

# Course Descriptions

## Biblical Studies

**BIB 1121 Essential Bible Study Principles:** provides an introduction to and overview of the New Testament. It also includes a vital and practical introduction to the fundamental principles of Biblical interpretation.

**BIB 1122 1 Corinthians:** unpacks the meaning and contemporary significance of 1 Cor., which is possibly the most practical of Paul's letters.

**BIB 1123 The Words and Works of Jesus:** a closer look at the life and ministry of Jesus that inform the church and Christian workers' witness.

**BIB 1124 Old Testament Survey:** provides an overview of the Old Testament, helping the student to appreciate its significance and relevance for Christians today.

**BIB 2121 Hermeneutics:** the very nature of Scripture as the Word of God is communication, and thus, requires interpretation. To grow in these skills, students need to learn the appropriate tools and processes of interpretation, and to practise the use of such tools and processes.

**BIB 2122 The Pentateuch:** covers the historical background and authorship of the Pentateuch and the literary structure, major themes and theological implications of each book in the Pentateuch.

**BIB 2123 The Historical Books:** provides an overview of the twelve Old Testament books from Joshua to Esther. This preliminary study of the Old Testament is aimed at introducing themes, purposes and historical background to the historical books.

**BIB 2124 The Book of Acts:** an in-depth study of the exhilarating Acts of the Apostles, the Early Church and of the Holy Spirit. This subject paints a portrait of how Christianity burst onto the scenes of the Judea-Greco-Roman world.

**BIB 2125 Paul's Letters:** a study of the Apostle Paul within the first century Greco-Roman context, survey of his thirteen letters and summary of his historical, theological and pastoral contribution to the Christian faith.

**BIB 3121 The Wisdom Books:** covers the origin, nature and theological purpose of the Old Testament wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Psalms and Song of Songs) and brings out the relevance of these biblical books for the faith and life of the church today.

**BIB 3122 The General Letters:** provides an overview and thematic study of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 – 3 John, and Jude. This course is aimed at introducing themes, purposes, and historical background to these Epistles.

**BIB 3127 The Prophetic Books:** presents a survey of the Old Testament prophetic books and shows the importance of understanding them in their original context and to appreciate the Abrahamic, Davidic and Mosaic covenants as preparation for the New Covenant.

**BIB 3128 Genesis:** Genesis is the foundational book of the Bible, because it contains the basis for the whole story of Scripture and for all major biblical doctrines. Genesis must be understood for the mission of God to make sense.

**BIB 3129 Romans:** Romans is considered Paul's most influential letter, and sometimes called 'the gospel according to Paul'. This course expounds the epistle under the auspices of its five major sections, dealing with condemnation, justification, sanctification, vindication, and transformation.

**OTS 4241 Old Testament:** This course will help deepen your understanding the Old Testament. It deals with the content, canon, history, geography, culture, hermeneutics, literature, and theology of the Old Testament (Units 1 to 7) and concludes with a research paper (Units 8-9).

**NTS 4241 New Testament:** This course introduces you to the environment of early Christianity, the cultural and social world of the early church, the literature of the New Testament, critical issues of New Testament formation, and the theological message of the New Testament. You will gain a framework for further study of individual New Testament books and for appreciating the significance of these ancient, inspired writings for the life of the church.

**MBS5241 OT Introduction:** The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the content and structure, distinctive theology, and introductory matters of the Old Testament. It also provides you with an opportunity to enhance your grasp of the Old Testament canon, with particular attention given to its use in ministry.

**MBS 5242 NT Introduction:** The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the content and structure, distinctive theology, and introductory matters of the New Testament. The course also provides you with a solid grasp of the New Testament canon, with particular attention given to its use in ministry.

**MBS5243 Biblical Theology:** Biblical theology is a discipline which gives primacy to the unfolding drama of Scripture. In this approach, the Old and New Testaments are interpreted within the context of the various narrative prisms of God's Word and with the intent of elucidating the entire narrative of the Judeo-Christian canon. There is a fundamental commitment to engage the Bible on the basis of its grand, literary framework. The purpose of this course is to explore the challenges and benefits of understanding the Bible through its various narrative prisms. It enables you to gain greater skill in advanced methods of biblical study. It also helps you relate the theology of the Bible to contemporary issues.

