Alpha Institute of Theology and Science

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Alpha Institute of Theology and Science offers comprehensive Christian theology courses and research opportunities of Studies in Theology, Asian Christianity and Judeo-Christian Scriptures. It organises the studies with an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary approach. Courses are guided by renowned scholars of international reputation whose academic excellence and theological insights have shaped many through various courses. The scholars who have done their studies in Judeo-Christian Scriptures, Biblical Archeology, Theology, and Philosophy and took doctorate from Indian and foreign state universities like Sorborn, Leuven and Rome have been offering courses in the respective subjects from 2007 through contact classes and television channels attracting large clientele across the country and abroad. There were over 5000 students in the courses for which Diplomas were awarded by the Calicut University through the Chair for Christianity. Further programmes were organised in Asian Christianity, Christian Theology and Judeo-Christian scriptures in an interdisciplinary approach with duration of three and five years.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of Alpha Institute is to promote serious study and research in the various fields of theology with special emphasis to Asian Christian theology. The research program is intended to bring about personal integration in the life of the individuals and the church on theological, spiritual, religious, psychological and social levels. The Institute fosters the harmony of devotion, knowledge and action. While striving hard to excel in serious study and research, every student is encouraged to do his or her best to excel in the realization of the harmony of loving devotion, wisdom and activity, in a spirit of selfless service.

In contrast to a dualistic, “either-or” mentality that sees things as irreconcilable opposites, the goal of Alpha Institute of Theology and Science stresses a complementary, “both-and” attitude that is integrative and inclusive. It also aims at preparing priests, religious and laity for inter-religious dialogues and to meet the challenges of the time for an effective pastoral and spiritual ministry. Its programmes are oriented towards
economic, religious and ideological systems and traditions that influence the lives of Christians and their fellow-seekers of God. 

Alpha Institute of Theology and Science endorses the spirit of the Church by engaging deeply in the ecumenical pursuit by offering opportunities to students of different Christian denominations to participate in the academic programmes of the institute and it fosters religious harmony through inter-religious dialogues and prayer-seminars conducted annually. Its goal is to encourage clear and creative thinking, in consonance with the teachings of the Church and the dictates of the Gospel, in the context of the Asian religious and Spiritual traditions, conducive to an experience of the supreme Truth through selfless service and loving commitment.

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We are proudly announcing that the Masters and Bachelors degree courses conducted by Alpha Institute of Theology and Science are approved by the UGC. Alpha Institute is recognized as the study centre of Sai Nath University of the Jharkhand State. It had been one of our long cherished dreams, that is realized now. We are provided with a golden opportunity to have UGC recognized secular degrees in Christian Theology. Alpha Institute is the first of its kind in getting this recognition. The syllabus and the text books will be exactly the same as provided by the Alpha Institute.
Even though the certificates issued by Alpha Institute is ecclesiastically valid, you will get a UGC recognized MA and BA certificates together with that of Alpha Institute, provided you register for the course.

**Fee Structure**

1. **SAI NATH UNIVERSITY**

   (Established by the Jharkhand Government and recognized as per section 2 (f) of UGC Act, 1956)

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Bachelor in Theology</td>
<td>3 Years</td>
<td>10 + 2</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Master in Theology</td>
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   Those who have already registered at Alpha Institute are exempted from the course material fee (BA - Rs. 3000; MA - Rs. 4000)

   - Total fees includes Registration & Exam fees
   - Course & centre approval + service charge ₹ 50,000/- (which is paid by the Alpha Institute)
   - You may pay the money as chalan/DD/Cheque (of the first year ₹ 9,500 for BA and ₹ 10250 for MA) either directly to the University or via Alpha Institute. You may also make use of the money transfer option

The students can obtain admission to the courses by registering their names either directly on the website of Sai Nath University or at Alpha Institute. The application forms are available at Alpha Institute.

2. **Alpha Institute**

   (This fee structure is valid only for the students who are not obtaining admission in the university)

   If any student is not interested in obtaining direct university certificate, he/she may obtain admission directly to the Alpha Institute. At the successful completion of the course, in which the same university syllabus is followed, the student will obtain certificates from the Alpha Institute, that is affiliated to the university. This certificate is valid ecclesiastically as well. The following fee structure will be followed for the courses offered by Alpha Institute.
Towards the expense of the study materials and tuition fee the following amount is charged by the Alpha Institute.

