

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION AND AIM:

The Bachelor of Theology programme provides the education and training needed to equip a person for a professional teaching ministry of the Word of God and for leadership in a Christian church, community, or organization. The qualification provides the opportunity to integrate knowledge of the Christian faith with essential skills to minister and lead Christian communities and contribute to the development and transformation of the broader society.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES:

Graduates of the BTh should be able to take a pastoral leadership role in a Christian church, community or organization, undertake a regular preaching or teaching responsibility, and train people for various ministries inside and outside the church.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- National Senior Certificate or equivalent with a minimum of 60% in English language (HG first language) and coupled with an achievement rating of 4 or better in four subjects from the designated subjects list. (Per Government Gazette No. 751, 11 July 2008).
- Graduates of the GWC Higher Certificate in Theology (NQF Level 5).
- Admission through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is permitted for a maximum of 10% of the enrolment for any year. See the RPL policy or *Student Handbook* for details of RPL procedures.

DURATION OF STUDY:

Full-time: minimum three years

Part-time: maximum six years

Students who register to complete the qualification part-time will be given a part-time study agreement by the Registrar. Students who cannot complete the qualification within 6 years will be encouraged to take individual modules for non-degree purposes.

APPLICATIONS FOR CREDITS:

Applications for credit transfer for individual modules must be applied for in writing on Registration Day. See the procedures and regulations for *Credit Accumulation and Transfer* in the CAT Policy or in the *Student Handbook*.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS/ARTICULATION:

A minimum of 360 credits with passes in all modules as prescribed by the Faculty Board. See the *Student Handbook* and individual study guides for module pass requirements.

STUDY GUIDES:

At the commencement of each module, you will receive a study guide which sets out, *inter alia*, the following information:

- the aim of the module, showing how it contributes to the overall programme outcomes
- the module outcomes
- an outline of the lecture programme
- required and recommended reading
- the assessment requirements

ASSESSMENT:

The aim of assessment is to determine whether the outcomes, as specified in the study guides, have been achieved. A variety of assessment methods are used, both formative (i.e. on-going) - tests, assignments, class participation; and summative (normally examinations). The exact method of assessment for each module is specified in the module study guide, available at the commencement of each module.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

Students commence at National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 5 and exit at NQF level 7. Each NQF level builds on what has gone before.

In the table overleaf a credit is nominally equivalent to 10 hours of work.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY					
Year 1: NQF Level 5		Year 2: NQF Level 6		Year 3: NQF Level 7	
Module	Cred	Module	Cred	Module	Cred
Foundational Skills					
SK101 Study Skills	8				
PS101 Public Speaking	4				
Systematic Theology & Ethics					
DS101 Introduction to Doctrine	8	DS202 God & Humanity	12	DS312 Person & Work of Christ	12
DS115 Doctrine of Revelation	8	DS208 Church & the Future	8	DS310 Spirit & Salvation	8
DS107 Ethics 1	8	DS207 Ethics 2	8	DS307 Ethics 3	8
				DS313 Reformed Anglicanism #	(8)
				MS310 Philosophy	8
Biblical Studies - Old Testament					
OT102 Biblical Theology	8	HB202 Biblical Hebrew 1	12	BE310 Exegetical Skills	4
BE101 Bible Introduction	8	HB203/OT206 Biblical Hebrew 2	12	HB311/OT311 Deuteronomy	12
OT108 The Pentateuch	8	OT202 Former Prophets	8	HB302/OT302 Psalms & Wisdom	12
		OT221 Isaiah	8		
Biblical Studies - New Testament					
GK101 NT Greek 1	12	GK205/NT210 John's Gospel	12	GK309/NT303 Romans	12
GK105/NT102 NT Greek 2	12	GK206/NT203 1 Corinthians	12	GK308/NT308 Hebrews	12
NT106 Mark's Gospel	8				
Church History					
CH101 Early Church History	8	CH202 Reformation Ch. History	8	CH303 Modern Church History	6
CH102 REACH History & Liturgy #	(4)			CH304 African Church History	6
Mission & Culture					
MS121 Missiology 1	10	MS211 Missiology 2	8	MS311 Missiology 3	4
Ministry					
PS110 Preaching Theory & Practice	4	PS251 Preaching 2A	4	PS351 Preaching 3A	4
PS111 Ministry 1A	6	PS252 Preaching 2B	4	PS352 Preaching 3B	4
PS121 Ministry 1B	6	PS211 Ministry 2A	6	PS311 Ministry 3A	6
		PS221 Ministry 2B	6	PS321 Ministry 3B	6
Year 1: Total	124	Year 2: Total	128	Year 3: Total	124

