

1. Diploma in Biblical Studies (DIP-BS)

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

a. Program Goals

The Diploma in Biblical Studies program aims to provide an introductory training in the biblical studies. After completion, the student will acquire: i) a foundational understanding of the Old Testament and the New Testament; ii) an in-depth reading of different genres of biblical books in the Bible; iii) a set of exegetical skills for reading the Bible.

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) Core Courses

| | credits |
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| OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament | 3 |
| NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament | 3 |
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| subtotal | 6 |

ii) Guided Electives

| | credits |
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| 2 courses on OT | 6 |
| 2 courses on NT | 6 |
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| subtotal | 12 |

iii) Free Electives

| | credits |
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| 2 courses | 6 |

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| Total Credits Required for Graduation | 24 |
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d. Credits

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

e. Duration

This program requires one academic year if taking courses at all times; two academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed four 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 DIP-BS program student wishes to apply for the associate or bachelor's degree programs at LTS, without applying for the conferral of the diploma, a maximum of all successfully earned credits may be counted toward that degree. If the diploma is conferred, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted in the associate or bachelor program.

For the transferal to the Bachelor of Theology (BTH) program, a new letter of recommendation from the student's congregation (signed by the minister-in-charge) and interviews are required.