPT614 Dissertation Writing (Evangelism) (9 Credit hours)

TPT610 Evangelism, Mission and Culture in Africa (3 Credit hours)

The course is a study of the biblical and theological understanding of the Ministry of evangelism in the changing sociological contexts of Africa. The focus will be on congregations located at mission centres, rural and urban areas.

TPT608 The local church and its context

This course focuses on the nature, function, programme, and administration of the effective rural, mission and city churches in their distinctive ways.

Homiletics

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT503 Methods in the Study of Preaching (3 Credit hours)

TPT561 The Preacher as a Person (3 Credit hours)

TPT519 Ministerial Ethics and Procedures (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT507 Themes and Issues in Preaching (3 Credit hours)

TPT560 Sermon Presentation (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT562 Contemporary Preaching (3 Credit hours)

TPT611 Analysis of the Sermons of Great Preachers (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT615 Dissertation Writing (Preaching Title) (9 Credit hours)

TPT503 Methods in the Study of Preaching (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on various methods used in the study of preaching. Observation, interviews, library search, sermon analysis and book reviews will be some of the aspects to be studied.

TPT507 Themes and Issues in Preaching (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on selected themes and issues such as exegesis for preaching, imagination in preaching, and African and African-American heritages as seen in the African context. Gender issues and a variety of aspects in preaching will be discussed within the contemporary African context.

TPT519 Ministerial Ethics and Procedures (3 Credit hours)

This course looks at the minister's personal and professional roles in parish life as they affect all aspects of ministerial ethics and etiquette.

TPT560 Sermon Presentation (3 Credit hours)

The course explores the practice and study of factors that increase the interest of a sermon as it is preached. The class stresses on word as sound and sensitivity of the preacher to the involvement of the body and feelings in sermon delivery.

TPT561 The Preacher as a Person (3 Credit hours)

The course seeks to understand the preacher as a family person, as an individual, his/her calling to the ministry as a vocation, as well as to understand the preacher's training, cultural, social, intellectual orientation and his/her Christian devotion to God.

TPT562 Contemporary Preaching (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on life-situation preaching. Attention will be put on cultural, social, political issues and any other issues that should be examined and judged in the light of the gospel.

TPT 615 Dissertation Writing (Preaching) (9 Credit hours)

TPT 611 Analysis of the Sermons of Great Preachers (3 Credit hours)

The course consists of a survey of great preachers and an analysis of a selection of their sermons.

Pastoral Care and Counselling

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT522 History and Methods in the Study of Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

TPT570 Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family (3 Credit hours)

TPT571 Crisis Ministry (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT508 Major Themes in Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

TPT572 Counselling in the Parish (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT573 Pastoral Care to Various Interest Groups (3 Credit hours)

TPT574 Topics in Pastoral Care (3 Credit hours)

TPT626 Analytical Study of Selected Texts in Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT618 Dissertation Writing (Pastoral Care and Counselling) (9 Credit hours)

TPT508 Major Themes in Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

The course identifies and analyzes major themes in contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling within the African context.

TPT522 History and Methods in the Study of Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

This course surveys the history and methods in the study of Pastoral Care and Counselling. Selected methods applied in the study of Pastoral Care and Counselling in the African context are analyzed.

TPT570 Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the sociological, biblical and theological understanding of the institution of marriage. It also explores strategies for the pastoral care of families. African perspectives on marriage and family are integrated with theological and biblical perspectives.

TPT571 Crisis Ministry (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on various dimensions of crisis such as death, loss, grief and bereavement. Attention is given to both individual and communal forms of crisis, trauma and loss, as well as the cultural and social contexts in which these events occur.

TPT572 Counselling in the Parish (3 Credit hours)

This course provides basic principles of short-term, structured pastoral counselling in the parish, with special attention to pastoral assessment and the ministry of referral.

TPT573 Pastoral Care to Various Interest Groups (3 Credit hours)

This course examines various approaches of pastoral care to various interest groups in the parish such as women, youth and men. The impact of issues facing women in both church and society, such as empowerment, sexual and physical abuse, self-esteem and ageing shall also be examined.

TPT574 Topics in Pastoral Care (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on selected topics and approaches to pastoral care. Attention is given to topics relevant to the contemporary African context such as the care of single parents, orphans and the elderly.

TPT626 Analytical Study of Selected Authors and Texts in Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

This course examines significant works of selected authors in Pastoral care and counselling and how these may be applied in African Church settings.

Worship

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT509 History and Theology of Worship (3 Credit Hours)

TPT510 Myth, Ritual and Symbol (3 Credit Hours)

TPT511 Sacraments: An Historical and Theological Overview of Liturgical Practice (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT512 Worship Design (3 Credit hours)

TPT581 Theology of the Church and Sacraments (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT582 Theology of Prayer in Worship (3 Credit hours)

TPT624 The Rites of Christian Initiation (3 Credit hours)

TPT625 Advanced Seminar in Worship and Liturgics (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT622 Dissertation Writing (Worship) (9 Credit hours)

TPT509 History and Theology of Worship (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of worship as practised in various traditions (Catholic, Protestant and African Independent/Indigenous). Attention is given to the nature and principles of worship, the early tradition, Eastern rites, the Roman mass, Protestant forms, and modern tendencies.

TPT510 Myth, Ritual and Symbol (3 Credit hours)

The course examines various theories concerning myth and symbol in worship. Specifically, religious and humanistic content is sought through the study of a wide variety of myths and symbols in various religions.

