

## Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies is a four-year full-time degree program which is offered with two majors.

The Applied Theology major is designed primarily to prepare ministers and other pastoral personnel for service in the Adventist Church in Southeast Asia and to provide a foundation for later specialized or graduate studies. The program is structured to develop the potential of the student by providing a biblical/theological, pastoral and spiritual framework which will assist the student to be effective in professional ministry.

The Religious Education major is an inter-disciplinary program integrating professional education studies with a core of theological and biblical studies. It is designed to prepare teachers and other professionals for Christian school settings or other related professional roles.

### DEGREE STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

#### Major in Applied Theology

Graduation requirements for a major in Applied Theology in the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies is a total of 128 credit points comprising 53 different courses. Thirty-five credit points relate to general studies, 87 credit points focus on specialized professional studies out of which 65 credit points are core subjects and 22 credit points concentrate in one of four cognate areas. A further 6 credit points are required as free electives. The student also needs to show proficiency in the areas covered by Orientation to Higher Education and will be required to take non-credit courses in any area of deficiency.

Further detail is outlined below:

Courses	Credit Points
Orientation to Higher Education	0
General Education	35
Core Subjects	65
• Biblical Studies	
• Historical Studies	
• Philosophical & Theological Studies	
• Church Ministry, Preaching and Practicum	
Cognate Area (ONE only)	22
• Biblical Languages	
• Pastoral Theology and Missions	
• Pastoral Care	
• Electives and In-depth Courses	
Free Electives	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>

## SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### General Education Courses

(35 Credits Points)

#### Language Study

(6 credits points)

ENGL 114 English Composition I (3)

ENGL 115 English composition II (3)

#### Philosophy And Moral Values

(8 credit points)

EDUC 270 Philosophical Foundation of Education *or* (2)

RELE 250 Principles and Concepts of Adventist Education (2)

RELB 104 Ethical Models *or* (2)

RELG 120 Concepts of Christian Philosophy *or* (2)

HMNT 130 The Human Quest I: The Search for Roots (3)

HMNT 231 The Human Quest IV: Questions on Human Destiny *or* (3)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3)

#### One Course (minimum) from each of the following areas:

(21 credits points)

#### Behavioral Sciences

PSYC 104 General Psychology (3)

#### Humanities

CHIN 101 Listening and Speaking in Chinese I (2)

HIST 214 History of Civilization (3)

HMNT 210 Appreciation of Fine Arts (2)

HMNT 234 Literature and Civilization (2)

HMNT 256 Thai Language and Culture (3)

#### Science

BIOL 110 Principles of Biology (3)

#### Mathematics, Research and Study Skills

BUAD 110 Business and Consumer Math (3)

CPTR 105 Computers and Information Technology (3)

INFO 120 Research and Information Sources (3)

MATH 120 Survey of Mathematics (3)

MATH 215 Statistics (3)

#### Life Skills

FINA 103 Personal Budgeting and Finance (3)

HLED 118 Health and Wellness (3)

SOCI 204 Marriage and Family (2)

SOCI 214 Home and Life Values (2)

#### Orientation to Higher Education

(Non – credit courses )

NOND 044 Orientation to Higher Education (0)

\*Or equivalent course as determined by the Faculty.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN APPLIED THEOLOGY

(87 Credits Points)

### Core Courses

(65 Credits Points)

#### Biblical Studies

(15 credits points)

RELB 307 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)

RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament *and* (3)

*Any three of the following*

RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith (3)

RELB 260 The Law and the Writings (3)

RELB 351 Hebrew Prophets (3)

RELB 365 Epistles in the Early Christian Church (3)

RELB 420 Old Testament Apocalyptic Writings (3)

RELB 425 Christian Apocalyptic Writings (3)

RELB 496 Topics in Biblical Studies (3)

#### Historical Studies

(9 credits points)

RELH 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission *and* (3)

*Any two of the following*

RELH 325 History of Christianity I (3)

RELH 326 History of Christianity II (3)

RELH 390 Selected Topics in Church History (3)

#### Philosophical and Theological Studies

(12 credits points)

RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs (3)

RELM 280 Religions of South-East Asia and the World (3)

RELT 310 Biblical Theology (3)

RELT 455 Biblical Hermeneutics and Doing Theology in Asia (3)

#### Church Ministry Preaching and Practicums

(29 credits points)

REL P 308 Homiletics I (3)