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<td>4 Semesters</td>
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<td>BTh - Bachelors Degree</td>
<td>6 Semesters</td>
<td>DT or Degree in any subjects</td>
<td>India: 3000/ Abroad: 10000/</td>
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<td>MTh - Masters Degree</td>
<td>4 Semesters</td>
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<td>M.Phil / Ph.D - Research Programmes</td>
<td>6 Semesters</td>
<td>MTh + Entrance exam</td>
<td>India: 10000/ Abroad: 20000/</td>
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The Money could be sent by MO/DD/Cheque (including the service charge) in the following address:

The Director
Alpha Institute of Theology and Science
PB No. 71, Sandesa Bhavan, Tellicherry – 670101, Kerala, India

If the Money transfer option is preferred, please make use of the following account details:

South Indian Bank, Tellichery Branch
Account Name: The Dean of Studies
Account Number: 0078073000040474
IFC Number: SIBL0000078

NB: Kindly inform the date of the money transfer at Alpha Office through Telephone (04902344727, 2343707)

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**Periodical**

**Alpha Theological Studies**

An International Academic Journal for Theological and Biblical Studies published quarterly from the institute.

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**International Consultant Editors**

12 World Renowned Scholars from the illustrious theological faculties of the universities of Leuven, Oxford, Washington, Rome, Paris, Tubingen are constituting international consultant board.
Study Classes through Television

The Alpha Institute of Theology and Science in collaboration with the Shalom Tele-Vision Network, telecasts two episodes of study classes every week. The content of the class is given in advance in the form of printed books. So far 407 episodes of study classes have been telecast through the television network to make the content of the course available to the public who are interested and unable to attend the regular theological program. The Television episodes were the best examples for utilization of modern technologies and media in the study program. The Television programs are made available in CD format also.

Classes: Telecasting Time

Friday - 8.00 am (BTh)
Saturday - 12.00 am
   Gulf Edition (BTh)
Sunday - 7.30 pm (MTh)
Wednesday - 11.30 pm
   Gulf Edition (MTh)

Repetitions
Wednesday - 2.30 pm
   (MTh)

Alpha Central Library at Thalassery

The Students can make use of the library facilities available at Alpha research centre.
Regional Study Centres

The regional classes are intended to decentralize the study system for the convenience of the students. The Alpha Institute offers regional classes in the following regional study centers:

1. Little Flower Institute for Science and Religion, Aluva, 683 101
2. De Paul Institute for Science and Technology, Angamaly, Kerala
3. Anchal Nursing College, Anchal, Kollam,
4. Pastoral and Missionary Orientation Centre, Calicut
5. Daughters of Mary Provincial Institute, Trivandum
6. St. Mary’s Complex, Taliparamba
7. Sacred Heart Provincial Institute, Kothamangalam
8. Jnana Nilaya Pastoral centre, Belthangady, Karnataka
9. Good Shepherd Pastoral centre, Padannakkadu, Kasargode
10. DM Convent, Marthandam, Tamilnadu
11. Christujyothi Provincial House, Pala
12. MSMI Provincial House, Bathery
13. St. Mary’s Church Dubai
14. St. Thomas Church Vasai, Thane, Mumbai
15. 372 S. Prairie Av. Chicago, USA
16. Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mugappel, Perumalpuram, Chennai

Collaborating Libraries

Besides the library facilities available at the Alpha Centre, the research scholars of the Alpha centre have access to the following nationally reputed libraries of the various theological centres all over India:

4. Jnanadeepa Vidya Pidam, Pune - More than 100000 Books on various branches of Christian Theology in English, French, German, Italian Languages.
5. Dharmaram Vidyakshetra Library - More than 100000 Books on various branches of Christian Theology in English, French, German, Italian Languages.
The official website of Alpha Institute provides with all the essential facilities required by the students. The following facilities are available at our website:

- On-line admission facilities
- Print version of the course materials in both English and Malayalam languages
- Contact Class announcements
- On-line examination facilities
- On-line exam-results
- Students corner for clarification
- Direct access to video classes
- Model question papers

www.alphathalassery.org
The new Malayalam Christian channel Goodness TV also provides opportunity for extensive Bible studies. The programme entitled BIBLE THEERTHADANAM telecast 3 days a week, is highly recommended for the students of Theology programme. This programme includes an elaborate and in-depth study of all the 73 books of the Bible. Consequently this programme covers a major potion of the syllabus (i.e., the topics on Sacred Scripture) of the bachelors and masters programme of Alpha Institute. The staff of Alpha Institute of Theology and Science are among those offering classes in this programme.

