

### 3. Associate of Christian Studies (ACS)

This program can also be completed by taking courses solely in the evening and Saturday.

#### a. Program Goals

The Associate of Christian Studies degree program aims to enhance the student's spiritual formation and ministry development. After completion, the students will: i) grow in Biblical understanding; ii) acquire theological knowledge; iii) prepare for effective future ministry.

#### b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) six years of secondary school studies or equivalent (an applicant who completed five years of secondary school studies may be admitted to the program with the requirement of taking an extra 18 credits, the additional credits may also be exempted by other recognized academic study or working experience); ii) baptized Christian; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

#### c. Program Content

##### i) Biblical Theology

credits

Core Courses

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament 3

NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament 3

Guided Electives

1 course on OT 3

1 course on NT 3

Electives (2 courses) 6

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subtotal 18

##### ii) Systematic Theology

credits

Core Courses

CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics 3

DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A) 3

Guided Electives

1 course on CH/HT 3

Electives (3 courses) 9

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subtotal 18

##### iii) Practical Theology

credits

Guided Electives

1 course on CP 3

1 course on DK 3

1 course on CE 3

1 course on SW 3

1 course on WL	3
1 course on MC	3
subtotal	18
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<b>iv) Free Electives</b>	credits
4 courses	12
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<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>66</b>

#### d. Credits

Full-time students in the ACS program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
graduate of certificate or diploma programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above

#### e. Duration

This program requires two academic years if taking courses at all times; four academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

#### f. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

#### g. Further Study

If an ACS program student wishes to apply for the Bachelor of Christian Studies (BCS) program at LTS, without applying for the conferral of the degree, a maximum of all successfully earned credits may be counted toward that degree. If the degree is conferred, a maximum of 45 credits could be exempted in the BCS program; if the degree is conferred by another institution, the maximum exemption is 39 credits only.

If an ACS program student wishes to apply for the Bachelor of Theology (BTH) program at LTS with or without applying for the conferral of the degree, a maximum of 33 credits could be accredited toward that degree. A new letter of recommendation from the student's congregation (signed by the minister-in-charge) and interviews are required.