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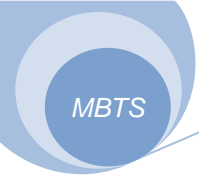


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VISION AND OBJECTIVES



Equipping men and women to fulfill the task commanded in Ephesians 4:11-13 (“Preparing God’s people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up and become mature”) and in Matthew 28:18-20 (“to make disciples of all nations”) by utilizing various resources through strategic partnerships.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Providing quality theological training to church leaders who have a strong sense of calling and commitment to serve God in the church or field.

OBJECTIVES FOR TRAINING

1. Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
2. Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God’s power.
3. Develop in students the following ministry skills:
 - To lead the church to accomplish God’s will and administer the various programs of ministry;
 - To direct the missionary outreach program of the church, share personal faith and God’s plan for salvation with others and lead those who have committed their lives to Christ towards mature discipleship; to direct the church to meaningful encounters with God through worship;
 - To develop the skills and spiritual gifts of Christians for participating in effective ministry through the church education program;
 - To minister to and counsel people during times of crisis;
 - To interpret the Bible accurately and proclaim and teach God’s word with conviction and power.
4. Lead students to appreciate and learn from their Christian and Baptist heritage.

PHILOSOPHY



Holistic Theological Education

MBTS is committed to providing *holistic* theological education, that is, an education that forms the “HEAD, HEART, & HANDS”. Hence, in addition to academic courses, students are required to participate in activities and programs designed to form their personal spiritual life and develop positive community-building attitudes. The holistic approach is reflected in the offering of courses under the categories of FORMATION and PRACTICAL EDUCATION and in the weekly chapel, mentoring groups, creative ministry activities, and community building duties & projects. Therefore, all Full-time and Part-time students who are on campus regularly are expected to participate in activities and requirements designed to help them develop holistically unless they have permission from the Administration to participate in alternative activities.



Pastoral & Mission Formation Distinctive



MBTS is committed to helping students have a *pastoral* and *missional* approach to leadership and ministries. Hence, regardless of their interests and fields of specialization, all students are required to fulfill a certain number of courses in the categories of PASTORAL & MISSION FORMATION. Pastoral

Formation courses are normally offered in the first and last term of the academic year, and Mission Formation courses are normally offered during the School of Trans-Cultural Mission (STCM).

Theological Education for Christian Vocation & Christian Maturation

MBTS is ready to equip *all* of God’s People based on the doctrine of the “priesthood of all believers.” However, in terms of priority, MBTS will focus first on equipping believers called into the Full-time Christian Vocation, i.e., those who testify to a call to full-time Christian services (whether salaried or not) and seeking preparation to enter into Ministry, and also those already *in* Ministry and seeking to further improve themselves. MBTS will then focus

on equipping mature Christians serving in various capacities in the local churches. Hence, MBTS offers two different programs in the Foundational Theological Programs, *the Christian Vocation Programs* and *the Christian Studies Programs*. The entrance requirements and program structures for the two programs are not the same. Though students in the two programs will enroll in many similar courses and generally sit together in the same classes, there are additional requirements and different expectations for those in the Christian Vocation Programs.

Covenant Learning

MBTS is an educational enterprise that seeks to practice an educational approach that is holistic even in methodology. The approach is called the “Covenantal Learning-Teaching Approach” and is based on the biblical concept of ‘covenant.’ In such an approach, the seminary, teachers and students do not approach the educational process wholly from the academic perspective but also from a relational perspective.

Hence, a student may not be able to pass a course or graduate in a program because he/she fails to be faithful to the covenant which he/she has entered into with the school or with the teacher. All MBTS’ students should understand the nature of the Covenantal Learning-Teaching Approach before they embark on their studies.



INSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY

MBTS subscribes to the Statement of Faith adopted by the Malaysia Baptist Convention. This statement emphasizes that:

The Holy Bible – was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation as its purpose, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its content. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

God – There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

God the Father – God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history is according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

God the Son – Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself the demands and necessities of human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet is without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, partaking of the nature of God and of man, and in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

God The Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to

understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior and effects regeneration. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the time a person trusts Christ as Saviour and the Lord, he is baptized with the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13) He cultivates Christian Character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. These gifts are to be exercised humbly and discreetly for the strengthening of the church and should never be exercised in such a way as to be divisive or destructive. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship and equips them for evangelism and service.

Man – is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin – (but) by his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God.

Salvation – involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broader sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification and glorification.

Election – is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man – it is a glorious display of God’s sovereign goodness; and God in His election is infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable. Election excludes boasting and promotes humility.

Church – A New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant of the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising scripturally the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Baptism – and the Lord’s Supper are the two ordinances of the church. Christian baptism – is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer’s faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believers’ death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ – (and) a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead.

The Lord’s Supper – is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, remember and proclaim the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Lord's Day – The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian Institution for regular observance.

The Kingdom of God – includes both general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who will fully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

Last Things – God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His Promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.

Evangelism & Mission – It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations.

Education – The church itself is a school. Jesus told His followers to make disciples and to teach them all things He had commanded them.

Stewardship – God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debt to the whole world, a sacred responsibility to spread the gospel, and a binding stewardship in all areas of life.

Cooperation – Christ's people should as occasions require, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the greater objects of the Kingdom of God.

The Christian & The Social Order – Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life and in human society.

Peace – It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness.

Religious Liberty – Since civil government is ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God.

HISTORY

1954 MBTS was established on 11 January 1954 at 35, Anson Road, Penang with three teachers and four students. Dr. Greene W. Strother was the first president.