**Time Schedule of Bible Theerthadanam**
Thursday – 20.00 – 20.30 (08.00 - 08.30pm)
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Saturday – 20.00 – 20.30 (08.00 - 08.30pm)
In accordance with *Sapientia Christiana* art. 72, the curriculam of the studies at this institute comprises of three successive cycles at University level as the following.

**First Cycle**
- *(i)* Diploma Course in the basics of Philosophy and Theology
- *(ii)* Bachelors Degree in Theology (BTh)

**Second Cycle**
- Specialization: Masters Degree in Theology (MTh)

**Third Cycle**
- Doctoral Research: Doctorate in Sacred Theology

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**First Cycle**

**Bachelors Degree in Theology**

*(i)* **Diploma Course in the basics of Philosophy and Theology**

This is a preparatory course to prepare the students for Bachelors Degree in Theology. The course duration is 2 years (4 semesters) Pre-Degree (Plus Two or equivalent) pass is the eligibility condition for admission to the diploma course. The course introduces the fundamental concepts of Philosophy and Theology. The Greek Philosophy, Scholastic Philosophy, Western Philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Modern and contemporary Philosophy are introduced in this course. The traditional dictum that Philosophy is the handmaid of Theology is esteemed in this approach.

*(ii)* **Bachelors Degree in Theology**

Bachelors Degree in Theology comprises of three years, during which the students will be given courses in Sacred Scripture, the various branches of Theology, Canon Law, Liturgy and Spirituality.

**Admission**

a. An applicant must have completed a two years course of Diploma Course in Philosophy.

b. The applicant must have a working knowledge of Greek, Latin and Syriac so as to be able to translate the N.T. portions, the documents of the Ecclesiastical Magisterium, and the Liturgical and Patristic texts.

c. The applicants who have completed their studies in other Institutes and Faculties will be admitted after the scrutiny regarding the canonical validity of the corresponding certificates. The judgment of the academic council of the Institute finalises the issue.
**Modus Operandi**

a. The academic year is divided into two semesters. At the end of each semester there shall be exams for the subjects taught in the semester. The students will be examined not only on the basis of lectures but also based on the literature related to the subject assigned for private and personal study.

b. No student shall be allowed to enroll for the examination without the required number of attendance for the classes.

c. The courses are divided into different sections such as: main and subsidiary, obligatory and elective, institutional and special.

d. The pedagogy of the Institute includes lectures, seminars, reading and evaluation of the books and articles, tutorials, audio visual aids, language lab.

e. Besides the fundamental themes in main subjects, which may be offered as courses common for all students, further elaborations may be offered according to special orientations like Biblical, Pastoral, Oriental, Patristic, Missiological and Comparative Religious studies.

**Written Thesis for BTh**

At the beginning of the 5th semester before the 30th of June of the second stage of the Institutional Cycle, students aspiring for the Bachelor Degree in Theology have to select the topic for the thesis, and the professor who will guide the work. The written thesis must be submitted by the 6th semester before the final examination. It must have a minimum of 6000 words and maximum of 10000 words.

**Repetition of Examination**

If anyone fails in a subject, the examination in the respective subject shall be repeated. Such examinations shall be conducted at the beginning of the following semester. The examinations that are deferred for other reasons shall be conducted at the time fixed by the President. Those who fail in Degree examinations may repeat the examination only once, at the end of the following semester.

**Grading System**

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<td>41%-59%</td>
<td>Third Class</td>
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<td>60%-69%</td>
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This marking system corresponds to the traditional Roman system: Pass – 6; second class 7-8; first class 9; distinction 10.

In global evaluation the mark is the quotient obtained by dividing the sum total of individual marks by the number of the examinations.

**Syllabus for Bachelors Degree in Theology**

**6 Semester Course (3 Years)**

**150 Credits**

(One credit is 16 working hours, and Out of 150 credits 65 from the obligatory courses 20 from the language courses and 40 from the optional courses / seminar papers and 25 from BTh Dissertation )

Students may choose 16 courses from the hard core and 4 courses from the language courses and 6 courses from the soft core. Courses elected from the soft core must contain at least one course from the divisions of electives, Specialisation Courses and the Seminar.