These modules are for REACH-SA and other Anglican students. REACH-SA students will have 128 credits in first year and 132 credits in third year.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS – BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY – FIRST YEAR (NQF 5):

BE01H BIBLE INTRODUCTION

White Zibophe

8pc

The aim of this module is to introduce students to the documents in the Bible (the literature), and the milieu within which they were written (history) and collected (canon). Although some reference will be made to matters of theology, this is not the focus of this module. Instead, this module lays a foundation for other modules within the biblical studies program.

CH101 EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

Carel Pienaar

8cp

Aims to introduce the subject of church history, specifically the history of the church within the first five centuries after the apostolic period, investigating early church practice and theological development in relation to the church's cultural and political context within the Roman Empire.

CH102 REACH-SA HISTORY & LITURGY

Jake Griesel

4cp

For members of REACH-SA. The module traces the REACH-SA denominational history and its distinctives. Attention is also given to the principles of Anglican liturgy based on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

DS101 CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE INTRODUCTION

Mark Norman

8cp

Aims to introduce the student to what Christians believe and why they believe it, in order that they may develop their own thoughtful, reasoned overview of the Christian Faith.

DS107 ETHICS 1

John Child

8cp

Largely focused on the ten commandments in the light of the rest of Scripture, the module aims to understand what the Bible teaches about the moral will of God for human beings in order to develop a Christian ethical answer to the great moral questions of our time, and be guided in our desire to live a God-pleasing life of love to God and neighbour.

DS115 DOCTRINE OF REVELATION

John-Paul Harper

8cp

A general introduction to the Christian doctrine of Revelation, and exposition of a Reformed Protestant and Evangelical understanding of Revelation in the contemporary setting. The module gives special consideration to the nature and function of the Bible in Christian teaching.

GK101 NT GREEK 1

Graham Heslop

12cp

Introduces students to the morphology, grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek, and equips them with skills in translation. Greek 1 constitutes the first in a series of language modules in which students will learn the biblical languages in order to assist them to accurately interpret the Word of God. Languages are hard work, but are indispensable for the responsible exegesis and teaching of the Bible.

GK105/NT102 NT GREEK 2

Graham Heslop

12cp

Continues with the introduction to the morphology, grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek. By the end of this module students will have completed the textbook, and should be able to read 1 John (with a bit of help from the dictionary) in the original language in which John wrote it.

MS121 MISSIOLOGY 1

Thapelo Khumalo

10cp

The purpose of this module is to develop the student's understanding of missiology. The student will be introduced to the theology of missions, history of missions, mission strategy, and related fields of study. The module aims to provide biblical clarity and global awareness regarding the mission of the church in the twenty-first century.

NT106 MARK'S GOSPEL

John-Paul Harper

8cp

Aims to provide students with a model for the exegesis and interpretation of the Synoptic Gospels, to introduce them to the Gospels as a literary and theological form, and to familiarise them with the content and message of the Gospel of Mark.

OT102 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**Nathan Lovell****8cp**

Enable the student to define, describe and learn the method of Biblical Theology, a vital foundational discipline for any theological or ethical reflection on the Bible.

OT108 THE PENTATEUCH**Gavin Millard****8cp**

An introduction to the story line and theme of the Pentateuch (Genesis--Deuteronomy) to provide a contextual framework for a detailed study of the Book of Exodus, not only to introduce students to the structure, main themes, and message of Exodus but also to illustrate from a Biblical-Theological perspective, the methods of Old Testament exegesis which values it within the context of the whole Bible as Christian Scripture.