REL P 309 Homiletics II (3)

REL P 310 Public Evangelism with Field Practicum (3)

REL P 360 Principles of Pastoral Ministry (3)

REL P 361 Pastoral Ministry Practicum (2)

REL P 377 Christian Worship and Music with Practicum (4)

REL P 386 Principles of Youth Ministry with Practicum (3)

REL P 476 Pastoral Care and Counseling with Clinical Practicum (4)

*Any two of the following*

REL P 201 Personal and Congregational Spirituality (2)

REL P 221 Christian Mission, Message, and Mandate (2)

REL P 222 Christian Apologetics (2)

REL P 223 Principles of Christian Mission (2)

## Cognate Areas

(22 Credits Points)

Every student is expected to take a minimum of 15 credits within one of the following cognate areas with possible variations as approved by the faculty due to special needs or circumstances. The balance may be chosen from other cognates or listed electives. The regular cognate area for ministerial trainees in South-east Asia is Pastoral Theology and Missions.

### Biblical Languages

- RELB 213 Elementary Hebrew (3)
- RELB 313 Intermediate Hebrew (3)
- RELB 221 Elementary Greek I (3)
- RELB 222 Elementary Greek II (3)
- RELB 321 Intermediate Greek I (3)
- RELB 322 Intermediate Greek II (3)
- RELB 481 Hebrew exegesis (3)
- RELB 482 Greek exegesis (3)

### Pastoral Theology and Missions

- RELP 211 Introduction to Church Accounting (3)
- PSYC 215 Adult and Life-span Development (3)
- PSYC 244 Social Psychology (3)
- RELP 255 Church Leadership and Administration (3)
- PSYC 325 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
- SOCI 333 Introduction to Community Development (3)
- SOCI 334 Advanced Community Development (3)
- PSYC 345 Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
- RELM 346 Communicating Religious Truth in Southeast Asia (3)
- RELT 360 Ministry and Message of E.G. White (3)
- RELP 366 Structure and Operation of the SDA Church (3)
- RELP 368 Advanced Health Issues and Health Evangelism (2)
- RELM 377 Interfaith Dialogue in Missions (3)
- RELP 378 Technology and Computer Applications for Pastors (3)
- RELP 380 Family Life Issues (3)
- RELP 395 Creative Christian Communication (3)
- RELM 420 Urban Ministry & Evangelism (3)
- RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience (3)
- RELT 474 Issues in Communicating the SDA Message (3)
- RELT 488 Seminar in Pastoral Ethics (2)
- RELM 491 Topics: Issues in Meeting Culture (3)
- RELP 494 Issues in Pastoral work (3)
- RELM 495 Selected Topics in Missiology (3)

## Pastoral Care

- PSYC 214 Child and Adolescent Development (3)
- PSYC 215 Adult and Life-span Development (3)
- PSYC 244 Social Psychology (3)
- PSYC 325 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
- PSYC 335 Sensation and Perception (3)
- RELP 380 Family Life Issues (3)
- RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience (3)
- RELP 488 Internship in Pastoral Care (1-3)
- RELP 490 Directed Reading in Pastoral Care (3)
- RELT 488 Seminar in Pastoral Ethics (2)

## Electives and In-depth Courses

- MGMT200 Principles of Management (3)
- BIOL 211 Contemporary issues in Science and Bioethics (3)
- RELE 230 Introduction to Moral and Religious Education (2)
- RELP 235 Christian Salesmanship (2)
- RELT 290 Spiritual Formation and Methods of Devotion (2)
- MKTG300 Principles of Marketing (3)
- HIST 305 History and Archaeology of the Middle East (3)
- RELT 340 Gender Issues in the Asian Context (3)
- RELB 347 Principles of Biblical Ethics for Contemporary Setting (3)
- ENGL 353 Sacred Literature (3)
- RELT 375 History of Christian Doctrinal Development (3)
- RELT 384 Folk Religion in Southeast Asia (3)
- RELT 390 Directed Reading in Spiritual Classics (1-2)
- RELP 396 The Internet and Modern Media in Evangelism (3)
- RELT 401 Hermeneutics (3)
- RELT 435 Pauline Theology (3)
- RELT481-3 Directed Reading in Religious Studies (1-3)
- RELT 486 Seminar in Adventist Theology (2)
- RELT 487 Selected Topics in Theology (3)
- RELT490-3 Senior Project (0-3)
- RELB 495 Study Tour of the Middle East (1-3)
- RELT 496 Selected Topics in Asian Religions (3)
- RELT 497 Seminar in Contemporary Theology (3)
- RELT 498 Directed Reading in Feminine Theology (1-3)