**Main Courses**

**BC 1.** History of Christianity in the West (5 credits)
**BC 2.** History of Christianity in Asia (5 credits)
**BC 3.** History of Christianity in India with special attention to Kerala (5 credits)
**BC 4.** History of Christian Theology with special reference to Trinity, Christology, Ecclesiology, Ethics (5 credits)
**BC 5.** History of Theological Conflicts (5 credits)
**BC 6.** Christian Contributions in India with special attention to Kerala (5 credits)
**BC 7.** Exploring the ancient Christian Literature (5 credits)
**BC 8.** Exploring the Jewish ancestry of Christianity (5 credits)
**BC 9.** The ancient Near Eastern Background of Jewish and Christian scriptures (5 credits)
**BC 10.** Christian Anthropology (5 credits)
**BC 11.** The impact of Colonization in Indian religious systems (5 credits)
**BC 12.** The Christian Migrations (5 credits)
**BC 13.** Christian Ashramic living and Indian Christian Theology (5 credits)
**BC 14.** Archaeology (5 credits)
**BC 15.** Evolution of Judeo-Christian Ethics (5 credits)
**BC 16.** Theology of Religions (5 credits)
**BC 17.** Framing an Indian Christian Theology (5 credits)
BC 18. Philosophy of Science and Religion (5 credits)
BC 19. History of Ecclesiology (5 credits)
BC 20. History of Ancient Israel (5 credits)
BC 21. History of the Theology of Creation and Eschatology (5 credits)
BC 22. Christian Rituals and Customs (5 credits)
BC 23. Fundamentals of Judeo-Christian Ethics (5 credits)
BC 24. Contemporary Ethical Issues. (5 credits)

Optional Courses and Seminars (Soft Core)
OC 1. Cursory notes on Different Branches of Ethics (5 credits)
OC 2. Modern History of Christianity (5 credits)
OC 3. History of the Syro-Malabar Christians in Kerala (5 credits)
OC 4. Developmental Psychology (5 credits)
OC 5. History of Trinitarian Theology (5 credits)
OC 6. History of the evolution of Christology (5 credits)
OC 7. Interactions between Indian Philosophy and Christian theology (5 credits)
OC 8. Hermeneutics and Modern Methodologies of Interpreting Ancient Classical Texts (5 credits)
OC 9. Greek and Semitic Philosophy (5 credits)
OC 10. Exploring the Christian Ethos and Rituals (5 credits)
OC 11. Christian Architecture and Art in India (5 credits)

Language Course
A. Studying the Ancient Christian and Jewish languages (5 credits) –
   Students can choose any two of the following languages
LC01 Hebrew (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC02 Greek (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC03 Syriac (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC04 Latin (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
B. Modern European Languages (Students can choose any two of the following languages)
LC05 German
LC06 Portuguese
LC07 Italian
LC08 French
LC09 Dutch
### BTh Syllabus (Semester-wise Distribution)

Alpha Institute has introduced the semester system for the examinations and assessment of the students. The semester system is the internationally accepted system of assessment in all the universities. It saves the students from the overburdens at the scholastic year endings. Moreover, it helps the students to be attentive and alert of the study program throughout the year. The students of the study programs in Bachelor of Theology Course (BTh) will be assessed on the following manner on semester basis.

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| **First Semester** | 01. Pauline Theology  
02. Political Theology  
03. Christology  
04. Special Questions in Moral Theology (assignment) |
| **Second Semester** | 05. Seminar Paper:  
06. Theology of the Holy Trinity (Assignment)  
07. Theological Anthropology  
08. Fundamental Moral Theology |
| **Third Semester** | 09. The Book of Revelation  
10. Theology of Other Religions  
11. Ecclesiology  
12. Liturgy |
| **Fourth Semester** | 13. Church History General  
14. Patrology: Theology of the Fathers of the Church  
| **Fifth Semester** | 17. Introduction to Theology Part I (Only for the New Admissions to Alpha Institute)  
18. The Gospel of St. John  
19. Social Doctrines of the Church  
20. Old Testament Theology: Historical Books  
21. Eschatology |
| **Sixth Semester** | 22. Introduction to Theology Part II (Only for the New Admissions to Alpha Institute)  
23. Biblical Hermeneutics  
24. Indian Church History  
25. Canon Law  
26. Sacraments  
27. The Syonoptic Gospels I: The Gospel of St. Mathew |