TPT511 Sacrament: An Historical and Theological Overview of Liturgical Practice (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of varied liturgical practices of the sacraments of baptism and of the Lord's Supper in historical perspectives, with special attention to the theological convictions that underlie various practices.

TPT512 Worship Design (3 Credit hours)

This is an advanced practicum for developing worship leadership skills appropriate for pastoral ministry.

TPT581 Theology of the Church and Sacraments (3 Credit hours)

This course discusses theological understandings of the church and sacraments.

TPT582 Theology of Prayer in Worship (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of prayer traditions, focusing on the formative and expressive relationships between prayer and theological reflection on worship.

TPT624 The Rites of Christian Initiation (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the historical, theological and practical aspects of the catechumenate, baptism, confirmation, first communion, and renewal.

TPT625 Advanced Seminar in Worship and Liturgics (3 Credit hours)

This course is an advanced seminar on the doctrine, history and theology of the sacraments/ordinances of constituent denominations, with special concern for liturgical renewal and contemporary practices in the ecumenical church and African congregations in particular.

Theology

Objectives

- To enable students to acquire knowledge in theological thought affecting the Christian faith
- To enable students to engage in theological discourse
- To enable students to contribute to biblical scholarship in the academia, church and society.

Year 1 Semester 1

TST501 Methods in the Study of Systematic Theology (3 Credit Hours)

TST505 Patristics (3 Credit Hours)

TST506 Early Modern Theology (3 Credit Hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TST503 Major Themes in the History of Christian Thought (3 Credit Hours)

TST508 African Theology (3 Credit Hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TST604 Liberation Theology (3 Credit Hours) [new]

TST605 Analysis of Selected Authors and Theological Texts (3 Credit Hours)

TST610 Third World Women Theologies (3 Credit hours) [new]

Year 2 Semester 2

TST619 Dissertation Writing (Theology) (9 Credit Hours)

TST501 Methods in the Study of Systematic Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course explores a variety of “theological methods” – historical and contemporary. Standard questions about sources and norms are considered, as are such current perspectives as the implications of contextualisation, liberation, post-modernism and post-colonialism.

TST503 Major Themes in the History of Christian Thought (3 Credit hours)

This course explores selected major themes in the history of Christian thought which include Trinity, Incarnation, Atonement, Ecclesiology, Sacraments.

TST505 Patristics (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of significant aspects of patristic history and theology from the 2nd to the 5th century C.E.

TST506 Early Modern Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the work of selected theologians of the enlightenment period and the philosophies to which they were responding.

TST508 African Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of the three major forms taken by contemporary African Theology which include liberation theology, enculturation theology, and the emerging theologies of African churches.

TST604 Liberation Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of various forms of liberation theology in Latin America, Africa, Asia and North America. Commonalities and differences of the theologies are also explored.

TST605 Analysis of Selected Authors and Theological Texts (3 Credit hours)

The course is a critical study of significant works of at least two theologians and the relevance of their work to current African issues.

TST610 Third World Women Theologies (3 Credit hours)

The course is a critical study of the challenges and contributions of women from Africa, Latin America, Asia and North America to the theological discipline. The origins, methods, sources, commonalities and differences as well as points of tension of these theologies are also covered.

2. Master of Arts in Religious Studies Degree Programme

The Faculty of Theology offers the Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MA) degree to students from different backgrounds who will be professionally capable of occupying positions in Institutions of Higher Learning (universities), churches, serve in ecumenical leading positions, teach Religious and Moral Education in schools and Religious Studies in Theological Colleges (Seminaries), and relevant Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), where they will act as catalysts for change in decision-making and policy formulation, or proceed to relevant doctoral programmes.

Objectives of the Programme

- To equip students to serve in Religious Institutions and the society at large.
- To prepare students for Doctoral Studies.
- To train a pool of researchers who will generate data and publishable materials relevant to their area of specialization (scholarship).

Special Regulations

These Regulations shall be read in conjunction with the General Academic Regulations for Graduate Degree Programmes. These regulations shall not take precedence over the general academic regulations.

Entry Requirements

As spelt out in the general graduate regulations of the University.

Additional Entry Requirements

- A degree in Theology or Religious Studies or other equivalent degrees from recognised Institutions of Higher Learning.
- Candidates wishing to major in Biblical studies must prove that they are proficient in the appropriate biblical language (Biblical Hebrew for Old Testament and Koine Greek for New Testament). Those who are not proficient in these languages will be required to take them concurrently with their Masters degree.
- Other candidates may be required to take a modern language, which may be French, Portuguese or English as a Second Language.

Duration

The Master of Arts in Religious Studies is a full time programme and runs for two academic years

Graduation requirements

In order for a student to graduate, he/she must have accumulated a minimum of 48 credit hours. The student should have at least 24 credit hours of recommended core courses in the area of concentration and 9 credit hours of electives, which may, or may not, be in the area of concentration.

All students shall take a Microcomputer Applications course (3 credit hours) in their first semester; a Research Methods course (3 credit hours) in their second semester and write a dissertation in the final semester (9 credit hours) based on Africa University Graduate Regulations and Faculty of Theology Special Regulations.