PS101 PUBLIC SPEAKING**Thapelo Khumalo****4cp**

Starts the student on the lifelong process of perfecting the art of the public proclamation of the Gospel. A graduate from GWC should be able to succinctly explain a piece of Scripture in such a way that it is clearly understood. In this module we aim to help students to present Scripture in such a way that an audience is engaged by the Bible passage and desires to know more.

PS110 PREACHING THEORY & PRACTICE**Geoff Gertzen****4cp**

Aims to continue the process of training Bible teachers in the preparation and delivery of expository Bible talks. Bible teaching is a major part of public ministry and it is essential that students master these skills for God's glory.

PS111 MINISTRY 1A (MINISTRY IN AFRICA)**Phumezo Masango****6cp**

This is the first of a series of ministry courses that students will undertake during their BTh programme. This foundational course is designed to assist and equip students to appreciate the African context in which they are going to present the gospel. This will include an understanding of African Traditional Religions, and the realities of township, rural, and urban settings within modern Africa as well as contemporary issues such as poverty, racism.

PS121 MINISTRY 1B (WORD MINISTRIES)**Jonathan More****6cp**

While the pulpit may be the main place for Word-based ministry, it is by no means the only place. This module introduces students to various forms of Word-based ministry and equips them with some basic skills in these areas. Ministries such as small-group Bible studies, children's ministry, youth ministry, women's ministry, one-to-one ministry, amongst others, will be considered in this course.

SK101 STUDY SKILLS**Arlys van Wyk****8cp**

A fundamental module introducing students to the requirements of tertiary level study at GWC and providing resources, tools and techniques for success. The module aims to help the student to become a more active listener in class, a better and more efficient reader of books, a more disciplined processor of study information, a 'chartered accountant' of library resources, a deeper thinker; and to become better at taking exams.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS – BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY – SECOND YEAR (NQF 6):**CH202 REFORMATION CHURCH HISTORY****Jake Griesel****8cp**

Designed to introduce students to the historical and theological developments in the Church during the sixteenth century; and to examine, in particular, the role of Martin Luther. Attention is also given to the Renaissance, the Reformation in the Cities, the life and work of John Calvin, the English Reformation, the Radical Reformation, and the Counter Reformation.

DS202 GOD & HUMANITY**Mark Norman****12cp**

Serves as an extended introduction to Christian teaching about God in relation to humanity from a Biblical, historical and systematic point of view. The module explores the identity, nature, and character of the one and only self--revealing God, surveying topics traditionally included in the doctrine of God, such as His existence, knowledge, and attributes, as well as God's work in creation and providence. A study of the human person, our nature, fallen-ness, dependence and destiny, is then set alongside focus on God as maker and upholder of creation.