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# Bachelor of Theology Course

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MTh in Theology conducted by Alpha Institute of Theology and Science provides the students with opportunities to specialize in the various branches of theology. The course is intended to train the students for scientific research and prepares them to teach theology, with the specialization in their respective branch of Theology, in seminaries, in institutions of higher learning and Alpha Institute of Theology and Science comprises 2 years of rigorous research and study. The course, which is conducted on a cyclical basis, consists of lectures, tutorial, seminars, field work, learning of foreign languages and the furnishing of a scientific dissertation, which is to be defended at the end of the course. It offers opportunities to the students for personal study and research under the guidance of competent professors. The degrees offered by the institute at the completion of the course qualify candidates for admission to the Doctoral Study in any ecclesiastical faculty of Theology in Indian and abroad.

Requirements and Conditions

1. Eligibility

Admission to the MTh course is open to those who already possess a degree in BTh with at least second class or its equivalent degree in Theology, the eligibility of which will be adjudged by the competent authorities of the Institute. In the latter case, the candidate should pass a qualifying examination conducted by the institute.

2. Registration

❖ To be registered to Master's Degree programme in Spiritual Theology, the candidate has to duly fill-in the application form provide by the Institute. The application form can be obtained from the institute at request or can be found in the website of the institute: www.alphathalassery.org
❖ The duly filled-in application form, affixed with a passport-size photo has to reach the institute latest by 15th May.
❖ Along with the filled-in application form, five more copies of passport size photos are to be included for the office purposes.
❖ In case of the priests and religious, each filled-in application form has
to be accompanied by the approval/no-objection letter of the Bishop or the Provincial Superior or the Superior-in-charge.

- Photo-copies of all the relevant certificates and mark lists and documents of other studies accomplished have to be submitted at the time of registration.
- The registration fee has to be paid at the time of the registration. If it is paid by DD or Cheque, it has to be drawn in favour of Alpha Institute of Theology and Science.
- If the registration is done through E-mail or post it has to be addressed to the Director/Alpha Institute of Theology and Science.

3. Attendance

Students must attend all lectures without neglect, carry out all prescribed academic assignments and participate in the regular activities of the institute. For any period of absence, the Director/Dean of studies is to be informed before-hand. Applications for longer periods of leave duly countersigned by the respective authority is to be made in writing to the Director/Dean of Studies at least 3 days in advance.

4. Seminars

In addition to the above-mentioned courses students are expected to present two scientific papers as part of seminars during the course of their research. The seminars are conducted on relevant topics that are not included in the regular academic programme. Experts on the theme will be invited to give input talks and orientation. The topic would be suggested to the students by the academic board after sufficient consultations and study. Each seminar would be equal to a two credit course.

5. Foreign Languages

Every MTh student is expected to have the basic knowledge in at least two of the classic languages of Hebrew, Greek, Syriac and Latin and one of the modern languages, such as, German, Spanish, Italian or French. Mastery of these languages is expected to enable students to have a direct access to the sources and to help them widen the horizon of their original thinking. Alpha Institute of Theology and Science provides the opportunity for learning the foreign languages.

6. Evaluation of the Course

I. Examinations will be held for every course taught. Normally examinations are held at the end of each semester. If circumstances require, at the discretion of the Director and Dean of the institute, examinations may also take place at other periods.
ii. Examinations may be oral or written, with or without a certain percentage of marks allotted to a written assignment or an internal assessment (at the discretion of the individual professor). For any change in the schedule of the exams, the permission of the director and dean of Studies have to be sought.

iii. No student will be allowed to repeat an examination if he/she has passed with low marks in a subject. The students who fail in one or more subjects are to repeat the same in the second session of examinations at the beginning of the following semester. The dates of the second session of examinations will be intimated by the Dean. Maximum of only 69% can be awarded in the second session.

7. Comprehensive Examination

Masters Degree in Theology (MTh) comprises of Specialized studies and research work in various branches of theology and allied sciences. Its duration is of four semesters (2 Years) at the end of which there will be comprehensive examination leading to MTh degree.