**MBS5244 Biblical Hermeneutics:** The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the tools and methods for interpreting biblical texts and provide you with the foundation for a lifelong, careful study of the Bible. You will learn and apply a comprehensive methodology to different genres of literature (e.g., historical narrative, psalms, epistles, and apocalyptic). Since exegesis is an 'art' that can be acquired only by practice, an emphasis is placed in this independent study course on 'doing' exegesis. Throughout the process, you will gain facility with lexica, concordances, grammars, theological and exegetical dictionaries, and other exegetical aids.

## Missiology

**MIS 2122 Contemporary Issues in Missions:** this course is a study of the issues that are critical in missions today, helping you not only to see what is happening in our world today, but will also help you in developing a passion for missions in the 21st century.

**MIS 2123 The Historical Perspective on Missions:** is a reflection on the history of missions, briefly discussing the expansion of Christianity throughout the last 2000 years.

**MIS 2124 Introduction to Missions:** a basic introduction to the theology of Missions in the Bible, and lays down a challenge to Christians to consider becoming more involved in missions.

**MIS 3121 World Religions:** provides an introductory level overview of five major world religions, namely, African Traditional Religions, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

**MIS 3124 Church Growth:** this course examines the basis for current church growth theory and practice and to compare them with Biblical principles. Students will also evaluate the theories and research findings of the main proponents within the church growth movement, and seek to find suitable applications of these concepts to church planting and church renewal.

**MIS 3125 Islam:** compares the world's two largest faiths, introducing Islam by comparing and contrasting Allah with Yahweh, Mohammad with Christ, jihad with mission, and offering strategies to oppose Islamisation and share the gospel with Muslims.

**MIS4241 Missiology:** This course provides an advanced introduction to the academic discipline of Missiology (Unit 1) and to some of its research methods (Unit 2). Finally you will critically engage a current practise of mission (Unit 3).

### Practical Theology

**CYM 1126 Connecting with Children:** this course is about the observation of children, relationship building, their agenda, and the importance of play, story-telling and boundaries.

**CYM 2127 Walking with Wounded Children:** touches on issues of peace, healing, case study of an abused child, counselling with understanding, debriefing after trauma, a healing community.

**PRA 1121 Christian Relationships:** an introduction to the primacy of our relationship with God, and an overview of topics such as investigating difference modes of worship, applying Parrett's principles of worship, reviewing the impact of the book, Power through Prayer by E. M. Bounds, and the biblical approach to family.

**PRA 1122 Introduction to Youth and Children's Ministry:** the course touches on issues such as a child-friendly church, guidance for parents and inclusion of child evangelism in a mission's conference, youth trends, and the various models of youth ministry and as they are applied in different youth groups.

**PRA1124 Biblical Leadership 1:** explores the leadership models of Jesus and Paul, the leadership metaphors of servant, steward and shepherd, qualifications for church leadership, how leaders emerge, and much more.

**PRA 2121 Christian Counselling 1:** this course introduces the student to the field of pastoral care including its basis, goals, terminology, concepts and techniques. The student will learn how to use the Bible appropriately as a counselling tool for people struggling with personal issues such as anxiety, unforgiveness, depression, and illness. The course also teaches how to help people to cope better with child rearing, violence, abuse, crisis and grief.

**PRA 2122 The Pastoral Ministry:** the student is familiarised with the pastoral responsibilities of preaching, teaching, leading, equipping, administrating, and many other tasks. The module also introduces the student to the important task of pastoral care and counselling in the context of the local church.

**PRA 2123 Homiletics:** addresses the need for preparation of the preacher as a necessary prerequisite to the preparation and delivery of the sermon, so both the preacher and the spoken message will have authority.

**PRA 3121 Conflict and Reconciliation:** this course is an in-depth study of *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*, bringing the Biblical principles of conflict management together in an extremely practical way.

**PRA 3122 Church Management:** this course is part of a series of courses designed to equip you with the necessary skills needed for ministry, especially for the successful management of a church.

**PRA 3124 Christian Counselling 2:** The general themes covered in this module are group and youth counselling singleness, pre-marital and marital counselling. The course is practically orientated and students will learn how to design a pre-marital counselling and marriage enrichment course and how to effectively counsel relating to themes such as divorce, remarriage and blended families.

**PRA 3125 Church Leadership:** examines many biblical, personal, and practical foundations for church leadership.

**PTH 4241 Practical Theology:** This course provides an advanced introduction to Practical Theology as a theological discipline. It includes an overview of the discipline (Unit 1), a study of research models (Unit 2) and a research paper (Unit 3).