**Note:** Electives may also be taken from other cognate areas.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

( 87 Credit Points)

### Core Courses

(68-72 Credit Points)

#### Biblical Studies

(15 Credits)

- RELB 307 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)  
RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament *and* (3)

*Any three of the following*

- RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith (3)  
RELB 260 The Law and the Writings (3)  
RELB 351 Hebrew Prophets (3)  
RELB 365 Epistles in the Early Christian Church (3)  
RELB 420 Old Testament Apocalyptic Writings (3)  
RELB 425 Christian Apocalyptic Writings (3)  
RELB 496 Topics in Biblical Studies (3)

#### Historical Studies

(9 credit points)

- RELB 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission *and* (3)

*Any two of the following*

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RELH 326 History of Christianity II (3)  
RELH 390 Selected Topics in Church History (3)

#### Philosophical and Theological Studies

(12 credit points)

- RELM 280 Religions of South-East Asia and the World (3)  
RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs (3)  
RELT 310 Biblical Theology (3)  
RELT 455 Biblical Hermeneutics and Doing Theology in Asia (3)

#### Concepts In Religious Education

(7 credit points)

- EDUC 260 Intro to Educational Professions *or*  
PSYC 204 The Educational and Psychological Professions (3)  
RELE 250 Principles and Concepts of Adv Education *or*  
EDUC 270 Philosophical Foundations of Education (2)  
EDUC 275 Introduction to Teaching Methods (2)

#### Educational Foundations and Techniques

(16 credit points)

- EDUC 220 Educational Psychology (3)  
EDUC 330 Foundations of Education in South-East Asia *or*  
EDUC 430 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Education (2)  
EDUC 340 Introduction to Curriculum Development (2)  
EDUC 375 Psychological Environment for Learning (3)  
EDUC 390 Educational Measurement and Evaluation (3)  
PSYC 324 Theories of Learning and Instruction (3)

#### Supervised Instruction in Religious Education

(7 credit points)

- EDUC 447 Methods of Teaching the Bible and Religion (2)  
EDUC 498 Seminar: Microteaching/Workshop (1)  
RELE 497 Student teaching in Religious Education (4)

#### Educational Specialization

(2-6 credit points)

- EDUC 355 Children's Literature (2)  
EDUC 456 Organization and Administration of Schools (2)  
EDUC 490 Seminar: Special Issues in Education (2)  
Or other courses (including Theology courses) as approved by the Faculty

#### Cognate Areas and Electives:

(15-19 Credit Points)

Every student is expected to take a minimum of 15 credits within one of the following cognate areas with possible variations due to special circumstances or needs. The balance may be chosen from other cognates, electives, or applied theology courses as advised by the Faculty. The faculty may also arrange for a combination of courses in Biblical languages, Biblical studies, Dogmatic, Theology or Education/Psychology for those preparing for classroom teaching.

#### Teacher Certification Area

As required by the country or the Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or as advised.

#### Biblical Languages

- RELB 213 Elementary Hebrew (3)  
RELB 313 Intermediate Hebrew (3)  
RELB 221 Elementary Greek I (3)  
RELB 222 Elementary Greek II (3)  
RELB 321 Intermediate Greek I (3)  
RELB 322 Intermediate Greek II (3)  
RELB 481 Hebrew exegesis (3)  
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### Pastoral Theology and Missions

- REL P 201 Personal and Congregational Spirituality (2)
- REL P 211 Introduction to Church Accounting (3)
- PSYC 215 Adult and Life-span Development (3)
- REL P 221 Christian Mission, Message, and Mandate (2)
- REL P 222 Christian Apologetics (2)
- REL P 223 Principles of Christian Mission (2)
- PSYC 244 Social Psychology (3)
- REL P 255 Church Leadership and Administration (3)
- REL P 308 Homiletics I (3)
- REL P 309 Homiletics II (3)
- REL P 310 Principles of Evangelism with Field Practicum (3)
- PSYC 325 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
- SOCI 333 Introduction to Community Development (3)
- SOCI 334 Advanced Community Development (3)
- PSYC 345 Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
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- REL P 378 Technology & Computer Applications for Pastors (3)
- REL P 380 Family Life Issues (3)
- REL P 386 Principles of Youth Ministry with Practicum (3)
- REL P 395 Creative Christian Communication (3)
- RELM 420 Urban Ministry & Evangelism (3)
- RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience (3)
- REL T 474 Issues in Communicating the SDA Message (3)
- REL P 476 Pastoral Care and Counseling with Clinical Practicum (4)
- REL T 488 Seminar in Pastoral Ethics (2)
- RELM 491 Topics: Issues in Meeting Culture (3)
- REL P 494 Issues in Pastoral work (3)
- RELM 495 Selected Topics in Missiology (3)