8. Dissertation

a. The Dissertation or the Scientific Research Paper forms a major scheme of the Master's Degree in Theology. Through the Scientific Research paper the student is not only introduced into the art of scientific presentation of a theme, but also helped to specialize in a field of interest within the scope of the specific branch of Theology. The research will be done under the guidance of a qualified professor, who would constantly accompany the student through his/her expertise, timely evaluations and corrections.

b. The candidate has to register his topic of dissertation by submitting to the Dean/Registrar the duly filled-in form of registration after having obtained the signature of his/her moderator.

c. Dissertation should be typed in white paper of good quality and sufficient opacity. All sheets of paper used should be of the same quality. Manifold paper should not be used.

d. An “A4” size paper should be used for dissertation. The text of the dissertation should be typed with 1.5” line spacing, except in the case where quotations are given in indent. A space of 1.5” on the left margin and a space of 1” on the right margin should be kept. A space of 1” should be kept on the top and the bottom of the page. Dissertation should be typed only on one side of the paper.
e. The dissertation should be of minimum 100 pages and maximum 140 pages. The above-mentioned page limit includes the bibliography and the appendices.

f. Students have to submit 3 copies of the dissertation to the Dean one month prior to the defense (one month of Institute working days).

g. The cover page shall have the format approved by the Institute.

h. A dissertation submitted without observing the above-mentioned requirements will not be accepted.

9. The public defense

Upon submission of the dissertation, the Head of the department (Director) / Dean of studies shall fix the moderators and finalise the date of defense after consulting the Registrar. The public defense of the dissertation, lasting an hour, will take place before a board of two examiners, who will be the first and the second moderators. The defense can take place only when all the other requirements for the respective degree have been fulfilled.

10. Grading System

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This marking system corresponds to the traditional Roman system: Pass – 6; second class 7-8; first class 9; distinction 10.

In global evaluation the mark is the quotient obtained by dividing the sum total of individual marks by the number of the examinations.

MASTERS DEGREE IN THEOLOGY - SYLLABUS

The courses to be offered are placed under two different categories namely hard and soft courses. Students may choose 12 courses from the first category and 6 courses from the other. Courses selected from the soft core must contain at least one course from the divisions of electives, Specialisation Courses and the Seminar. Students also write a project/research paper carrying 16 credits.

Main Courses

MC 1. History of Christianity in India (5 credits)
MC 2. History of the Evolution of Christian Theology (5 credits)
MC 3. History of Ancient Israel (5 credits)
MC 4. Evolution of Judeo-Christian Ethics (5 credits)
MC 5. Internal and External Criticism - Hermeneutics and Modern Methodologies of Interpreting Ancient Classical Texts (5 credits)
MC 6. Exploring the Ancient Jewish and Christian Literature (5 credits)
MC 7. The Ancient Near Eastern Background of Jewish and Christian scriptures (5 credits)
MC 8. Christian Architecture and Art in India (5 credits)
MC 9. Christian Anthropology (5 credits)
MC 10. Interactions between Indian Philosophy and Christian theology (5 credits)
MC 11. Archaeology: (5 credits)
MC 12. Greek and Semitic Philosophy (5 credits)
MC 13. Philosophy of Science and Religion (5 credits)
MC 14. Inter-religious Interactions and Religious Harmony (5 credits)

Specialisation Courses

MC 15. Historical Books (5 credits)
MC 16. Wisdom Literature (5 credits)
MC 17. Prophets (5 credits)
MC 18. Synoptic Gospels (5 credits)
MC 19. Epistolarie Literature

Optional Courses (Soft Core)

OC 1. Exploring the Christian Social Customs and Rituals (5 credits)
OC 2. Analyzing the Religious Psyche of Humanity (5 credits)
OC 3. Elementary Study on the World and themes of the Bible (5 credits)
OC 4. Pentateuch (5 credits)
OC 5. Modern European Languages
OC 6. Religious Politics and the History of Theological Conflicts (5 credits)
OC 7. Christian Contributions to Indian Culture and Nation building (5 credits)
OC 8. Studying the Ancient Christian and Jewish languages (5 credits) – Students can choose anyone of the following languages
OC 9. The impact of Colonialisation in Indian religious systems (5 credits)
OC 10. Indian approach to the person of Jesus (5 credits)
OC 11. Judaism and Christianity: Historical Continuity and Discontinuities (5 credits)
Seminars

OC 12. Exploring the Legal characteristic of Christian Life: Canon Law (5 credits)
OC 13. History of Judaism and Early Christianity (5 credits)
OC 14. Medieval History of Christianity (5 credits)
Research paper - 16 credits