The Areas of Concentration are:**a. Biblical Studies**

- Old Testament Studies
- New Testament Studies

b. Church and Society**c. Church History****d. Ministerial Studies**

- Christian Education

- Church Administration
 - Evangelism
 - Homiletics
 - Pastoral Care and Counselling
 - Worship
- e. Religion and Philosophy
- f. Theology

Courses for Master of Arts in Religious Studies

First Semester	-15 hours of courses
Second Semester -	12 hours of courses
Third Semester -	12 hours of courses
Fourth Semester -	9 hours of dissertation

Course Descriptions

Introductory Courses

Year 1 Semester 1

TRM500 Research Methods (3 Credit Hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

CIS102 Microcomputer Applications (3 Credit Hours)

CIS 102 Microcomputer Applications (3 Credit hours)

Knowledge work productivity concepts; Advanced software functionality to support personal and group productivity such as templates and macros and functions; Advanced concepts in organization and management of data (sorting, filtering, data analysis) via spreadsheets and database tools; Accessing organizational and external data; Information search strategies, Tool use optimization and personalization, Professional document design; Image processing; Web page design and publishing; Effective presentation design and delivery.

TRM 500 Research Methods (3 Credit hours)

Aimed at imparting basic research methodology and techniques like conducting field investigation, administering questionnaire and interpreting the findings in a scholarly manner, this is an introductory course to graduate students

Biblical Studies**Old Testament**

Year 1 Semester 1

TBS 509 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: Patristic to the Reformation (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 511 Major Themes in the Study of Pentateuchal Traditions (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 513 Exegesis and Translation of the Study of the Selected Texts from the Pentateuch (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TBS 515 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 517 Major Themes in the Study of Monarchic and Prophetic Traditions (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TBS 603 Contemporary Issues in Old Testament Interpretation (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 611 Contemporary Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 619 The Old Testament and the Ethics of Economics and Development (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TBS 607 Dissertation Writing (Old Testament) (9 Credit Hours)

TBS509 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: Patristic to the Reformation (3 Credit hours)

This course is a historical investigation of the methods of interpreting the Old Testament from the period of the Church fathers to the Reformation.

TBS511 Major Themes in the Study of Pentateuchal Traditions (3 Credit hours)

This is an investigation of major themes in the Pentateuch including the historicity of the Patriarchs and Exodus, the Religion of the Patriarchs and such themes as creation and the covenant.

TBS513 Exegesis and Translation of the Study of the Selected Texts from the Pentateuch (3 Credit hours)

This is a course aimed at translating, and commenting meaningfully on selected texts from the Pentateuch in the Hebrew Bible.

TBS515 History and Methods of the Study of the Old Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

This course is a historical investigation of the methods used to interpret the Old Testament from the Reformation to the present.

TBS517 Major Themes in the Study of Monarchic and Prophetic Traditions (3 Credit hours)

This course involves an analysis of selected major themes in both the Monarchic and Prophetic traditions showing how the traditions relate.

TBS603 Contemporary Issues in Old Testament Interpretation (3 Credit hours)

The course aims at examining current issues or problems arising from and/ or influencing the interpretation of the Old Testament.

TBS611 Contemporary Themes in Old Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates selected themes contemporary readers may draw from the Old Testament and the relevance of the Old Testament in contemporary society, especially in Africa.

TBS619 The Old Testament and the Ethics of Economics and Development (3 Credit hours)

The course examines how the Old Testament can inform the reader on issues of Economics and Development.

New Testament

Year 1 Semester 1

TBS 510 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Jesus' Time to the Reformation (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 512 Major Themes in the Study of the Gospels and Acts (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 514 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Gospels (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TBS 516 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 518 Major Themes in the Study of Pauline and Non-Pauline Literature (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TBS 520 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from Pauline and, or, Non-Pauline Literature (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 612 Contemporary Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit Hours)

TBS 620 Contemporary Issues in New Testament Interpretation (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TBS608 Dissertation Writing (New Testament) (9 Credit Hours)

TBS510 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Jesus' Time to the Reformation (3 Credit hours)

This is a historical investigation of the methods of interpreting the New Testament beginning with an analysis of the use of the Old Testament by New Testament writers right through to an analysis of methods of interpreting the New Testament during the Reformation.

TBS512 Major Themes in the Study of the Gospels and Acts (3 Credit hours)

This course is an analysis of major themes in the Synoptic Gospels, John and the book of Acts, and how these themes are related and how they relate to themes in the entire New Testament.

TBS514 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from the Gospels (3 Credit hours)

The course trains students to translate and exegete selected texts from the Gospels.

TBS516 History and Methods of the Study of the New Testament: From Reformation to the Present (3 Credit hours)

This course is an historical investigation of the methods used to interpret the New Testament from the Reformation to the present.

TBS518 Major Themes in the Study of Pauline and Non-Pauline Literature (3 Credit hours)

This course will analyze selected themes in the authentic Pauline letters, Deutero-Pauline and non-Pauline letters.

TBS520 Translation and Exegesis of Selected Texts from Pauline and, or, Non-Pauline Literature (3 Credit hours)

The course aims at offering further skills in translating the Greek text to English and exegeting the texts drawing examples from authentic letters of Paul and, or, Non-Pauline letters.

TBS612 Contemporary Themes in New Testament Studies (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates current themes that the contemporary exegete of the New Testament in contemporary society, particularly Africa, has to grapple with.

TBS620 Contemporary Issues in New Testament Interpretation (3 Credit hours)

This course is an examination of contemporary issues or problems arising from, and/or, affecting the interpretation of the New Testament.