1956 Mr. Carl Yarnell was elected the second president.

1958 Purchase of 14 acres of gently undulating land at Batu Ferringhi.

1963 Dr. Minor Davidson became the third president.

1964 Dr. Robert C. Covington was appointed fourth president.



1970 Dr. B. C. Thomas was elected the fifth president.

1971 The seminary adopted a constitution, motto, anthem, and seal.



1976 Dr. Wayne Siao became the sixth president.

1983 BTS Singapore branch was set up.

1987 Dr. Amos Lee Ying-Pak became the seventh president.

1989 The Asia Theological Association (ATA) gave full accreditation for the Bachelor of Theology and Diploma programs.

1990 MBTS became a teaching branch of the ABGTS. MBTS, BTS (Singapore) and BTS (Thailand) jointly offered the Doctor of Ministry and the Doctor of Sacred Theology degrees.

1997 Dr. John Ong became the eighth president in May. The School of Trans-Cultural Mission (STCM) was launched.

1999 The Mission Research and Training Centre (MRTC) was established. The World Christian Foundations (WCF) Program was launched in partnership with the US Centre for World Mission. Pastoral Renewal and Research Centre (PRRC) was set up to assist pastors and full-time workers. The first biennial general meeting of the Malaysia Association of Theological Schools (MATS) was held at MBTS on 12th April.

2001 MBTS in partnership with Compassion International launched the Graduate Program in Holistic Child Development.

2003 BTS Klang Valley was established. The number of students for both on-campus and off-campus programs exceeded 500 and the number of full-time teaching faculty members reached 17. Malay Language track started. Publication of MBTS' *Theological Journal* (Vol. 1).

2004 MBTS celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The Malay Language Resource Center established.

- 2005** Youth Ministry launched in partnership with Youth Ministry International and Graduate Counseling Program begun in partnership with Christian Heritage College Brisbane, Australia.
- 2008** MBTS partners with Singapore BTS to begin the China Mission Programs at Singapore BTS campus.
- 2009** MBTS celebrated its 55th Anniversary.
- 2010** MBTS and Gospel Operation International partner to set up of the Cross-Cultural Mission School at the Klang Valley Branch to equip more Chinese speaking missionaries.
- 2012** The Korean Global Leadership Institute and MBTS partner to offer the Doctor of Missiology program in Korean Language.
- 2013** Transfer of the seminary campus land title from IMB to local ownership.
- 2014** MBTS celebrated its 60th Anniversary. MBTS enlarged its dining hall and kitchen, and added offices, and built a Student Recreational Center.
- 2015** MBTS launched the Holy Land Trip Program in which participants visit sites and are exposed to mission needs of both Jews and Arabs. MBTS set up the Italy Chinese Theological Seminary.
- 2016** A few branches and extension centers are established, including the Marketplace Ministry Institute, East Europe Theological Training Centre, and Silk Road Gospel Network (International).
- 2017** MBTS co-founded Malaysia United Missions Mobilization (MUMM) and co-organized the 1st Chinese Mission Conference in Europe.
- 2018** MBTS set up Paris France Chinese Bible School.
- 2019** MBTS celebrated its 65th Anniversary while also launching “MBTS Online” to offer online courses.
- 2020** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, MBTS converted the majority of its onsite courses online and offered more online programs.
- 2022** MBTS resumed to offering onsite courses while continuing to offer online programs.



PENANG CAMPUS

MBTS Penang campus consists of 14 acres of hillside overlooking the sea at Batu Feringghi on the north coast of Penang Island, West Malaysia. This location provides the ideal setting for the disciplines of study reflection and community life. Students enjoy freedom from distractions and are inspired by the natural beauty of God's creation. The location serves as a secure base for the development of practical ministry skills through involvement with the churches throughout Penang and North Malaysia.

SEMINARY FACILITIES

Chapel Hall

Classrooms

Admin Blocks

Library

Dormitories

Beach House

Mission Chalet

Student Recreation Center

Multiplex

Basketball Court

Holistic Child Development Institute

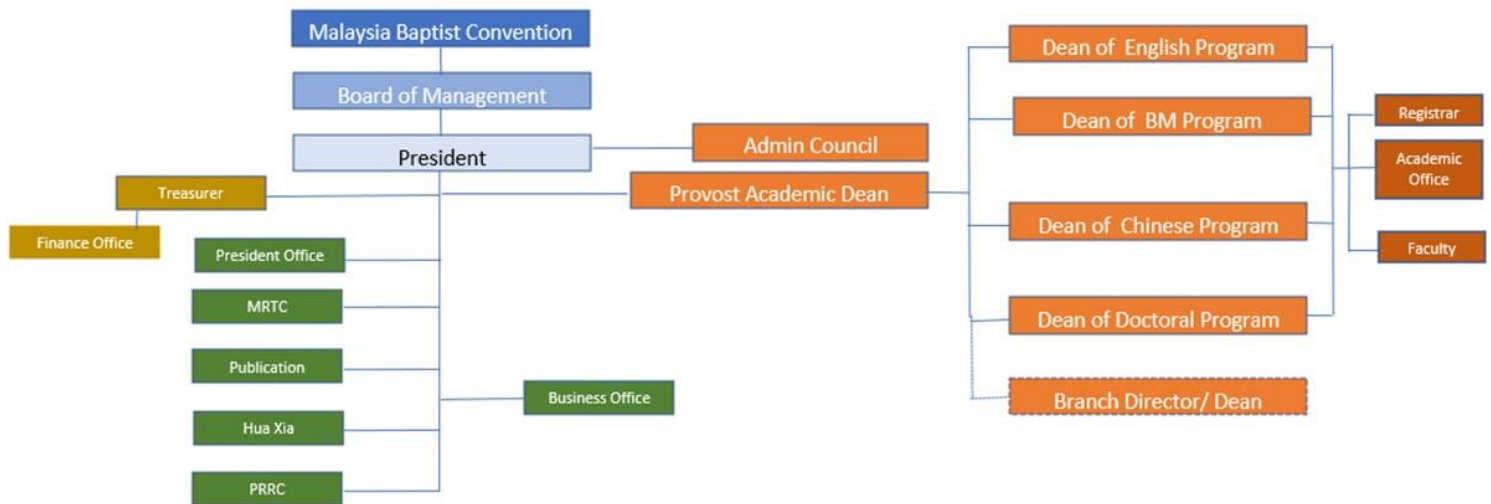
Dining Hall



GOVERNANCE

MBTS is an agency of the Malaysia Baptist Convention (MBC). Hence, MBTS' legal status and organizational structure are defined by the Constitution of MBC. The following is a diagram of MBTS organizational structure:

MBTS Organization Chart



ACCREDITATION & COOPERATION



1. Asia Theological Association

MBTS is a member of the Asia Theological Association (ATA). According to its constitution, ATA is “a body of theological institutions committed to evangelical faith and scholarship, networking together, to serve the church in equipping the people of God for the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ.” The association was founded in 1970 and accreditation services were rendered to institutions in 1978. As of 2018, ATA accredited the following MBTS Programs: Bachelor of Theology, Master of Christian Studies, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development, Master of Theology, Doctor of Missiology and Doctor of Ministry.