DS207 ETHICS 2	Gerard Jampies	8cp
An introduction to New Testament ethics as well as providing the opportunity to grapple with ethical issues relevant to our African context.		
DS208 THE CHURCH & THE FUTURE	Gerard Jampies	8cp
An overview of the doctrine of the Church, aimed at discovering what the Bible teaches about the Church – its defining concepts, life, mission, ministry, leaders, discipline and relation to the state – in dialogue with various conversation partners, past and present; and a new understanding of eschatology as not only the climax of the divine drama of redemption, but as embracing the entire story of redemption, through the incarnation, cross and resurrection of Christ, bringing the eschaton to us in the middle of history.		
GK205/NT210 JOHN'S GOSPEL	John-Paul Harper	12cp
Provides students with a general orientation to the narrative and theology of the Gospel of John, and to some of the critical issues affecting its interpretation. Furthermore, students are expected to develop a detailed knowledge of the structure, content and teaching of the Gospel so that they might be encouraged to think through the implications of John's Gospel for Christian life and ministry today.		
GK206/NT203 1 CORINTHIANS	Vuyani Sindo	12cp
A study of Paul's first letter written to the Christians in Corinth. In addition to improving the exegetical skills which students have already gained in your previous studies of the New Testament, this course will deepen their understanding of the influence that the Graeco-Roman milieu had on the early church.		
HB202 BIBLICAL HEBREW 1	White Zibophe	12cp
Introduces students to the basics of reading the Hebrew language. The module begins in intensive format with an 8-day summer school, during which students will be introduced to the alphabet, learn to read and pronounce words, and become familiar with the basic ideas behind Hebrew nouns, prepositions and verbs. During Term 1 students will continue to develop this knowledge until, by the end of term, they will be able to translate simple sentences.		
HB203/OT206 BIBLICAL HEBREW 2	White Zibophe	12cp
Advances students' knowledge of Biblical Hebrew to the point where they are able to read almost any non-poetic passage from the Hebrew Old Testament with lexical assistance. The goal of this module is to prepare students for exegetical work in Hebrew as they advance in Old Testament studies.		
MS211 MISSIOLOGY 2	Jonathan More	8cp
This module deals with the context of mission and the church in South Africa. Students are introduced to contextualisation, church-planting, and disciple-making within the African context. This necessarily includes a detailed investigation of Islam.		
OT202 FORMER PROPHETS	White Zibophe	8cp
Introduces students to literary skills used in the study of Hebrew narrative, especially genre, theme, structure, plot, characters and narrative devices. Through the study of a book of the Former Prophets (or part thereof) we discuss how meaning and theology are communicated through the medium of storytelling.		
OT221 ISAIAH	Nathan Lovell	8cp
Develops an understanding of the historical and socio-political contexts of the writing prophets through a particular examination of the book of Isaiah, and explores the major theological developments of the period. Develops ability to understand and teach the Old Testament, introducing the major genre of poetic prophecy, as well as introducing several key hermeneutical principles.		
PS211 MINISTRY 2A (PASTORAL COUNSELLING)	Sandile Mthethwa	6cp
Aims to provide an introduction to Christian Pastoral Counselling and the rudimentary skills required to counsel people, particularly Christians, as they grapple with complex and difficult personal problems. It needs to be noted that this module will not fully equip a student for the business of Pastoral Counselling. The skills required to		

become a competent Christian Counsellor will only be attained through continued training, study, and personal experience.

PS221 MINISTRY 2B (LEADERSHIP - THEOLOGY)

Thapelo Khumalo

6cp

The primary aim of this module is to enable students to develop a clear understanding of biblical theology of Christian leadership.

PS251 PREACHING 2A

Sivuyile Lurai

4cp

Aims to teach students the skills needed for the craft of preparing and preaching sermons with special reference to topical preaching. Preaching is the Pastor's "bread and butter" and must be done well. This module is designed to give students the skills necessary for a life-time of faithful and dynamic preaching and Bible teaching.

PS252 PREACHING 2B

Simon Clegg

4cp

Focuses on the *delivery* of a message from the Bible to a particular audience. The module focuses on the *communicative act* rather than the hard exegetical work in the study.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS – BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY – THIRD YEAR (NQF 7):

BE310 EXEGETICAL SKILLS

Nathan Lovell

4cp

An intensive module to develop skill as a reader of Biblical texts. Introduces several new skills related to original language exegesis; skills and resources that are needed in order to carry out exegesis of the original languages of the Bible at an advanced level.

CH303 MODERN CHURCH HISTORY

Thapelo Khumalo

6cp

An overview of Modern Christianity, covering the history of the church from the end of the Reformation in Europe through to the 21st century. Additional to basic church history, the history of theology and doctrine, and the impact of Christianity upon society and society upon Christianity will be explored.

CH304 AFRICAN CHURCH HISTORY

Phumezo Masango

6cp

A survey of the beginnings and progress of Christianity in Africa with a focus on South Africa. Attempts to locate the history of the African Church within the broader Christian community, aimed at equipping students to better minister in the African context.