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- PSYC 244 Social Psychology (3)
- PSYC 325 Introduction to Personality Theories (3)
- PSYC 335 Sensation and Perception (3)
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- RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience (3)
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- REL T 488 Seminar in Pastoral Ethics (2)
- REL P 490 Directed Reading in Pastoral Care (3)

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- ENGL 353 Sacred Literature (3)
- RELH 375 History of Christian Doctrinal Development (3)
- REL T 384 Folk Religion in Southeast Asia (3)
- REL T 390 Directed Reading in Spiritual Classics (1-2)
- REL P 396 The Internet and Modern Media in Evangelism (3)
- REL T 401 Hermeneutics (3)
- REL T 435 Pauline Theology (3)
- REL T481-3 Directed Reading in Religious Studies (1-3)
- REL T 486 Seminar in Adventist Theology (2)
- REL T 487 Selected Topics in Theology (3)
- REL T490-3 Senior Project (0-3)
- RELB 495 Study Tour of the Middle East (1-3)
- REL T 496 Selected Topics in Asian Religions (3)
- REL T 497 Seminar in Contemporary Theology (3)
- REL T 498 Directed Reading in Feminine Theology (1-3)

**Note:** Electives may also be taken from other cognate areas.

### Minor Program

Students from other faculties may take the following minor:

#### Christian Studies

(18 credit points)

#### Required

(9 credit points)

2 Courses in Biblical Studies

1 Course in SDA doctrines or history

#### Electives

(9 credit points)

Approved electives from courses offered by the faculty



## PROJECTED SEQUENCE OF CLASSES

### First Year

#### Semester 1

ENGL 114 English Composition I	3
HMNT 130 The Human Quest I: Man in Search Self	3
NOND 044 Orientation to Higher Education	0
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PSYC 104 General Psychology	3
RELP 222 Christian Apologetics	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

#### Semester 2

CPTR 105 Computers and Information Technology	3
ENGL 115 English composition II	3
HMNT 256 Thai Language and Culture	3
INFO 120 Research and Information Sources	3
RELP 201 Personal and Congregational Spirituality	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

#### Inter Semester

RELB 104 Ethical Models	2
RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>

### Second Year

#### Semester 1

BIOL 110 Principles of Biology	3
HLED 118 Health and wellness	3
RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith	3
RELH 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission	3
RELT 310 Biblical Theology	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Semester 2

BUAD 110 Business and Consumer Math <i>or</i>	
MATH 120 Survey of Mathematics	3
RELB 260 The Law and the Writings	3
RELM 280 Religions of SE Asia and the World	3
RELB 307 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
RELP 360 Principles of Pastoral Ministry	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Inter Semester

RELP 361 Pastoral Ministry Practicum	2
RELT481-3 Directed Reading in Religious Studies	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

### Third Year

#### Semester 1

RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament	3
RELH 325 History of Christianity I	3
RELM 346 Communicating Religious Truth in SEA	3
RELP 308 Homiletics I	3
RELP 386 Principles of Youth Ministry w Practicum	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Semester 2

RELH 326 History of Christianity II	3
RELP 309 Homiletics II	3
RELP 377 Christian Worship and Music w Practicum	4
RELP 395 Creative Christian Communication	3
RELT 486 Seminar in Adventist Theology	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Inter Semester

### Fourth Year

#### Semester 1

RELB 365 Epistles in the Early Christian Church	3
RELM 491 Topics: Issues in Meeting Culture	3
RELP 475 Pastoral Care and Counseling w Practicum	4
RELT 455 Biblical Hermeneutics and Doing Theology in Asia	3
Free Electives	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

#### Semester 2

RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience	3
RELP 380 Family Life Issues	3
RELT 490-3 Senior Project	2
RELT 488 Seminar in Pastoral Ethics	2
Free Electives	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>
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