2. Malaysian Association of Theological Schools

MBTS is a founding member of the Malaysian Association of Theological Schools (MATS). The Association’s first biennial meeting was held at MBTS campus. The aim of MATS is to:

- Promote cooperation among theological institutions in Malaysia.
- Enhance the spiritual and academic standards of the institutions concerned.
- Strengthen the bond of relationship within the theological fraternity for the benefit of the Christian movement in the country and beyond.

3. Partnerships

MBTS is committed to the concept of partnership and networking to provide quality theological education in Malaysia and the surrounding region. To-date MBTS has entered into partnership with the following bodies:

- The Billy Graham School of Mission and Church Growth of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, USA.
- Jubilee Initiative, Hong Kong
- Child Theology Movement, UK
- Asia Graduate School of Theology
- CenturiHall, Inc. USA
- Youth Ministry International, USA



BECOMING A STUDENT

1. Application. Interested candidates must submit an application in order to become a student. Only those who have been accepted into a program are considered students of MBTS. Students therefore must make sure they have received an Admission Letter concerning their student status.
2. Probation for New Students. All students are placed on probation during their first year. Their qualification to move to the next year depends on their performance in the first year.
3. Payment of Fees is a pre-requisite for maintenance of student status. A student who fails to settle his/her fees may have his/her student status suspended after due notices.

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS

A student's status has to be declared at the beginning of study. Any change in status must be made in writing and submitted to the Academic Office. Whenever a change takes place, requirements and expectations will change as well. In this section, the categories of Full-Time Students, Part-Time Students, Online Students, Special Students, PRRC Students and Auditors are discussed.

(a) Full-Time Students

The basic theological programs and courses are designed with full-time studies at the Penang campus as reference. Hence, those enrolled as Full-time Students follow the academic process from the beginning to the end, and will be able to complete their studies as planned. Full-time Students are given priority in offering of scholarships, work grants and privileges. Residential Students are Full-time Students. The following further defines a Full-time Student:

- 1) Considers studying at MBTS as priority and takes maximum study load.
- 2) Present on campus for the 4-day week during the academic term.
- 3) Involved in 15 hours (or equivalent to 1 credit) of required courses per academic week.
- 4) Participates in the community life, chapel services and other programs.
- 5) Participates in weekly Community Duty on campus.
- 6) Involved in weekly practical education.

(b) Part-Time Students

Part-time Students are those whose current vocational ministry, work commitment, or family commitment prevents them from giving full attention to academic studies. They come on campus for courses, whether regularly or occasionally, but do not meet the criteria to be called Full-time Students. Klang Valley campus students are considered Part-Time Students.

(c) Online Students

These students complete their program courses through the online approach.

(d) Special Students

Special Students are on-campus students with special arrangement. These students will come under special care and supervision, and will need to follow the rules set up for them.

(e) Pastoral Renewal & Research Center (PRRC) Students

Pastors, missionaries, and other full-time Christian workers may reside and study on campus under the PRRC category. These students are on ‘sabbatical’ and have covenanted to follow certain rules for their stay here. They are “full-time” students but are guided by a different set of rules.

(f) Auditors

Auditors are those permitted to participate in courses and class sessions without intention of completing any assignments and not seeking credits. Normally, only a few Auditors are allowed for each class, and they need to obtain prior permission to do so. Auditors must pay the required fee to participate.



FEES

1. Undergraduate and Graduate Level

Item		Malaysia & Developing Countries / Regions	Developed Countries / Regions
Application Fee		RM 100.00	USD 50.00
Tuition Fee (per credit)	Diploma & Bachelor	RM 100.00	USD 50.00
	Master	RM 150.00	USD 80.00
Audit Fee (per credit)		RM 100.00	USD 50.00
Student Fee (per year)		RM 200.00	USD 100.00
On-leave Fee (per year)		RM 50.00	USD 25.00
Graduation Fee	Diploma & Bachelor	RM 300.00	USD 150.00
	Master	RM 500.00	USD 250.00

2. Post Graduate Level

Item	Malaysia & Developing Countries/Regions		Developed Countries/Regions	
	Doctorate	Th.M.	Doctorate	Th.M.
Application Fee	RM 100		USD 50	
Tuition Fee (per credit)	RM 300		USD 120	
Supervision Fee	RM 2,000	RM 1,500	USD 800	USD 500
Reading Fee	RM 1,000	RM 500	USD 400	USD 200
Graduation Fee	RM 1,000	RM 800	USD 400	USD 300
Miscellaneous Fee (per year)	RM 200 (max 5 yrs)	RM 200 (max 3 yrs)	USD 100 (max 5 yrs)	USD 100 (max 3 yrs)
Extension Fee (per year; max 2 years)	RM 1,000	RM 1,000	USD 500	USD 500
Thesis Binding (estimate)	RM 500	RM 500	USD 200	USD 200

3. Miscellaneous Fees:

- * Additional transcript RM 100.00 or USD 50 / piece
 - * Replacement of certificate RM 100.00 or USD 50 / piece
 - * Late registration or change of course RM 20.00 or USD 10 / course
 - * Late payment after due date RM 100.00 or USD 50 / month
 - * Extension for assignment due date RM 20.00 or USD 10 / request
- (For online courses only)*

SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL YEAR & CREDIT

1. The Trimester System is in effect at MBTS. The school year is divided into three terms: January-April (1st term), June-July (2nd term), and September-November (3rd term). The academic year begins in January and new students are normally admitted at the beginning of the 1st term. The 2nd term is the “Mission Term” when **the School of Trans-Cultural Mission (STCM)** is conducted. Graduation is held once a year at the end of the 3rd term.