DS307 ETHICS 3

Christo April

8cp

Highlights Christian conduct consistent with the gospel and one's ministerial calling through the study of a selection of Professional Codes of Conduct for Ministers and Christian Workers; and to develop critical Christian moral thinking, especially with regard to major ethical issues of our time.

DS310 SPIRIT & SALVATION

Mark Norman

8cp

An introduction to soteriology, pneumatologically understood. After an overview of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, New Testament word studies and exegetical excursions provide an appropriate framework for understanding the Christian life.

DS312 PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

Gerard Jampies

12cp

Explores and applies the Biblical teaching about the work of Christ in the light of historical and contemporary theological reflection, with special reference to the sources of the Protestant Reformed tradition.

DS313 REFORMED ANGLICANISM

Jake Griesel

8cp

A module for Anglicans, covering Reformed Anglican distinctives, doctrine and praxis based on the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion and including a study of the gospel sacraments.

NT308/GK308 HEBREWS

Vuyani Sindo

12cp

Introduces students to the modern, critical study of the Book of Hebrews with an eye on its application to the intellectual world of twenty-first century Africa. Key theological themes are also developed as they relate to New Testament and biblical theology.

GK309/NT303 ROMANS**John-Paul Harper****12cp**

Provides students with a general orientation to the background of Paul's letter to the Romans and to some of the critical issues affecting its interpretation. Furthermore, students are expected to develop a detailed knowledge of the structure, content and doctrine of the letter so that they are able to relate the teachings of Romans to their own Christian life and ministry.

HB311/OT311 DEUTERONOMY**Nathan Lovell****12cp**

Introduces students to the key themes of the Book of Deuteronomy, as well as some of the many related questions that bear on its interpretation including its relationship to OT Theology, and to Biblical Theology. The focus is on how Christians, should approach the book, understand it, and apply it to contemporary Christian thought, life and practice.

HB302/OT302 PSALMS & WISDOM**Nathan Lovell****12cp**

Develops an understanding and appreciation of the specific and essential elements of Hebrew Wisdom, her relationship with her Ancient Near Eastern context, her distinct features, her different genres and the scope of her theology as it is found in Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes. Develops students' ability to read (exegete), understand and teach the Wisdom books from a Biblical-Theological perspective.

MS310 PHILOSOPHY**Mark Norman****8cp**

Introduces students to the main ideas of the Western philosophical tradition through four broad historical periods. Pays particular attention to the way certain philosophical ideas have influenced Christian theology and also considers the way philosophical views shape the thought-patterns of people in general and the world in which they live.

PS311 MINISTRY 3A (LEADING GROUPS)**Vuyani Sindo****6cp**

Building on the foundations laid in Ministry 2B, this course looks at the group dynamics of Christian leadership. It seeks to help the student to understand leadership as a group phenomenon. Firstly, the student will be introduced to different theories of leadership, with the view of helping the student to understand the nature and the priorities of Christian leadership. Secondly, the student will be introduced to a number of practical realities of leadership, including the difference between leadership and management. It will also equip students with the necessary skills to set a vision for any particular ministry in which they may be involved, and to see that vision through to implementation.

PS321 MINISTRY 3B (MINISTRY PORTFOLIO)**Jonathan More****6cp**

Christian ministry is practical and not just theoretical. By encouraging students to engage in service in local churches, this module aims to provide students with opportunities to put into practice the many and varied skills that they have learnt throughout their studies. The portfolio will allow students to reflect on a variety of ministries that they have been involved in, noting their own strengths and weaknesses and areas in which they can be further developed.

PS351 PREACHING 3A**Geoff Gertzen****4cp**

Aims at providing some high-level skills in OT expository preaching. The shape of the Hebrew Scriptures provided by Biblical Theology (BT) and other courses in OT are applied in the field of homiletics. BT and engagement with the Hebrew text combine to assist in exegesis (getting the text right).

PS352 PREACHING 3B**Mervyn Eloff****4cp**

Aims to teach students the skills needed for the craft of preaching from the New Testament Gospels.