Church And Society

Year 1 Semester 1

TCS 501 Methods in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit Hours)

TCS 509 Environmental Ethics I (3 Credit Hours)

TCS 507 Indigenous Religion and African Democracy (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TCS 504 Major Themes in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit Hours)

TCS 512 Conflict Management (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TCS601 Analysis of Selected Authors and Texts in Christian Ethics (3 Credit Hours)

TCS609 HIV and AIDS and Society (3 Credit Hours)

TCS610 Ethics and Development (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TCS615 Dissertation Writing (Church and Society) (9 credit hours)

TCS501 Methods in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

This course presents and analyzes the application of theoretical models in the study of Christian Ethics from both philosophical and religious traditions.

TCS509 Environmental Ethics I (3 Credit hours)

This course critically examines the problem of environmental degradation on a local and global level from a religious ethics perspective.

TCS 504 Major Themes in the Study of Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

The course examines major themes in Christian ethics which include gender equality, poverty, war, corruption, economic justice, and environmental justice.

TCS510 Environmental Ethics II (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates factors influencing the rapid depletion of Africa's natural resources and the impact this depletion might have on the welfare of the African people now and in the future. The course explores ways in which the church in Africa can give leadership in efforts to develop human and social lifestyles that respect and protect the natural environment.

TCS507 Indigenous Religion and African Democracy (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates the contribution of African religio-cultural systems to the African system of justice and leadership. It seeks to provide a conceptual framework for democracy in general and investigates perspectives on democracy from within the African experience.

TCS508 African Political Ethics II: Church and State (3 Credit hours)

This course explores how the church ought to relate to the state in which it is located. These relations shall be explored in the light of the Gospel and Christian tradition.

TCS512 Conflict Management (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the processes of change and conflict management. It explores the meaning and guiding principles of dialogue in general and inter-religious and inter-faith dialogue in particular. The course will also discuss the areas of common agreement, controversial and divisive issues in different parts of Africa.

TCS601 Analysis of Selected Authors and Texts in Christian Ethics (3 Credit hours)

This course critically analyzes significant works of at least two authors. Appropriateness of their interpretations to current African questions will be considered.

TCS610 Ethics and Development (3 Credit hours)

This course analyzes models for development and contemporary socio-economic systems from a theological perspective.

TCS609 HIV and AIDS and Society (3 Credit hours)

This course addresses the issue of HIV and AIDS from a theological and pastoral perspective. It is aimed at equipping students with the basic knowledge, the skills and the capacity to minister to people infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

Church History

Year 1 Semester 1

THC 501 Methods in the Study of History of Christianity (3 Credit hours)

THC 503 History of Ecumenical Movement (3 Credit hours)

THC 507 History of Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

THC 502 Themes and Issues in Contemporary African Christianity (3 Credit Hours)

THC 504 Major Themes in the Study of Ecumenical Movement in Africa (3 Credit Hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

THC 600 Issues in Contemporary Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit Hours)

THC 602: Issues in Contemporary African Initiated Churches (3 Credit hours)

THC 603 Christianity and Ecumenism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

THC610 Dissertation Writing (Church History) (9 Credit Hours)

THC501 Methods in the Study of History of Christianity (3 Credit hours)

This research course will help the students to carry out a systematic study or a careful examination of a topic in order to (a) discover facts, and (b) generate new knowledge or confirm existing knowledge. The course will enable students to utilize a variety of historical and contemporary research methods of gathering data.

THC502 Themes and Issues in Contemporary African Christianity (3 Credit hours)

The course will develop current themes in Contemporary African Christianity relating to Christian beliefs, sacraments, ministry, and traditions. The student will be introduced to new areas such as: African Initiated Churches (AICs), New Religious Movements, Relationship between Church and State, Ecumenical Movements, African Theology, Christian-Muslim dialogue, Renewal and charismatic movements, which enhanced the authentic growth of Christianity in Africa south of the Sahara.

THC503 History of Ecumenical Movement (3 Credit hours)

In this course students learn the origin and development of the Ecumenical Movement on the mission field, then on the worldwide basis and its influence on the African Continent

THC504 Major Themes in the Study of Ecumenical Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

Selected themes in the Study of the Ecumenical Movement in Africa that arise out of the faith based institutions' encounter with contemporary African cultures and religions are discussed. These themes will be examined in their historical context especially in light of African ecumenical scholars. Students will have the opportunity to choose a research project in an area of their particular interest.

THC507 History of Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will study the impact of modern Pentecostal and charismatic movements on Africa Christianity

THC600 Issues in Contemporary Pentecostalism and Charismatic Movement in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on current issues within Pentecostalism and charismatic movements in African Christianity.

THC602: Issues in Contemporary African Initiated Churches (3 Credit hours)

This is an exploration of some issues in African Initiated Churches, the process of indigenization of African Christianity and in-depth examination of their growth

THC603 Christianity and Ecumenism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will be a study of authors of Contemporary African Church History so as to understand their contribution to the growth of scholarship in Contemporary African Christianity.

Ministerial Studies

Christian Education

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT 501 History and Methods in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

TPT 523 Impoverished Children and Christian Mission (3 Credit hours)

TPT 527 The Bible and Teaching Ministry (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT 505 Themes and Issues in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT 524 Religious Education within the Community (3 Credit hours)

TPT 526 The Congregation as Educator (3 Credit hours)

TPT 609 Advanced Study of Christian Education Curriculum (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT613 Dissertation Writing (Christian Education) (9 Credit hours)

TPT501 History and Methods in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the history and methods of studying Christian Education. Extended attention will be given to the missionary approaches and local attempts to develop appropriate African teaching/learning models.