2. The Normal School Week
 - * Most of the classes are from Tuesday – Friday, 8:00am – 1:00pm daily.
(If necessary, classes may be arranged on Monday or in the afternoon)
 - * Intensive courses may take 1 to 2 weeks to complete. Depending on the credits, the classes can be held Monday – Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm daily.
 - * Online courses are not bound to the above arrangement. Instead, they are offered via two approaches:
 - Synchronous: Classes are conducted according to the schedule set by the seminary.
 - Asynchronous: Students download materials and study according to their own schedule.

3. The Credit System is explained in the section **Academic Credit & Grading**. The standard load for a full-time Diploma and Bachelor level student in an 8 weeks’ period is about 12 credits (including Practicum), and Master level student is about 10 credits (including Practicum).

ACADEMIC CREDIT & GRADING

This section explains the academic standard and the process involved in obtaining credit for an academic course. The explanation is given under the following three headings:

- (A) Academic Standards
- (B) Classroom Attendance and Conduct
- (C) Course Registration and Process.

(A) Academic Standards

MBTS follows the academic standard set by the ATA Accreditation Commission. In this section, the following are discussed:

1. The Credit Unit
2. GPA and Non-GPA Credit Courses
3. GPA Credit Course requirements
4. Grading System

1. The Credit Unit

A 1 credit unit course requires 12-15 hours are spent in class and 20 hours on after class assignments. As for the online approach and hybrid approach, a total 40 hours of learning will be needed. Each program requires a certain number of credits for completion. Tuition fees are charged per credit unit.

2. The GPA and Non-GPA Credits Courses

Students are required to meet a certain Grade Point Average (GPA) to graduate or obtain promotion. The GPA depends on the numerical grades earned by the student. Certain courses are given either a *PASS* (P) or *FAIL* (F) grade. Such courses are called “non-GPA credit courses” (e.g., Practicum and Spiritual Formation courses). Though the non-GPA courses are not included in the calculation of the GPA, students must nevertheless obtain a P grade in order to continue. An F grade requires the student to repeat the whole course or certain aspects of the course.

3. GPA Credit Course Requirements (1 credit)

ON-CAMPUS AND ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS COURSES		
	<i>Master</i>	<i>Bachelor/ Diploma</i>
1. Class Hours	15 hours	15 hours
2. Reading <i>inclusive of student's own reading for Research Paper</i>	250 pages	200 pages
3. Assignments <i>inclusive of at least one but not more than three of the following genres:</i> a. Research Paper b. Reading Report/Response/Review c. Reflection Paper d. Other kinds of assignments such as class activity or presentation e. Exams/Tests/Quizzes	1500 words (for items a–c) or equivalent (for items d–e)	1200 words (for items a–c) or equivalent (for items d–e)

ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS COURSES		
	<i>Master</i>	<i>Bachelor/ Diploma</i>
1. Learning Hours <i>total time for all learning activities inclusive of readings, watching video recordings, and assignments</i>	40 hours	40 hours
2. Reading <i>inclusive of student's own reading for Research Paper</i>	250 pages	200 pages
3. Assignments <i>inclusive of at least one but not more than three of the following genres:</i> a. Research Paper b. Reading Report/Response/Review c. Reflection Paper d. Other kinds of assignments such as participation on the Discussion Forum e. Exams/Tests/Quizzes	1500 words (for items a–c) or equivalent (for items d–e)	1200 words (for items a–c) or equivalent (for items d–e)

4. Grading System

Numerical and Letter Grades may be used.

Level of Competence	Numerical / Letter Grades	Grade Point	Standard of Excellence
Excellent	97-100 (A+)	4.0	Meet the highest expectation
	93-96 (A)	4.0	
	90-92 (A-)	3.7	
Good	87-89 (B+)	3.3	Meet the standard of expectation
	83-86 (B)	3.0	
	80-82 (B-)	2.7	
Satisfactory	77-79 (C+)	2.3	Meet the minimum standard
	73-76 (C)	2.0	
	70-72 (C-)	1.7	
Deficient	67-69 (D+)	1.3	Barely above failing the course
	65-66 (D)	1.0	
Unacceptable	0-64 (F)	0.0	Fail

The passing grade for all programs is 65. However, each program has a different GPA requirement for graduation.

(B) Classroom Attendance & Conduct

1. Absence from Class.

- Students must be present for at least 80% of the total class periods in order to obtain credit for a course. If a student miss more than 20% of his/her class periods, he/she will be given an F grade. Only by special Faculty action can this be altered.
- A student is allowed to be absent from classes only with valid reasons (e.g., sickness or injury). The student must first get permission from the lecturer concerned and inform the class monitor as early as possible (at least a day) before the class or, in urgent cases, after the class.

2. Tardiness.

- When a student is late for classes three times, he/she will be considered as having taken an absence. A student is tardy if he/she arrives at class after the bell has rung. A lecturer is not authorized to excuse tardiness except in cases of emergency or where there is a special reason.
- A class is considered cancelled if the lecturer is late by more than 10 minutes and after due efforts have been made by the monitor to locate the lecturer. Students may dismiss themselves, and the monitor is to inform the Academic Office accordingly.

3. Classroom Conduct. Students will be penalized for “un-Christian” conduct in the classroom if a complaint is made on a student, and after due examination, disciplinary actions including suspension or dismissal may be taken. Online students must abide to the Terms and Conditions of Online Courses.

4. Phone Calls during Class. Students are not allowed to receive or place calls when in class except during emergencies. All tele-communication equipment is to be switched off or set to silence mode during Chapel service, classes and official functions.