Language Course

A. Studying the Ancient Christian and Jewish languages - Second Level (5 credits) – *Students can choose any two of the following languages*

LC01 Hebrew (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC02 Greek (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC03 Syriac (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)
LC04 Latin (Reading, Writing and Comprehending the texts)

B. Modern European Languages – Second Level (*Students can choose any two of the following languages*)

LC05 German
LC06 Portuguese
LC07 Italian
LC08 French
LC09 Dutch
MTh Syllabus (Semester System)

The students of the Masters programme (MTh) will be assessed on the following manner on semester basis

NB: As the Institute is following a cyclic semester system, all the students of Masters programme of the academic year 2014-2015 will follow the subjects in the first and second semesters as given below

First Semester

01. Pauline Letters and Theology: Exegetical Studies
02. Church history: formation of Christian theology in the medieval periods
03. Psalms: Theology and Relevance - Exegetical Studies
04. The Syonoptic Gospels I: Mark and the Synoptic Problem
05. Sacramental theology: Ecumenical Approaches in Sacramental Theology
06. Seminar: Text Criticism of a selected passage

Second Semester

07. Jewish Systems and Practices that Shaped the NT
08. Seminar: Contemporary Ecclesiastical Questions in the Gospel of St. Mathew
09. Liturgy: Evolution of various anaphora in the early Church
10. The Universal Letters: : Exegetical Studies
11. Indian Church history: Identity crisis of the Marthoma Christians
12. MTh Dissertation

Third Semester

14. Old Testament Theology: Thematic Study
15. Wisdom Literature: Book of Job - Exegetical Studies
16. Biblical Hebrew: Basics
17. Seminar: Hermenutical Issues
18. Dogmatic Theology: The Special questions in Science and religion

Fourth Semester

19. Historical Books: Ezra, Nehemiah
20. Dogmatic Theology: Objects of faith as God, Word and the Church
22. Eschatology: Eschatological Issues and the sectarian groups
23. Moral Theology: Christian Approach to Applied Ethics (assignment)
24. Biblical Greek: Basics
# Master of Theology Course (Main: Biblical Theology)
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1. Eligibility

Admission to the Doctoral Studies in Theology demands a canonically valid Master's Degree in Theology (MTh) with at least a high first class, the validity of which will be adjudged by the competent authorities of the Institute. In case of necessity, the student should pass a qualifying examination conducted by the Institute.

2. Duration

Doctoral Students require to spend at least four semesters (two years) in research work, in regular contact with the Institute. The duration of the doctoral programme may be extended up to seven years, in which case starting from the fourth year, registration should be renewed and the library fees should be paid every year. At the end of this period of seven years, the student loses his/her registration. He/She cannot re-register for another term with the same topic of dissertation.

3. Requirements

Besides English, the Doctoral Candidates should have an advanced knowledge of the classical languages, such as Hebrew, Greek and Latin as may be required by the nature of the research and also a working knowledge of at least one of the modern languages, such as, German, Spanish, Italian or French.

4. Participation

In the first year of the research the student is to attend the Methodology Seminar and the Inter-Disciplinary seminar organized by the Institute and validate the specialized courses prescribed by his/her promoter in consultation with the concerned Head of the Department. Doctoral Students have to participate in all the doctoral programmes organized by Alpha Institute. These programmes are aimed at extending
the candidate's knowledge and experience through in-depth and scientific methodological training, systematic guidance, discussion with fellow researchers, consultation with professors in their areas of specialization, presentation of the results of research, publications and the development of further progressive skills through workshops, learning of source-languages and hermeneutic and analytic intellectual pursuits. Participation in the doctoral programmes is a sine qua non for obtaining the Doctor's Degree in theology. The work can be done in the form of courses, seminars or paper of specialization determined by the concerned departments.

5. Promoters

The research will be conducted under the guidance of a promoter chosen by the candidate and approved by the Board of examiners of the Institute. Depending on the nature of the research, the Board, if it deems it necessary, can suggest the second promoter already at the time of the registration of the topic. The first promoter should be a qualified member of the faculty of the Institute or any eligible professor approved by the Institute.

6. Doctoral Seminar

Every doctoral student is obliged to take part in all the doctoral seminars conducted by Alpha Institute from the beginning of their doctoral studies till the doctoral defense and present at least two scientific seminar papers during the course of their research. Each presentation of the seminar paper is equivalent to a two credit course. The doctoral seminar is to enhance the knowledge of the candidate regarding a topic of relevance and importance, within the scope of his/her study. The seminar is offered by the Institute every year under the guidance of competent professors. The topics of the seminar are allotted by the higher academic council of the Institute.