TPT505 Themes and Issues in the Study of Christian Education (3 Credit hours)

This course is an in-depth study of selected themes and issues in Christian education. Topics relevant to the contemporary African situation are explored, such as stages of intellectual and spiritual development, the impact of culture, justice and peace.

TPT523 Impoverished Children and Christian Mission (3 Credit hours)

This course explores religious and civil religious attitudes that inform public and church policy in institutions serving poor children.

TPT524 Religious Education within the Community (3 Credit hours)

The course explores methods, theories and issues related to engaging congregations in experimental, community based religious education. The course will involve critical reflection about the dangers of paternalism, Christian ethics of 'service' and solidarity, and strategies for developing just, collaborative partnerships with community members of different class, ethnic and gender backgrounds.

TPT526 The Congregation as Educator (3 Credit hours)

This course helps students to understand the congregation's role in educating and mobilising members in partnership with God's work in the world.

TPT527 The Bible and Teaching Ministry (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on content and teaching methods appropriate to all age groups. It will include analysis and development of Bible study resources.

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the development of the techniques and skills for pastoral leadership.

TPT609 Advanced Study of Christian Education Curriculum (3 Credit hours)

This course is an in-depth study of how to develop and construct a Christian Education Curriculum for a local context.

Church Administration

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT 513 The Minister as Administrator (3 Credit hours)

TPT514 Dynamics of Pastoral Leadership (3 Credit hours)

TPT518 Planning and Directing the Programme of the Church (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

TPT542 Church Leadership and Administration (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT520 Management and Organisational Behaviour (3 Credit hours)

TPT543 Leadership in the Community of Faith (3 Credit hours)

TPT619 Advanced Christian Stewardship and Church Finance (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT623 Dissertation Writing (Church Administration) (9 Credit hours)

TPT513 The Minister as Administrator (3 Credit hours)

A study of the importance of effective administration in pastoral ministry with special attention to organisation, the use of time, the development of management skills, and group process.

TPT514 Dynamics of Pastoral Leadership (3 Credit hours)

A study of the nature and function of pastoral leadership in a local church setting. Opportunities will be given for a study of literature in the field of effective local

church leadership and for responses to case studies of effective church pastors at work.

TPT515 Denominational Polity (3 Credit hours)

A study of the character and development of denomination, beginning with its origin and tracing important features of its tradition through the twentieth century.

TPT518 Planning and Directing the Programme of the Church (3 Credit hours)

This is a study of the principles of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and evaluating the programme of the local church.

TPT520 Management and Organisational Behaviour (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the role, principles and functions of management and organizational behaviour relevant to church administration.

TPT540 Ministerial Leadership (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the development of the techniques and skills for pastoral leadership.

TPT542 Church Leadership and Administration (3 Credit hours)

The course addresses specific areas of church administration, including organisational development and planning, conflict and decision-making, stewardship of resources, and legal issues for the contemporary church.

TPT543 Leadership in the Community of Faith (3 Credit hours)

The course looks at the ministry of the ordained leader within the community of “the priesthood of all believers” as a symbol bearer, pastor, proclaimer and prophet.

TPT619 Advanced Christian Stewardship and Church Finance (3 Credit hours)

The course will involve a comprehensive look at stewardship from a Christian perspective. This will include caring for creation, financial planning and management in the local church.

Evangelism

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT 500 History, Issues and Methods of Evangelisation in Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT 506 Evangelism and Doctrine in African Context (3 Credit hours)

TPT 521 Revival and Mass Evangelistic Meetings (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT 550 Theology of Evangelism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT 552 Issues in Evangelism (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT 553 History of Revivals in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT 610 Evangelism, Mission and Culture in Africa (3 Credit hours)

TPT608 The Local Church and its Context (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT614 Dissertation Writing (Evangelism) (9 Credit hours)

TPT500 History, Issues and Methods of Evangelisation in Sub-Saharan Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course is an examination of the history and development of the worldwide missionary enterprise, evangelism and the phenomenon of revivals. Special attention will be given to the evangelisation of sub-Saharan Africa from the fifteenth century onward, examining critically the motives and success of the missionary enterprise.

TPT506 Evangelism and Doctrine in African Context (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the understanding of the biblical, theological and cultural importance of doctrine and life situation in evangelism.

TPT521 Revival and Mass Evangelistic Meetings (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of the history and role of revival and mass evangelistic meetings as an important method of evangelism in the life of the Church. The study will also include a study of some of the prominent personalities as revivalists and evangelists.

TPT550 Theology of Evangelism in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course will review ways in which the emphasis on evangelism has continually influenced Christian theological traditions.

TPT552 Issues in Evangelism (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of contemporary issues that have been at the centre of evangelism. One or more topics may be offered during any given year, including travel seminars to revivals or/ and mass evangelistic meetings.

TPT553 History of Revivals in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on historical spells of the revivals that took place in Africa at different times.

TPT610 Evangelism, Mission and Culture in Africa (3 Credit hours)

The course is a study of the biblical and theological understanding of the Ministry of evangelism in the changing sociological contexts of Africa. The focus will be on congregations located at mission centres, rural and urban areas.