(C) Course Registration Process

This section clarifies the process of obtaining credit for courses at MBTS. The process begins with the student knowing his/her program requirements, registering for the required courses and completing the course requirements. The explanation of the process is given below under four headings:

1. Programs and Courses
2. Course Registration
3. Course Closure
4. Change of Course

1. Programs and Courses

Students must know the requirements of their **PROGRAMS** (e.g., Dip.C.S., B.Th., M.C.S.). Each Academic Program has **COURSES** which must be completed “successfully” for graduation. Courses with credits, either GPA or non-GPA, are what an academic program is all about. Students must make sure they complete all required courses according to standards demanded in their programs.

2. Course Registration

A student registers for a course by doing the following:

- (a) Complete and submit the appropriate Courses Registration Form to Academic Office.
- (b) Get the Fee Payment Form from the Academic Office and make payment to the Finance Office within the first two weeks of the term (on-campus students) or before the course starts (online students). Students under bursary or work grant are to inform the Finance Office accordingly. Students with outstanding bill from the previous term (on-campus students) or course (online students) are not be allowed to take course until the said bill has been settled.
- (c) If the number of students registered for a course is too low, the course may be cancelled and the registered students will be informed accordingly (those who did not register for the course will not be notified).
- (d) A student who does not register in time may not be given a place, or when given a place will not have priority in obtaining handouts. Students are responsible for identifying the required courses and completing the registration process.

3. Course Closure

A course officially comes to an end according to the deadline given in the Course Syllabus. From the Academic Office perspective, no changes in any form will be considered on the course after the course grades have been submitted by the lecturer.

4. Change of Course

- Change of course (whether to audit or drop) is allowed before the course starts and the tuition fees paid will be refunded. Any change within 25% of class attendance (e.g., a 15-hr class (1 credit) = within 4 hrs of class) is also allowed, but 25% of the fees paid will be forfeited (even if the student has attended less than 25% of the classes) while the rest of the amount is transferred to the next course (no cash refund).
- Change of course is not allowed after 25% of class attendance, unless a special permission is granted by the Academic Dean. No money refund or transfer will be allowed even if the said special permission has been granted.
- Any change of course that takes place after the course has started requires students to fill in a Change of Course Form and pay a course changing fee. Failure to do so will result in an F grade. Students cannot assume that a course is automatically dropped by not attending any of the classes.

(C) Withdrawal from School

In the event a student must withdraw from MBTS, all financial obligations must be met and a permission obtained from the Academic Dean. Otherwise, it will be considered a dismissal and prevent future readmission.

(D) Graduating from a Program

All graduating students must indicate their desire to graduate by submitting an Application for Graduation to the Academic Office. All applications are to be evaluated by the Faculty and subjected to approval by the Board of Management. Criteria for graduation include the following but not limited to:

1. Complete the program curriculum, including maintaining the specified minimum GPA, and fulfilling the course and credit requirement.
2. Character assessment.
3. Clear all outstanding fees.

All graduating students are expected to participate in the Graduation Service at the end of the academic year. They will only be allowed to graduate in absentia if they are residing outside Malaysia or due to circumstances beyond their control. Notification and instruction on graduation procedure will be issued during the 2nd term. The general procedure is as follow:

1. Graduating students submit the Application for Graduation to become graduating candidates.
2. Conditional approvals are given to qualified candidates, who may then participate in the Graduation Service.
3. A candidate officially graduates when he/she fulfills all requirements, including completion of assignments. Only then, the official certificate and transcript will be issued to the said graduate.

PROGRAMS, STRUCTURE and CURRICULUM

1. AWARDS AND DEGREES

- (A) *Professional Skills Training Programs* :
- Diploma in Christian Counseling [DIPCC]
- (B) *Christian Vocation Programs* :
- Bachelor of Theology [BTH]
 - Master of Divinity [MDIV]
 - Master of Divinity CTE [MDIV CTE]
- (C) *Christian Studies Programs* :
- Diploma in Christian Studies [DIPCS]
 - Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies [GDIPCS]
 - Master of Christian Studies [MCS]
- (D) *Specialization Programs* :
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies [MAPS]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Intercultural Studies [MAIS & DIPIS]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Holistic Child Development [MAHCD & DIPHCD]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Biblical Interpretation [MABI & DIPBI]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Youth Ministry [MAYM & DIPYM]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in World Christian Studies [MAWCS & DIPWCS]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Great Commission Apologetics [MAGCA & DIPGCA]
 - Master of Arts & Diploma in Marketplace Leadership [MAMM & DIPML]
- (E) *Post-Graduate Theological Programs* :
- Master of Theology [THM]
 - Doctor of Missiology [DMISS]
 - Doctor of Ministry [DMIN]
 - Doctor of World Christian Studies [DWCS]

3. PROGRAMS DESCRIPTION

(A) *The Professional Skills Training Programs*

DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Purpose

- To meet the needs of individuals who are interested to gain some lay counseling skills and biblical knowledge to assist themselves in being better people-helpers in their churches and among their own circle of influence.
- Help students to grow in a greater awareness of God, of self and of others so that, as a result, the Church will be built up as Christians grow spiritually and holistically for ministries.

Target Group: Those seeking comprehensive training in the practice of counseling from a Christian perspective.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE “O” level) or its equivalent.
- Active Christian in a local church.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 24 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available online only.

Courses (24 credits)

<i>Skill Courses</i>	7
• The Christian Lay Counselor	1
• Basic Counseling Skills I: Listening & Attending	1
• Basic Counseling Skills II: Responding	1
• Understanding People	1
• A Structural Approach for Counseling	1
• Advanced Skills in Counseling	1
• Self-Care for Helpers	1
<i>Counseling Electives</i>	15
<i>Guided Experience</i>	2

*(B) Christian Vocation Programs***BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY****Purpose**

- Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God's power.
- Develop in students ministry skills.

