

## 4. Bachelor of Christian Studies (BCS)

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

### a. Program Goals

The Bachelor of Christian Studies degree program aims to provide a foundational theological training program for lay leaders. After completion, the student will: i) grow in spiritual depth and moral integrity; ii) acquire a comprehensive knowledge in biblical, theological and ministerial training; iii) develop skills for effective ministry and corporate leadership.

### 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) evidence of the commitment and qualities desired for Christian service; and iv) proof of the academic ability to engage in theological study. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

### c. Program Content

<b>i) Biblical Theology</b>	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
<u>Electives (5 courses)</u>	<u>15</u>
subtotal	27
<b>ii) Systematic Theology</b>	credits
Core Courses	
CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
Guided Electives	
1 course on CH/HT	3
<u>Electives (6 courses)</u>	<u>18</u>
subtotal	27

<b>iii) Practical Theology</b>	credits
Guided Electives	
1 course on LD	3
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
Electives (4 courses)	12
subtotal	33
<b>iv) Academic and Integrated Studies</b>	credits
Core Courses	
IS1000 Workshop on Academic Writing	1
IS4003 Integrative Seminar	2
subtotal	3
<b>v) Free Electives</b>	credits
10 courses	30
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

#### d. Credits

Full-time students in the BCS program normally take a maximum of 21 credits in each semester.

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) student with an Associate of Christian Studies degree which is commenced by LTS	a maximum of 45 credits
iii) graduate of a recognized higher diploma or advanced diploma or associate degree (program should complete at least 66 credits for graduation)	a maximum of 39 credits

**e. Duration**

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

If a BCS degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity (MDIV) at LTS, a maximum of 24 credits can be exempted.