Homiletics

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT 503 Methods in the Study of Preaching (3 Credit hours)

TPT 561 The Preacher as a Person (3 Credit hours)

TPT 519 Ministerial Ethics and Procedures (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT 507 Themes and Issues in Preaching (3 Credit hours)

TPT 560 Presentation of Scripture and Sermon (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT 562 Contemporary Preaching (3 Credit Hours)

TPT 611 Analysis of the Sermons of Great Preachers (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT615 Dissertation Writing (Preaching Title) (9 Credit hours)

TPT503 Methods in the Study of Preaching (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on various methods used in the study of preaching. Observation, interviews, library search, sermon analysis and book reviews will be some of the aspects to study.

TPT507 Themes and Issues in Preaching (3 Credit hours)

The course focuses on selected themes and issues such as exegesis for preaching, imagination in preaching, African and African-American heritages as seen in the African context, gender issues and a variety of aspects in preaching will be discussed within the contemporary African context.

TPT519 Ministerial Ethics and Procedures (3 Credit hours)

This course looks at the minister's personal and professional roles in parish life as they affect all aspects of ministerial ethics and etiquette.

TPT560 Presentation of Scripture and Sermon (3 Credit hours)

The course explores the practice and study of factors that increase the interest of a sermon as it is preached. The class stresses on word as sound and sensitivity of the preacher to the involvement of the body and feelings in sermon delivery.

TPT561 The Preacher as a Person (3 Credit hours)

The course seeks to understand the preacher as a family person, as an individual, his/her calling to the ministry as a vocation, as well as to understand the preacher's training, cultural, social, intellectual orientation and his/her Christian devotion to God.

TPT562 Contemporary Preaching (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on life-situation preaching. Attention will be put on cultural, social, political issues and any other issues that should be examined and judged in the light of the gospel.

TPT611 Analysis of the Sermons of Great Preachers (3 Credit hours)

The course consists of a survey of great preachers and an analysis of a selection of their sermons.

Pastoral Care and Counselling

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT522 History and Methods in the Study of Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

TPT570 Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family (3 Credit hours)

TPT571 Crisis Ministry (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT508 Major Themes in Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

TPT572 Short-Term Counselling in the Parish (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT573 The Care of Women (3 Credit hours)

TPT574 Topics in Pastoral Care (3 Credit hours)

TPT626 Analytical Study of Selected Texts in Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT618 Dissertation Writing (Pastoral Care and Counselling) (9 Credit hours)

TPT508 Major Themes in Contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

The course identifies and analyzes major themes in contemporary Pastoral Care and Counselling within the African context.

TPT522 History and Methods in the Study of Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

This course surveys the history and methods in the study of Pastoral Care and Counselling. Selected methods applied in the study of Pastoral Care and Counselling in the African Context are analyzed.

TPT570 Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the sociological, biblical and theological understanding of the institution of marriage. It also explores strategies for the pastoral care of families. African perspectives on marriage and family are integrated with theological and biblical perspectives.

TPT571 Crisis Ministry (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on various dimensions of crisis such as death, loss, grief and bereavement. Attention is given to both individual and communal forms of crisis, trauma and loss, as well as the cultural and social contexts in which these events occur.

TPT572 Short-Term Counselling in the Parish (3 Credit hours)

This course provides an introduction to basic principles of short-term, structured pastoral counselling in the parish, with special attention to pastoral assessment and the ministry of referral.

TPT573 The Care of Women (3 Credit hours)

This course examines various approaches of pastoral care to various interest groups in the parish such as women, youth and men. The impact of issues facing women in both church and society, such as empowerment, sexual and physical abuse, self-esteem and ageing shall also be examined.

TPT574 Topics in Pastoral Care (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on selected topics and approaches to pastoral care. Attention is given to topics relevant to the contemporary African context such as the care of single parents, orphans, the elderly.

TPT626 Analytical Study of Selected Texts in Pastoral Care and Counselling (3 Credit hours)

This course examines significant works of selected authors in Pastoral care and counselling and how these may be applied in African Church settings.

Worship

Year 1 Semester 1

TPT 509 History and Theology of Worship (3 Credit hours)

TPT 510 Myth, Ritual and Symbol (3 Credit Hours)

TPT 511 Sacrament: An Historical and Theological Overview of Liturgical Practice (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TPT 512 Worship Design (3 Credit hours)

TPT 581 Theology of the Church and Sacraments (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TPT 582 Foundation of Christian Spirituality: Theology of Prayer in Worship (3 Credit hours)

TPT 624 The Rites of Christian Initiation (3 Credit Hours)

TPT 625 Advanced Seminar in Worship and Liturgics (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TPT622 Dissertation Writing (Worship) (9 Credit hours)

TPT509 History and Theology of Worship (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of worship as practised in various traditions (Catholic, Protestant and African Independent/Indigenous). Attention is given to the nature and principles of worship, the early tradition, Eastern rites, the Roman mass, Protestant forms, and modern tendencies.

TPT510 Myth, Ritual and Symbol (3 Credit hours)

The course examines various theories concerning myth and symbol in worship. Specifically, religious and humanistic content is sought through the study of a wide variety of myths and symbols in various religions.

TPT511 Sacrament: An Historical and Theological Overview of Liturgical Practice (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of varied liturgical practices of the sacraments of baptism and of the Lord's Supper in historical perspectives, with special attention to the theological convictions that underlie various practices.

TPT512 Worship Design (3 Credit hours)

This is an advanced practicum for developing worship leadership skills appropriate for pastoral ministry.

TPT581 Theology of the Church and Sacraments (3 Credit hours)

This course discusses theological understandings of the church and sacraments.

TPT582 Theology of Prayer in Worship (3 Credit hours)

This course is a study of prayer traditions, focusing on the formative and expressive relationships between prayer and theological reflection on worship.