Target Group: Those seeking to enter a Christian Vocation on a “full-time” basis.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess the *Sijil Tinggi Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE “A” level) or its equivalent.
- Mature Christians testify to the call for full-time Christian work.
- Minimum 2 years of working or serving experience.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 110 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available on-campus only.

Courses (110 credits = 98 GPA + 12 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies</i>	22
• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• OT & NT Exegesis	3
• Biblical Electives	9
<i>Theology & History Studies</i>	18
• Christian Theology I & II & III (3 courses × 2 credits)	6
• Church History I & II (2 courses × 3 credits)	6
• Introduction to Christian Missions or Introduction to World Religions	3
• Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
<i>Pastoral & Ministry Studies</i>	21
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Continuing Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
• Pastoral & Ministry Electives (choose 4 out of 6: 4 courses × 3 credits)	12
➤ Introduction to Conflict Management	➤ Life and Work of a Pastor
➤ Introduction to Christian Education	➤ Introduction to Corporate Worship
➤ Introduction to Principles of Teaching	➤ Denominational Studies Course
<i>General Studies</i>	37
• Form & Style	2
• Mission Trip (3 years × 1 credit) * To be replaced by Electives for non-Penang campus students	3
• Electives	32
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	12
• Spiritual Formation I & II & III (3 years × 1 credit)	3
• Practicum I & II & III (3 years × 1 credit)	3
• Internship I & II (1.5 months = 3 credits)	6

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Purpose

- Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God’s power.
- Develop in students in ministry skills.

Target Group: Those seeking to enter a Christian Vocation on a “full-time” basis.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess a Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Mature Christians testify to the call for full-time Christian work.
- Minimum 2 years of working or serving experience.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 90 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Academic Format: Available on-campus only

Courses (90 credits = 82 GPA + 8 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies</i>	22
• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• OT & NT Exegesis	3
• Biblical Electives	9
<i>Theology & History Studies</i>	18
• Christian Theology I & II & III (3 courses × 2 credits)	6
• Church History I & II (2 courses × 3 credits)	6
• Introduction to Christian Missions or Introduction to World Religions	3
• Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
<i>Pastoral & Ministry Studies</i>	21
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Continuing Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
• Pastoral & Ministry Electives (choose 4 out of 6: 4 courses × 3 credits)	12
➤ Introduction to Conflict Management	➤ Life and Work of a Pastor
➤ Introduction to Christian Education	➤ Introduction to Corporate Worship
➤ Introduction to Principles of Teaching	➤ Denominational Studies Course
<i>General Studies</i>	21
• Form & Style	1
• Mission Trip (2 years × 1 credit) * To be replaced by Electives for non-Penang campus students	2
• Research Paper	3
• Electives	15
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	8
• Spiritual Formation I & II & III (3 years × 1 credit)	3
• Practicum I & II & III (3 years × 1 credit)	3
• Internship (1 month)	2

MASTER OF DIVINITY CTE

Purpose & Target Group

- To assist full-time Christian ministers (Pastors & Missionaries) in their continuing theological education.

Entrance Requirements

- Full-time Christian ministers with a Bachelor of Theology or its equivalent from a recognized seminary or institution.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Academic Format: Available both on-campus and online (for MBTS alumni).

Courses (60 credits = 51 GPA + 9 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies & Theology</i>	15
• Biblical & Theology Electives	15
<i>Pastoral & Ministry Studies</i>	21
• Pastoral Electives	15
• Research Paper on Pastoral Interest	6
<i>Electives</i>	15
• Electives	15
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	9
• Ministry Practicum I & II (2 Years × 3 credits)	6
• Preaching Practicum	3

(C) *Christian Studies Programs*

DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Purpose

- Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God's power.

Target Group: Mature Christians seeking to equip themselves for growth and service in the local church context.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.
- Active Christian in a local church.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 68 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available on-campus only.

Courses (68 credits = 64 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies</i>	22
• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• OT & NT Exegesis	3
• Biblical Electives	9
<i>Theology & History Studies</i>	10
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• Introduction to Christian Missions or Introduction to World Religions	3
<i>Pastoral & Ministry Studies</i>	6
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
<i>General Studies</i>	26
• Form & Style	2
• Mission Trip (2 years × 1 credit) <i>* To be replaced by Electives for non-Penang campus students</i>	2
• Electives	22
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	4
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credit)	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit)	2

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Purpose

- Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God's power.

Target Group: Mature Christians seeking to equip themselves for growth and service in the local church context.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Active Christian in a local church.
- Minimum 2 years of working or serving experience.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 32 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Academic Format: Available both on-campus and online.

Courses (32 credits = 30 GPA + 2 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies</i>	6
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Biblical Electives	3
<i>Theology & History Studies</i>	5
• Christian Theology I or II or III	2
• Church History I or II	3
<i>General Studies</i>	19
• Form & Style	1
• Electives	18
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	2
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III	1
• Practicum I	1

MASTER OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Purpose

- Provide students with a strong biblical and theological foundation for life and ministry.
- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God’s power.

Target Group: Mature Christians seeking to equip themselves for growth and service in the local church context.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess a Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Active Christian in a local church.
- Minimum 2 years of working or serving experience.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 64 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Academic Format: Available on-campus only.

Courses (64 credits = 60 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

<i>Biblical Studies</i>	22
• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• OT & NT Exegesis	3
• Biblical Electives	9
<i>Theology & History Studies</i>	10
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• Introduction to Christian Missions or Introduction to World Religions	3
<i>Pastoral & Ministry Studies</i>	6
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3
• Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
<i>General Studies</i>	22
• Form & Style	1
• Mission Trip (1 year × 1 credit) * To be replaced by Electives for non-Penang campus students	1
• Electives	20
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	4
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credit)	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit)	2

*(D) Specialization Programs***MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL STUDIES****Purpose & Target Group**

- Nurture in students a deep spiritual life which will enable them to exemplify Christian character and deal with the challenges of ministry through God's power.
- Develop in students ministry skills.

