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 further reflection and advanced study. The program is structured to develop the potential of the student by providing a biblical/theological, pastoral and spiritual framework which will facilitate 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.

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PROGRAMS AND COURSES
1. Bachelor of Arts Program in Christian Studies
   ✦ Major in Applied Theology
   ✦ Major in Religious Education
2. Minor in Christian Studies

DEGREE STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Major in Applied Theology
Graduation requirements for a major in Applied Theology are a total of 128 credit points comprising 53 different courses.

35 credit points relate to general studies. 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.

87 credit points focus on specialized professional studies out of which 65 credit points are core subjects and 22 credit points in one of four congnate areas.

A further 6 credit points are required as a free elective.
Further detail of the Applied Theology Major is outlined below:

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**Major in Religious Education**

Graduation requirements for a major in Religious Education are a total of 128 credit points.

35 credit points relate to general studies. 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.

87 credit points focus on specialized professional studies out of which 68-72 credit points are core subjects and 15-19 credit points of cognate area and electives.

A further 6 credit points are required as a free elective.
**SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**General Education Courses:**
(35 credit points)

**Integrated Courses:**
(6 credit points)
HMNT 130 The Human Quest I: The Search for Roots (3)
HMNT 231 The Human Quest IV: Questions of Human Destiny (3)

**Language Study:**
(8 credit points)
ENGL 114 English Structure and Syntax (3)
ENGL 115 English Composition (3)
SPCH 204 Fundamentals of Speech and Communication (2)

**Social Science & Values:**
(8 credit points)
PSYC 104 General Psychology (3)
SOCI 204 Marriage and Family (2) or
SOCI 214 Home and Life Values (2)
HLED 160 Concepts of Health (3)

**Humanities:**
(7 credit points)
HMNT 210 Appreciation of the Fine Arts (2) or
HMNT 234 Literature and Civilization (2)
HIST 214 History of Civilization (3) or
HMNT 256 Thai Language and Culture (3)
RELB 104 Ethical Models (2) or
RELG 120 Concepts of Christian Philosophy (2) or
EDUC 270 Philosophical Concepts for Education (2) or
EDUC 250 Principles and Concepts of Adventist Education (2)

**Science & Mathematics:**
(6 credit points)
BIOL 110 Principles of Biology (3) or
BIOL 211 Contemporary Issues in Science and Bioethics (3)
MATH 110 Applied Statistics (3) or
MATH 120 Survey of Mathematics (3) or
CPTR 105 Computers and Information Technology (3)

**Orientation to Higher Education:**
(non-credit courses)
CPTR 095 Computer Literacy and Skills (0)
NOND 044 Orientation to Higher Education (0)
NOND 094 Research and Library Skills (0)
OFAD 094 Keyboarding (0)

**APPLIED THEOLOGY MAJOR**
(87 credits points)

**Core Subjects**
(65 credit points)

**Biblical Studies**
(15 Credit Points)
RELB 307 Introduction to the Old Testament (3)
RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament (3)

**Any THREE of the exegesis courses (9)**
RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith (3)
RELB 350 The Law and the Writings (3)
RELB 351 Hebrew Prophets (3)
RELB 355 Eschatological Concerns and Movements (3)
RELB 365 Epistles in the Early Christian Church (3)
RELB 496 Topics in Biblical Studies (3)

**Historical Studies**
(9 credit points)
RELH 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission (3)

**Any TWO of the following**
RELH 325 History of Christianity I (3)
RELH 326 History of Christianity II (3) or
RELH 390 Selected Topics in Church History (3)

**Philosophical and Theological Studies**
(12 credit points)
RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs (3)
RELT 255 Biblical Hermeneutics and Doing Theology in Asia (3)
RELM 280 Religions of South-East Asia and the World (3)
RELT 310 Biblical Theology (3)

**Church Ministry and Preaching**
(18 credit points)
RELP 308 Homiletics I (3)
RELP 309 Homiletics II (3)
RELP 360 Principles of Pastoral Ministry (3)
RELP 376 Christian Worship and Music (3)
RELP 474 Pastoral Care and Counseling (3)
RELP 475 Congregational Spirituality and Church Growth (3)

**Practicums**
(11 credit points)
RELP 310 Principles of Public Evangellism with Field Practicum (3)
RELP 384 Worship Practicum (2)
RELP 386 Principles of Youth Ministry with Practicum (3)
RELP 487 Personal Ministry Practicum (2)
RELP 496 Clinical Pastoral Care (2)
Cognate Areas
(22 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 or electives as advised by the Faculty. The regular cognate area for ministerial trainees in Southeast Asia is Pastoral Theology and Missions.

