

7. Bachelor of Theology (BTH)

a. Program Goals

The Bachelor of Theology degree program aims to equip students who are called to serve in the pastoral ministry. The curriculum emphasizes theory and practice, worship, campus and dormitory life and strives to nurture students in their biblical and theological knowledge, ministerial skills, critical thinking, collegiality, commitment, moral integrity and pastoral spirituality so that they are capable of becoming leaders and pastors of churches.

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) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for pastoral leadership; and iv) proof of the academic ability to engage in theological study. 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
LGk1001-1003 Biblical Greek I, II, III or	
LHb1001-1003 Biblical Hebrew I, II, III	9
Guided Electives	
2 courses on OT	6
2 courses on NT	6
1 course on Biblical Interpretation	3
Electives (1 course)	3
subtotal	33
ii) Systematic Theology	credits
Core Courses	
CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
CH2002 Reformation Church History	3
CH2003 Modern Church History	3
CH2018 Early and Medieval Church History	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
DM2010 Dogmatics (Module B)	3
DM2011 Dogmatics (Module C)	3
Electives (3 courses)	9
subtotal	30

iii) Practical Theology	credits
Core Courses	
PT1004 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3
HM1000 Introduction to Homiletics	3
CE1000 Introduction to Christian Education	3
SW1002 Spiritual Formation	3
WL1000 Introduction to Worship and Liturgy	3
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
HM2000 Homiletic Practicum	3
CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth*	3
CP2036 Counseling Theories and Practices	3
DK2000/OT2012/NT2011 Biblical Perspectives on Diakonia	3
PT3003 Church Administration and Christian Leadership	3
Electives (3 courses)	9
subtotal	42

* Interview for the course registration of CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth is required.

iv) Academic and Integrated Studies	credits
Core Courses	
IS1000 Workshop on Academic Writing	1
IS4003 Integrative Seminar	2
subtotal	3

v) Practical Training	credits
Core Courses	
MU1000 Choir	8
FE1001 Field Education	10
subtotal	18

vi) Free Electives	credits
3 courses	9

vii) Others

Assessment on Personal Qualities for Pastoral Ministry (every year)
 Graduation Sermon (twice in the final year)

Total Credits Required for Graduation **135**

d. Language Requirement

Students must have sufficient knowledge of English to study at a graduate-level.

e. Credits

Full-time students in the BTH program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester. In exceptional cases, permission to take additional credits may be granted.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
i) 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
ii) graduate of the Foundation Certificate in Christian Counseling in the Companion LeShalom Centre	3 credits for the core course CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth

f. Assessment on Personal Qualities for Pastoral Ministry

Being a pastor requires maturity in dealing with relationships, collaborating with others, handling conflicts, tackling challenges and adverse situations, managing time and self-emotions, etc. All pastoral training program students are required to review their personal qualities for pastoral ministry with their academic adviser and the chaplain every academic year. The aim of such assessment and review is for growth and maturity. Nevertheless, if students have low motivation to grow and cannot pass the assessment repeatedly, the degree of pastoral training program will not be conferred.

g. Residency Requirement

Pastoral training degree education has a complex goal: the personal, vocational, spiritual and academic formation of students. Since a comprehensive community of learning is much beneficial to the above formation, all pastoral training degree students should live in the dormitory for the whole study period except for a special reason.

h. Duration

In order to fulfill the broad educational and formational goals of pastoral training, the BTH program is on a full-time basis only and requires four academic years or its equivalent.

i. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) pass the assessments on personal qualities for pastoral ministry; and
- iii) pass the graduation sermons; and
- iv) attend the graduation retreat in the final semester; and
- v) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

j. Further Study

The BTH degree can be a basis for further study in the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) or the Master of Arts (MA) in specific emphasis programs at LTS.