Entrance Requirements

- Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Full-time Christian ministers.
- Minimum 2 years of working or serving experience.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Academic Format: Available on-campus only.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Introduction to Pastoral Counseling *	3
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery *	3
• Pastoral & Ministry Electives	9
• Biblical Electives	6
• Electives	6
• Research Paper on Pastoral Interest	3
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credit) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (7 credit) and Preaching Practicum (3 credits; non-GPA)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Purpose & Target Group

- To train current and future missionaries as well as lecturers in missiology for seminaries and Bible colleges in Asia, and those who are serving or preparing to serve in cross-cultural settings.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians testify to the call to missions.
- Possess field experience in missions.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available online only.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Theology of Mission	3
• History of Mission	3
• Christianity and Other Religions	3
• Cross-Cultural Hermeneutics	3
• Contemporary Issues in Missions <i>or</i> Church Planting in Asian Contexts	3
• Mission Electives	15
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credit) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (4 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Purpose & Target Group

- Equip Christians with a deeper understanding of the church's mission and ministry with children, and to respond as individuals or groups committed to raise a faithful generation of God's people.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians testify to the call to ministry with children.
- Minimum 3 years of experience in ministry with children.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available online only.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Theological Foundations for Holistic Child Development	3
• Children and Spirituality: Implications for Pastoral Care	3
• Family Discipleship	3
• Children at Risk and Community Development	3
• Missional Perspectives of Ministry with Children	3
• HCD Electives	9
• Electives	6
<i>Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)</i>	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credits) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (4 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Purpose & Target Group

- Equip those who are serving or preparing to serve in teaching and preaching ministries of the church, by providing the opportunity for study and reflection on the interpretation of the Bible in greater depth.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians testify to the call to teaching ministry in a seminary or church.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available both on-campus and online.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Elementary Biblical Hebrew or Elementary Biblical Greek	3
• Introduction to Sermon Preparation & Delivery or Introduction to Christian Education *	3
• Biblical Electives	18
• Electives	6
Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credits) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (7 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Purpose & Target Group

- The foundational program provides master level training for those preparing themselves to better serve youths in the church and in the mission field.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians with involvement in Youth Ministry.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available both on-campus and online.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Introduction to Next-Gen Ministries	3
• Creative Bible Teaching	3
• Youth Culture & Evangelism	3
• Youth Discipleship	3
• Leading a Sustainable Youth Ministry	3
• Youth Ministry Electives	6
• Electives	9
Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credits) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (4 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN WORLD CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Purpose & Target Group

- This program encompasses a wide range of Christian belief, culture and practice throughout the world, in historical, theological, and sociological contexts. This program interprets some of the key themes and trends in Christianity in the non-western world. The courses are taught in a strongly interdisciplinary way, and employs historical, sociological, anthropological and theological perspectives.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians committed to the Christian ministry.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available online only.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Introduction to World Christian Studies	3
• The History of World Christianity	3
• The Theologies of World Christianity	3
• Gospel and Culture	3
• Current Trend & Development of Christianity	3
• WCS Electives	15
Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credits) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (4 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

MASTER OF ARTS & DIPLOMA IN GREAT COMMISSION APOLOGETICS

Purpose & Target Group

- This program is designed to equip those keen to pursue evangelism and discipleship. Students will be trained by experts in the field of theology, textual criticism, missiology and apologetics to articulate and defending the gospel according to Scripture.

Entrance Requirements

- Mature Christians who are keen to pursue evangelism and discipleship.
- Master of Arts: Possess a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university or institution.
- Diploma: Possess *Sijil Pendidikan Malaysia* (GCE "O" level) or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses (or 60 credits for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent).
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Diploma:

- Complete 34 credits of major courses.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.3.

Academic Format: Available online only.

Major Courses (34 credits = 30 GPA + 4 non-GPA)

• Introduction to Great Commission Apologetics	3
• Defending the Bible	3
• Defending the Deity of Christ	3
• The Problem of Evil and OT Violence	3
• Great Commission Apologetics	3
• Apologetics in Early Church History	3
• Apologetics in Modern Church History	3
• Defending the Existence of God	3
• Philosophy & Science in Great Commission Apologetics	3
• Great Commission Apologetics & Worldview	3
Formation: Practical & Spiritual (non-GPA)	
• Spiritual Formation I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 1 credits) *	2
• Practicum I & II (2 years × 1 credit) *	2

* For MBTS B.Th. holders, these shall be replaced by Electives (4 credit)

Foundation Courses for those without a B.Th. or its equivalent (26 GPA credits)

• Introduction to OT I & II (2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Introduction to NT	3
• Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
• Christian Theology I or II or III (choose 2 out of 3: 2 courses × 2 credits)	4
• Church History I or II	3
• OT Book	3
• NT Book	3
• Electives	3

(E) *Post-Graduate Theological Programs*

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Purpose & Target Group

- The Master of Theology program is designed primarily to qualify graduates to function as seminary lecturers, as well as leaders and ministers involved in teaching ministries. As a graduate level program, it requires the student to develop research methods for analysing and evaluating issues, as well as the ability to communicate ideas effectively in oral or written dialogue. Normally, the attainment of analytic and evaluation skills will be demonstrated through the completion of a thesis

Entrance Requirements

- Completed Master of Divinity or its equivalent from accredited schools with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Called to Christian ministry with a conviction to serve in a teaching ministry.
- Covenanted to be involved in a Christian/Church ministry during the period of learning.
- Six (6) credits of Biblical Hebrew or New Testament Greek at Advanced level may be required for OT and NT major. Those who do not have this language prerequisite must complete it before thesis writing.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Courses (36 credits)

<i>Research & Writing</i>	3
<i>Core Modules for All</i>	12
• Christian Theology, Culture and Church: Approaches and Applications	6
• The Bible, Hermeneutics and Christian Discipleship	6
<i>Major Modules (Choose one of the four)</i>	12
• Biblical Interpretation & Theological Studies	
➤ Old Testament Narratives: Text and Theology	6
➤ Paul's Letters and Their Interpreters	6
• Old Testament Studies	
➤ Old Testament Theology	6
➤ Old Testament Criticism	6
• New Testament Studies	
➤ New Testament Theology	6
➤ New Testament Criticism	6
• Church History	
➤ Studies in Asian Church History	6
➤ Theological Development in the Early Church	6
<i>Thesis</i>	7
<i>Learning Planning & Teaching Practicum</i>	2

DOCTOR OF MISSIOLOGY

Purpose & Target Group

- The Doctor of Missiology is a professional doctoral degree for mission leaders and practitioners. Through field and literature research, peer interaction, and in-context application this program seeks to increase the competency and effectiveness of experienced cross-cultural workers.
- Through the practice of academic study, this program seeks to develop a missiological perspective that is also biblically and theologically astute, and to help students apply their studies and knowledge to their own ministry contexts in ways that can effect real change.