Language Area
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
PSYC 244 Social Psychology (3)
RELM 280 Religions of South-East Asia and the World (3)
SOC 333 Community Development (3)
PSYC 345 Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
RELP 366 Structure and Operation of the SDA Church (3)
RELM 377 Interfaith Dialogue in Missions (3)
RELP 395 Creative Christian Communication (3)
RELM 420 Urban Ministry & Evangelism (3)
RELT 474 Issues in Communicating the SDA Message (3)
RELM 491 Topics: Issues in Meeting Culture (3)
RELT 494 Issues in Pastoral work (3)
RELM 495 Selected Topics in Missiology (3)

Pastoral Care Area
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)
RELP 488 Internship in Pastoral Care (1-3)
RELP 490 Directed Reading in Pastoral Care (3)

Electives and In-depth Study Courses
BCL 211 Contemporary issues in Science and Bioethics (3)
RELB 211 Introduction to Church Accounting (3)
RELP 230 Introduction to Moral and Religious Education (2)
RELP 235 Christian Saintsmanship (2)
RELT 266 Mission, Message and Mandate of the SDA Church (3)

Note: Electives may also be taken from other cognate areas with the permission of the Dean.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAJOR
(87 credits points)

Core Subjects
(68-72 credit points)

Biblical Studies
(15 credit points)

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

Any THREE of the exegesis courses (9)
RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith (3)
RELB 350 The Law, and The Writings (3)
RELB 351 Hebrew Prophets (3)
RELB 355 Eschatological Concerns and Movements (3)
RELB 365 Epistles in the Early Christian Church (3)
RELB 496 Topics in Biblical Studies (3)

Historical Studies
(9 credit points)

RELH 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission (3)
RELH 325 History of Christianity I (3)
RELH 326 History of Christianity II (3)
or
RELH 390 Selected Topics in Church History (3)

Philosophical and Theological Studies
(12 credit points)

RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs (3)
RELT 255 Biblical Hermeneutics and Doing Theology in Asia (3)
RELK 280 Religions of South-East Asia and the World (3)
RELT 310 Biblical Theology (3)

Concepts in Religious Education
(7 credit points)

EDUC 260 Intro to Educational Professions (3) or
PSYC 204 The Educational and Psychological Professions (3)
RELE 250 Principles and Concepts of Adv Education (2) 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)

Education Psychology Electives
(2-6 credit points)

EDUC 455 Children's Literature (2)
EDUC 456 Organization and Administration of Schools (2)
EDUC 490 Seminar: Special Issues in Education (2)
or 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, Dogmatics, and Theology for those preparing for classroom teaching.

Teacher Certification Area
As required by the country or the Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Language Area
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)
Minor Program

Students from other faculties may take the following minor:

### Christian Studies:

(18 credit points)

- **Required:**
  - (7-9 credit points)
  - 2 Courses in Biblical Studies
  - 1 Course in SDA doctrines or history

- **Electives:**
  - (9-11 credit points)
  - Approved electives from courses offered by the faculty.

### Pastoral Theology and Missions

- **Required:**
  - 2 Courses in Biblical Studies
  - 1 Course in SDA doctrines or history

- **Electives:**
  - Approved electives from courses offered by the faculty.

### Pastoral Care Area

- **Electives and In-depth Study Courses**

- **Total 87**
## PROJECTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

### First Year

#### First Semester
- PSYC 104 General Psychology 3
- MATH 110 Introduction to Statistics or MATH 120 Survey of Mathematics 3
- ENGL 114 English Structures and Syntax 3
- HLED 160 Concepts of Health 3
- HMNT 125 Man in the Quest for Roots or RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith 3  
  **Total 15**

#### Second Semester
- RELB 104 Ethical Models or RELG 120 Concepts of Christian Philosophy or EDUC 270 Philosophical Foundations of Education or RELLE 250 Principles and Concepts of Adventist Education 2
- ENGL 115 English Composition 3
- SOCI 204 Marriage and Family or SOCI 214 Home and Life Values 2
- HMNT 210 Appreciation of Fine Arts or HIST 214 History of Civilization or HMNT 256 Thai Language and Culture 3
- HMNT 225 Man and His Destiny or RELB 355 Eschatological Concerns and Movements 3
  **Total 15**

#### Inter-Semester Session
- SPCH 204 Fundamentals of Speech and Communication 2
- BIOL 110 Principles of Biology or BIOL 211 Contemporary Issues in Science and Bioethics 3  
  **Total 5**

### Second Year

#### First Semester
- RELB 160 Sources of Christian Faith 3
- RELH 490 Selected Topics in Church History 3
- RELB 307 Introduction to the Old Testament 3
- RELH 325 History of Christianity I or RELH 326 History of Christianity II or  
  **Total 15**

#### Second Semester
- RELT 250 Fundamentals of Christian Beliefs 3
- RELT 310 Biblical Theology 3
- RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament 3
- RELP 360 Principles of Pastoral Ministry or Cognate Area/Elective Course 3  
  **Total 15**

### Third Year

#### First Semester
- RELH 270 Adventist Heritage and Mission 3
- RELP 308 Homiletics I 3
- One of the following: RELB 354 The Law, the Prophets and the Writings 3  
  **Total 15**

#### Second Semester
- RELB 345 Introduction to the New Testament 3
- RELP 475 Congregational Spirituality and Church Growth 3
- RELP 484 Asian Perspectives in Theology 3
- RELP 496 Clinical Pastoral Care 2
  **Cognate Area/Elective Courses 3**  
  **Total 14**

#### Inter-Semester
- RELP 384 Worship Practicum 2
- RELP 386 Principles of Youth Ministry with Practicum 3  
  **Total 4**

### Fourth Year

#### First Semester
- RELT 385 Teachings and Practices of Southeast Asian Religions 3
- RELP 475 Congregational Spirituality and Church Growth 3
- RELP 484 Asian Perspectives in Theology 3
- RELP 496 Clinical Pastoral Care 3
  **Cognate Area/Elective Courses 3**  
  **Total 14**

#### Second Semester
- RELM 446 Psychology of Religious Experience 3
  **Cognate Area / Elective Courses 4**
  **General Elective 3**  
  **Total 10**