TPT624 The Rites of Christian Initiation (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the historical, theological and practical aspects of the catechumenate, baptism, confirmation, first communion, and renewal.

TPT625 Advanced Seminar in Worship and Liturgics (3 Credit hours)

This course is an advanced seminar on the doctrine, history and theology of the sacraments/ordinances of constituent denominations, with special concern for liturgical renewal and contemporary practices in the ecumenical church and African congregations in particular.

Religion And Philosophy

Year 1 Semester 1

THR 501 History and Methods of the Study of Religion (3 Credit hours)

THR 502 Religion and African Philosophy (3 Credit hours)

THR 503 Introduction to Philosophy (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

THR505 Introduction to the Study of the Major Religions of Africa (3 Credit hours)

THR506 Major Themes in the Study of Religion (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

THR601 Interfaith Dialogue: Christianity and Islam (3 Credit hours)

THR603 Religion, Culture and Science (3 Credit hours)

THR605 Religion and Conflict (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

THR608 Dissertation Writing (Religion and Philosophy)

THR501 History and Methods of the Study of Religion (3 Credit hours)

This course traces the history and examines the methods of the study of Religion. This includes the analyses of the contribution of individual scholars in their philosophical understanding of and discourse on religion and the analyses of the approaches to religion by other disciplines (e.g., Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology).

THR502 Religion and African Philosophy (3 Credit hours)

This course looks at African thinking about 'life' and 'religion'. The following questions will be investigated: Does African Philosophy exist? What are its sources (tradition, religion, culture, myths, individual African scholars)? What is its relation with African religion(s)? Reference is made to the contribution of African and other scholars in this field.

THR503 Introduction to Philosophy (3 Credit hours)

Although philosophical reflection has been a part of thought systems throughout the world, this course still pursues Western philosophy and its traditions.

THR505 Introduction to the Study of the Major Religions of Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course examines major religious traditions on the African Continent and considers how best they should be studied, the problems particular to interpreting phenomena in each, and the way they interact in a population.

THR506 Major Themes in the Study of Religion (3 Credit hours)

This course will study selected themes and problems in the study of Philosophy of Religion. These themes will include: The existence, nature and knowledge of God, the problems of freedom, self-identify and immorality, evil and suffering, life or death, miracles.

THR601 Interfaith Dialogue: Christianity and Islam (3 Credit hours)

This course aims at surveying Christian and Islamic beliefs and practices, and addresses the basic principles of interfaith dialogue.

THR603 Religion, Culture and Science (3 Credit hours)

This course explores the different ways in which Religion and Science can and do relate to each other, and the way that scientific research can be influenced by religious beliefs, and vice versa.

THR605 Religion and Conflict (3 Credit hours)

The course covers the nature of conflict, how to analyse conflict, how to mediate in order to prevent or stop violence and to strategise towards conflict transformation. The course also looks at the role of religions in either exacerbating or transforming conflict, or both.

Theology

Year 1 Semester 1

TST 501 Methods in the Study of Systematic Theology (3 Credit hours)

TST 505 Patristics (3 Credit hours)

TST 506 Early Modern Theology (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 Credit hours)

Year 1 Semester 2

TST503 Major Themes in the History of Christian Thought (3 Credit hours)

TST508 African Theology (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 1

TST604 Liberation Theology (3 Credit hours)

TST605 Analysis of Selected Authors and Theological Texts (3 Credit hours)

TST610 Third World Women Theologies (3 Credit hours)

Elective (3 credit hours)

Year 2 Semester 2

TST619 Dissertation Writing (Theology) (9 Credit hours)

TST501 Methods in the Study of Systematic Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course explores a variety of “theological methods” – historical and contemporary. Standard questions about sources and norms are considered, as are such current perspectives as the implications of contextualisation, liberation, post-modernism and post-colonialism.

TST503 Major Themes in the History of Christian Thought (3 Credit hours)

This course explores selected major themes in the history of Christian thought which include Trinity, Incarnation, Atonement, Ecclesiology, Sacraments.

TST505 Patristics (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of significant aspects of patristic history and theology from the 2nd to the 5th century C.E.

TST506 Early Modern Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the work of selected theologians of the enlightenment period and the philosophies to which they were responding.

TST508 African Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of the three major forms taken by contemporary African Theology which include liberation theology, enculturation theology, and the emerging theologies of African churches.

TST603 Science and Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course examines the relationship between science and Christian theology taking into consideration theological implications of scientific discoveries and theories.

TST604 Liberation Theology (3 Credit hours)

This course is a critical study of various forms of liberation theology in Latin America, Africa, Asia and North America. Commonalities and differences of the theologies are also explored.

TST610 Third World Women Theologies (3 Credit hours)

The course is a critical study of the challenges and contributions of women from Africa, Latin America, Asia and North America to the theological discipline. The origins, methods, sources, commonalities and differences as well as points of tension of these theologies are also covered.

Description of Elective Courses

Biblical Studies

Old Testament

TBS519 Exegesis and Translation of Selected Texts from Monarchic and Prophetic Traditions (3 Credit hours)

The course aims at offering the student further skills in translating the Hebrew text to English and commenting meaningfully from the texts. Examples are selected from the Monarchic and Prophetic traditions.

TBS521 The Old Testament and Environmental Ethics in Africa I (3 Credit hours)

This course seeks to draw lessons from the Old Testament on why we should conserve our natural environment, with particular focus on the African continent.