Entrance Requirements

- Completed Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies / Missiology or its equivalent from accredited schools with a minimum GPA of 3.3.
- Demonstrate at least three years of significant service in a mission context.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 45 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Courses (45 credits)

<i>Hybrid Courses</i>	<i>12</i>
• Intercultural Teaching	6
• Biblical and Theological Foundations for Missions Seminar	6
<i>Online Courses</i>	<i>21</i>
• Research Design and Writing	3
• Contextual Theology	6
• History of Missions	6
• Missions Strategy	6
<i>Write-up Year</i>	<i>12</i>
• Prospectus	2
• Dissertation	10

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Purpose & Target Group

- The Doctor of Ministry Programme attempts to harness the experiences and ministerial knowledge of pastors and church leaders through the refinement of thoughts and ideas. This programme is suited for Christian leaders who are actively serving in church, ministries, and organizations. Pursued on the foundation of faith, reason, and action within the framework of Christian identity and commitment, this programme aims to develop comprehensive understanding, critical skills, and an inquiring mind to communicate and contribute to the ministry of the church in contextual relevance.

Entrance Requirements

- Completed Master of Divinity or its equivalent from accredited schools with a minimum GPA of 3.3.
- At least three years of significant service in church or para-church context.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 45 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Courses (45 credits)

<i>Online Courses</i>	33
• Research Design 1	3
• Ecclesiology & Church Revitalization	6
• Pastoral & Leadership Reflection	6
• Spiritual Formation: Theory & Praxis	6
• Church & Society	6
• Interdisciplinary: Biblical & Theological Studies / World	6
<i>Write-up Year</i>	12
• Research Design 2	2
• Dissertation: Research Project	10

DOCTOR OF WORLD CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Purpose & Target Group

- World Christian Studies (WCS) program encompasses a wide range of Christian belief, culture and practice throughout the world, in historical, theological and sociological contexts. As Christianity significantly influences a wide range of social, political and cultural issues, this program interprets some of the key themes and trends in Christianity in the non-western world. This program is taught in a strongly interdisciplinary way, and employs historical, sociological and theological perspectives.

Entrance Requirements

- Completed Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in World Christian Studies, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies / Missions, or its equivalent from accredited schools with a minimum GPA of 3.3.
- Demonstrate at least three years of significant service in a church or para-church context.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 45 credits.
- Obtain a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Courses (45 credits)

<i>Online Courses</i>	33
• Research Design & Writing	3
• Gospel Transmission & Cultural Transformation	6
• Christianity and Contemporary Issues	6
• Spiritual Formation: Theory & Praxis	6
• 2 Electives: Study on A Specific Christianity (Region, race or ethnic group)	12
<i>Dissertation</i>	12
• Research Proposal	2
• Dissertation: Research Project	10

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Purpose & Target Group

- The Doctor of Philosophy is a research doctoral degree for emerging scholars who desire to engage in serious inquiry with integrity as they become experts in a specific subject field. The purpose of the program is to develop the next generation of scholars who have the ability to teach and write in ways that build up the local church and that contribute to the academic community.

Entrance Requirements

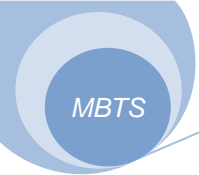
- Have obtained an accredited Master of Theology (ThM), Doctor of Ministry/Missiology (DMin/ DMiss), or equivalent degree with a minimum of B+ or 3.3 or higher grade.
- In certain exceptional cases, someone who has obtained an accredited Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree with a minimum of 3.5 or higher grade may also be considered. In this case, the successful candidate will enrol in the ThM/PhD program, which requires excellent academic skills demonstrated in four courses at the ThM level, before upgrading into the phase of PhD studies. The upgrade from ThM to PhD is not guaranteed, and a student could opt to do a thesis to graduate with a ThM.
- A minimum of two credits (Basic) of Hebrew and two credits (Basic) of Greek is required for those majoring in theology or practical theology. Six credits (Advanced) of Hebrew or/and six credits (Advanced) of Greek is/are required for those majoring in biblical interpretation or biblical studies.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete an original academic research dissertation with a word count between 75,000 and 82,500 (excluding table of contents, footnotes, bibliography, etc.).
- Successfully pass an oral defence of the dissertation panelled by three scholars with a PhD. In addition, the PhD. Program Committee may specifically invite relevant experts with any doctoral degree to attend the oral defence.
- Strive to live a life of biblical character and spiritual discipline.
- Complete the four study phases within 3-5 years.
- Fulfil all the seminary requirements and pay all the fees.

Courses (45 credits)

<i>Phase One: Preparation</i>	6
• List Research Interests	
• Preliminary Literature Review	
<i>Phase Two: Proposal</i>	6
• Complete Dissertation Proposal	
• Present the Proposal and Receive Feedback	
<i>Phase Three: Candidacy</i>	21
• Begin Dissertation Writing under Supervisor's Guidance	
• Participate in 3 Doctoral Colloquia	
<i>Phase Four: Oral Defense</i>	12
• Complete Full Draft of Dissertation	
• Stand for Dissertation Defense	



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