**MPT 5241 Studies in Practical Theology:** This course can be viewed as a general foundation on which other studies in specific areas of Practical Theology can be undertaken.

### [Systematic Theology](#)

**THE 1120 Introduction to Theology:** is a foundational course for all undergraduate students, discussing the nature and value of theology, introducing some essential resources for theological study, and teaching you how to write theological papers.

**THE 1121 Christian Foundations:** covers the basic beliefs and spiritual practices of the Christian faith. Selective major themes including repentance, faith towards God, how to study the Bible, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, true worship and many more.

**THE 1122 Biblical Worldview:** The worldview course answers the major philosophical and practical questions of life from a biblical perspective. The course defines, explains and examine the consequences of a worldview.

**THE 1123 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit:** helps students understand who the Holy Spirit is and the significant role He plays in both the Old and New Testament.

**THE 1124 Survey of Church History:** provides an overview of church history, demonstrating our connection to the past and applying its lessons to in our context; forms a framework for studies in doctrinal theology, missions and other subjects.

**THE 2121 The Doctrine of the Church:** examines the nature, purpose, organisation and ordinances of the church. It also surveys the important aspects of church life, together with exploring various other views of the church and its structures.

**THE 2122 The Doctrine of Man and Sin:** this course explores who man is in relation to God, and the cause and consequences of our sin.

**THE 2123 The Doctrine of Salvation:** covers Jesus' humanity and deity, his death, resurrection and glorification. It also deals with our conversion, justification, regeneration, sanctification and perseverance.

**THE 3121 The Doctrine of the Kingdom:** helps students to comprehend the nature of the Kingdom of God; discern Satan's actual present rights and status and survey the main categories of end-time doctrine.

**THE 3122 The Doctrine of Revelation:** highlights the importance of understanding general and special revelation, including an appreciation of the various theories of inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of the Scriptures.

**THE 3123 Apologetics:** a fairly detailed introduction to apologetics as a Christian discipline, and the various models of presentation and context. The modern contexts of apologetics (Post-modernism and the New Atheism) are also carefully considered.

**THE 3124 Christian Ethics:** a module that deals with the moral implications of the gospel, introducing today's Christian worker to skills and tools that will help them engage postmodern society with clear Christian motives and persuasion.

**THE 3125 Church History** is a holistic view of church history periods, paying particular attention to major movement, leaders and their contributions to Christianity, and the origin and distinctiveness of prominent Christian denominations.

**THE 3126 African Theology:** shows how theology has been approached by Africans. The course exposes the student to African Traditional Religion and the role it and Western theology have played in the development of African theology.

**THE 4241 Systematic Theology:** This course provides an orientation to the field of Systematic Theology. It includes an overview of major doctrines of the Christian faith (Unit 1), research methods (Unit 2) and a research paper (Unit 3).

### [Biblical Languages](#)

**BGK 1121 Biblical Greek 1A:** In this first of four courses on Greek you learn about the Greek noun system (nouns, adjectives, and pronouns), and begin to translate simple verses from Greek to English.

**BGK 1121 Biblical Greek 1B:** In this second of four courses on Greek you learn about the Greek indicative verb system, and proceed to more advanced translation questions.

**BGK 2121 Biblical Greek 2A** is the third of four Greek courses, covering the remainder of the verb system (participles, subjunctives, imperatives, and infinitives).

**BGK 2122 Biblical Greek 2B** is the last of four Greek courses, during which we apply all that we have learned to study five New Testament passages in Greek.

**BHB 1121 Biblical Hebrew 1A:** This is the first of two modules covering the basics of Biblical Hebrew grammar. In this module the student will learn the Hebrew nouns, pronouns, adjectives, the construct chain, and the entirety of the Qal verb stem. Some focus will be given to communicative function in modern Hebrew.

**BHB 1122 Biblical Hebrew 1B:** This is the second of two modules covering the basics of Biblical Hebrew grammar. In this module the student will learn the Hebrew derived stems and be exposed to some of the methods and tools used in the study of north western Semitic languages and the Hebrew Bible.

## Research

**MRS 5240 Research Orientation:** This is the first course in SATS' MTh programme and is taken by all students. It introduces you to SATS and the Postgraduate School, as well as to advanced theological studies. In the final part of the course you will develop a research concept that will form the basis of your research project (full thesis, or mini-thesis for coursework students).