TBS523 The Old Testament and African Political Ethics I (3 Credit hours)

The course analyses relevant texts from the Old Testament and examines how themes from these texts could be related to and inform the debate on Leadership, Governance and Democracy in Africa.

TBS613 The Old Testament and Environmental Ethics in Africa II (3 Credit hours)

The course continues from TBS521 and seeks to broaden the student's horizons on the issue of natural environment and how the Old Testament can be a starting point in the interpretation of environmental issues in Africa.

TBS615 The Old Testament and African Political Ethics II (3 Credit hours)

The course is a continuation of TBS523 but this second part focuses on Church-state relationships and how the Old Testament can be a hermeneutical key to these relationships.

New Testament

TBS522 The New Testament and Environmental Ethics in Africa I (3 Credit hours)

The course examines relevant texts from the New Testament that relate to issues of the environment in a bid to derive possible lessons for Africa today.

TBS524 The New Testament and African Political Ethics I (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates the possibility of deriving principles of Leadership, Governance and Democracy from the New Testament and examines the relevance of these principles to the African Context.

TBS614 The New Testament and Environmental Ethics in Africa II (3 Credit hours)

The course continues from TBS522 and seeks to further analyse the importance of the natural environment from a New Testament perspective focusing specifically on the African continent.

TBS616 The New Testament and African Political Ethics II (3 Credit hours)

The course continues from TBS524 but this second part focuses on Church-state relationships and how the New Testament could be a hermeneutical key to interpreting these relationships.

TBS621 The New Testament and the Ethics of Economics and Development (3 Credit hours)

The course investigates ways in which the New Testament can inform the reader on issues of Economics and Development.

Church History**THC505 History of Christianity in Africa (3 Credit hours)**

The course examines the introduction of the Christian faith in Africa with case studies drawn from at least a country from North, South, East and West Africa.

THC506 History of African Initiated Churches in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course is a historical examination of the development of African Initiated Churches from their origin to their present spiritual, cultural, bibliological, pneumatological, and Christian musicological dominance in modern missions of African Christianity.

THC601 Impact of Colonial Christianity in Africa (3 Credit hours)

A study of ways Western Christianity has affected the structure and theology of African Churches.

Ministerial Studies**Christian Education****TPT525 Christian Education and the Art of Teaching (3 Credit hours)**

This course aims at enhancing theological understanding of the teaching dimensions of ministry and the ministry dimensions of teaching.

TPT528 Adults in Faith Development (3 Credit hours)

The course emphasises on how the church can minister to adults on a religious pilgrimage so they can avoid stagnation, rigidity and disillusionment, and how adults can be helped to construct a contemporary spirituality from which they can move out in service and witness.

Church Administration**TPT516 Economics (3 Credit hours)**

The student is expected to be conversant with national accounting, aggregated demand/supply, national economic equilibrium and related issues at elementary level. The course imparts microeconomic fundamentals of consumers and producers facing

scarcity and choice as they both strive to satisfy their unlimited wants in the face of limited resources.

TPT517 Advanced Study of Church Administration (3 Credit hours)

This course will be conducted as a seminar, focusing on special areas such as administration in an urban, rural or mission church.

TPT541 Parish Administration (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the importance of knowing one's denominational rules and regulations. Special attention is given to administrative procedures in organizing church members in any given local church, parish or circuit.

TPT621 Financial and Management Accounting (3 Credit hours)

Basic accounting concepts, inventory models, financial statements analysis, cash flow statements, cost systems, cost behaviour and cost-volume-profit analysis, profit reporting for management analysis, budgeting, and cost management are some of the aspects covered in this course.

Evangelism

TPT551 Evangelism and the Camp Meeting Movements in Africa (3 Credit hours)

This course is rooted in the premise that revivalism and evangelism have been among the dominant forces shaping Protestant religious identity in Africa. Significant attention will be given to the leadership and influence of women in shaping the revivalist ethos.

Worship

TPT580 The History and Theology of Eucharistic Worship (3 Credit hours)

This course focuses on the liturgical and theological study of the origins and evolution of the Eucharist and related practices in worship.

Religion And Philosophy

THR504 Study of Some Religious Traditions (3 Credit hours)

This course aims at a practical study of some religious traditions, analyzing their religious beliefs as well as other aspects of religion such as sacred practitioners, buildings, and space in selected religious traditions.

THR507 Contemporary Approaches to Religion and Faith Development for Young People (3 Credit hours)

This course will explore the developmental stages of moral reasoning and formation of faith, especially in adolescents. It will also examine selected contemporary approaches related to the development of religion and faith among the youth.

THR607 Religious Philosophy of Management (3 Credit hours)

This course is a survey of religious principles pertaining to the nature, purpose, policies and praxis of religious management philosophy. Emphasis will be upon religious administration and the differing philosophies of religious formation, organizational structures, planning, decision-making, supervision and human relations in religious management of religious organizations and institutions of higher learning.

Theology**TST601 Jesus Across Cultures (3 credit hours)**

The course explores selected themes in traditional and modern understandings of the person and work of Christ from Western and non –Western perspectives. A variety of contemporary Christological developments occurring in diverse contexts around the globe- in Latin America, Asia, Africa and North America are also examined.

TST605 Analysis of Selected Authors and Theological Texts (3 Credit hours)

Significant works of at least two authors will be studied critically, so as to understand them more faithfully and to find points of convergence and divergence among them. Appropriateness of their interpretations of current African questions will be considered

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