7. Doctoral Colloquium

The Doctoral Colloquium conducted by the Institute is intended to ensure the continuity of the research and to enhance the quality of the content of the research. Once in a year the doctoral students of the same department come together, along with the staff and members of the Institute, for a constructive and critical evaluation of the progress of their doctoral studies. The initial two days of the doctoral colloquium will be dedicated for an in-put session on any one of the relevant themes. Thereafter, each student will present a report of the progress, the content,
relevance and the originality of his/her research in a criticize and to suggest changes for the further betterment of the presented exposition. Participation of every doctoral student in all the doctoral colloquium is obligatory.

8. Publications

One of the requirements to complete the Doctoral programme is the publishing of at least two scientific articles in journals or publications with international standard and distribution. The elaboration of the article had to be directed by the promoter of the candidate. The publishing of these articles would be equivalent to a three credit course. The writing of these articles have to be supervised by the promoter of the thesis.

9. Other Requirements

The participation of the doctoral student in various activities like, Study Meetings, Seminars, Study Trips and International Scientific Congresses would be acknowledged by the department as equivalent to a one credit course.

10. Dissertations

1. The proposal of the Doctoral Dissertation has to be examined and approved by the Board of examiners along with the promoter and two or three members of the concerned department.
2. The candidate shall meet his/her promoter regularly to discuss the progress of the research. The promoter requires to prepare an annual report on the performance and progress of the candidate and send it to the Director of the Institute.
3. Upon the completion of the research, unbound copies of the Dissertation are to be submitted by the candidate to the Dean of Studies. The page limit for the Doctoral Dissertation is 250-350, including the Bibliography and the Appendices. The Dissertation, before being defended, has to be evaluated by the promoter and by two other readers, one of whom may be preferably from outside the institute. The second and third readers are to be fixed by the Director/Dean in consultation with the Head of the concerned Department. The readers shall submit their reports of the dissertation within four to six weeks. Only when two of the three readers have given their approval in writing, the thesis will be accepted for the defense. The candidate is expected to incorporate the corrections and suggestions given by the promoter and the two readers and submit four copies to the office of the Dean. If the dissertation is found below the
required standard, it shall be returned to the candidate for further improvement and a second session may be arranged for approval after six months.

11. Guidelines for the Presentation of the Dissertation

- The Dissertation should be typed in white paper of good quality and sufficient opacity. All sheets of paper used should be of the same quality. Manifold paper should not be used.
- An “A4” size paper should be used for dissertation. The text of the dissertation should be typed with 1.5” line spacing, except in the case where quotations are given in indent. A space of 1.5” on the left margin and a space of 1” on the right margin should be kept. A space of 1” should be kept on the top and the bottom of the page. Dissertation should be typed only on one side of the paper.
- The cover page shall have the format approved by the Institute.
- A dissertation, which is submitted without following the above requirements will not be accepted. A detailed guideline regarding the methodology of thesis writing published by the Institute must be strictly followed.

12. Public Defense

Upon the submission of the corrected copies of the dissertations, the Director of the Board of examiners shall fix the date of the defense after consulting the registrar. The defense shall be for the duration of one and a half hours. The promoter and the two readers along with the president of the jury will constitute the panel of examiners.

13. Marks and Grading System

The grade is determined taking into consideration the aggregate of the marks obtained from the Seminars, Courses, and the Dissertation in the following proportions:

- Research Papers, Seminars and other courses: 20%
- Written Dissertation: 60%
- Public Defense: 20%

14. Grading:

- 40% = Pass Mark
- 41%-59% = Third Class
- 60%-69% = Second Class
- 70%-79% = First Class
- 80% and above = Distinction
Availability of Internal/External Research Supervisors

Faculty

The scholars who have done their studies in Archaeology, History, Education, Art and Architecture, Sacred Scripture, Social work, Theology, Philosophy from Indian and foreign universities like Sorborn, Leuven and other universities of USA and Canada could be recruited as faculty members. Initially an experienced Professor even a retired professor from a Central University system could be invited as co-ordinator to start the centre. He/She may be appointed on a contract basis till the faculty position as per UGC norms is created.

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