



Licentiate in Theology (LTh)

About the Licentiate in Theology (LTh)

The 3-Year Licentiate in Theology course is designed for professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of theological principles and practice within a rigorous academic framework. This advanced program not only equips candidates with a comprehensive grasp of historical, systematic, and practical theology but also emphasizes the application of theological knowledge in various professional contexts, such as ecclesiastical leadership, academia, and interfaith dialogue. Students engage in critical analysis of theological texts and contemporary issues, fostering the skills necessary for professional ministry, research, and ethical decision-making. Ultimately, the Licentiate in Theology serves as a pivotal step for those aiming to advance their careers while contributing meaningfully to the theological discourse and community engagement.

Training Programme Outline

Year 1

Semester 1:

1. **Introduction to Theology** - Overview of theology, its importance, and its various branches. - Understanding key theological terms and concepts.
2. **Old Testament Survey** - Overview of the Old Testament books, historical context, and key themes. - Introduction to hermeneutics.
3. **New Testament Survey** - Overview of the New Testament books, historical context, and key themes. - Introduction to the life of Jesus and the early Church.
4. **Church History I: Early Church to Reformation** - Study of the early Church, major events, and figures leading to the Reformation.
5. **Introduction to Biblical Languages** - Basics of Hebrew and Greek. - Understanding the significance of biblical languages in theology.

Semester 2:

6. **Systematic Theology I: Doctrine of God** - Exploration of the attributes of God, the Trinity, and God's revelation.
7. **Christian Ethics** - Examination of biblical principles for ethical decision-making. - Application of ethics in contemporary issues.

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8. **Introduction to Worship (3 Credits)**- Theology and practice of worship- Elements of corporate worship
9. **Old Testament Theology** - Theological themes in the Old Testament. - Exploration of covenant theology.
10. **Introduction to Ministry** - Overview of various forms of ministry and church functions.

Year 2

Semester 3:

1. **Systematic Theology II: Christ and Salvation** - Study of Christology and soteriology. - Understanding the significance of salvation.
2. **Acts and Pauline Epistles** - In-depth study of the book of Acts and the letters of Paul. - Exploration of Pauline theology and mission.
3. **Historical Theology** - Development of Christian doctrine throughout history. - Key figures and their contributions.
4. **Pastoral Care and Counselling** - Principles of pastoral care. - Techniques for providing spiritual guidance and counselling.
5. **Evangelism and Discipleship** - Strategies for evangelism and making disciples. - Understanding the Great Commission.

Semester 4:

6. **Systematic Theology III: The Holy Spirit and the Church** - Examination of pneumatology and ecclesiology. - The role of the Church in God's mission.
7. **Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)** - Methods and principles for interpreting scripture. - Application of hermeneutics to contemporary issues.
8. **Old Testament Prophets** - Study of the major and minor prophets. - Themes of justice, mercy, and judgment.
9. **Spiritual Formation** - Practices for spiritual growth and disciplines.
10. **Contextual Theology** - Understanding theology within cultural contexts. - Application of theological principles in different settings.

Year 3

Semester 5:

1. **Systematic Theology IV: Eschatology** - Study of last things: end times, heaven, hell, and the Second Coming.
2. **Christian Apologetics** - Defending the Christian faith against objections. - Engagement with secular worldviews.
3. **Church History II: Reformation to Modern Day** - Key movements, figures, and events from the Reformation to contemporary Christianity.

4. **Missiology** - Study of missions and the global Church. - Strategies for cross-cultural ministry.
5. **Capstone Project I: Research Methodology** - Introduction to research methods in theology. - Development of a research proposal.

Semester 6:

6. **Capstone Project II: Thesis/Ministry Project** - Completion and presentation of a thesis or ministry project based on research.
7. **Community Development** - Strategies for effective community engagement and development. - Role of the church in social justice initiatives.
8. **Leadership in the Church** - Principles of leadership and administration within a church context. - Role of leaders in spiritual formation and community building.
9. **Ethics in Ministry** - Exploration of ethical challenges in ministry. - Development of a personal ethics statement.
10. **Practicum/Internship** - Hands-on experience in a ministry setting. - Reflection on ministry practice and theory.

Curriculum Design and Duration of the Licentiate in Theology

The Christian Leadership Academy presents short courses in a modular format - bundled into year programmes.

The three-year Licentiate in Theology, offered online by CLA, provides students with the flexibility to begin their studies at a time that suits their individual schedules.

This streamlined process not only facilitates immediate engagement with the course materials but also allows for a focused and efficient educational journey tailored to each student's pace and availability.

The program's self-paced courses are delivered through an advanced Learning Management System (LMS) or eLearning platform, designed to offer an engaging and interactive learning experience. The Christian Leadership Academy, specializing in eLearning, effectively utilizes digital technologies to present educational content beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Instructional methods include a variety of multimedia such as video and audio resources, discussion boards for collaborative learning, PDF articles for in-depth study, as well as practical exercises and reflection papers to ensure comprehensive understanding and application. This robust and multifaceted approach caters to different learning styles, empowering students to absorb and apply knowledge in a manner that best suits their personal and professional development.

Fee Structure

Upon acceptance into the program, students are required to make payment for each module they intend to register for, thereby confirming their place in the program.

Good news for students! Our pay-per-module structure makes it easy to manage your finances. With clear and transparent transactions, you'll always know exactly how much you're paying and what you're getting. No more confusing fees or unexpected costs. Stay on top of your expenses and focus on what matters most - your studies!

Registration Fee - R 550.00 (*once-off*)

Payment in full - R 6 750.00

Fee per module - R 375.00

Reactivation fee R500 (Non-refundable) Note: The student will need to pay a reactivation fee; if the student is inactive for more than 6 months or does not register for any modules for more than 6 months period.

Accreditation & Affiliation

We would like to clarify that our courses, including the Licentiate in Theology (LTh), are not aligned to any registered unit standards and do not lead to formal qualifications presented on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP)

We are excited to announce our partnership with the Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP), a professional body for church leaders and Christian ministry leaders. This collaboration reinforces our commitment to delivering high-quality courses that meet industry standards. As a valued student, you can now register for professional designation with ACRP upon completing our Licentiate in Theology (LTh) program, enhancing your career and professional standing in the field. Our team will support you throughout the registration process, making it easier for you to take advantage of this opportunity.

The levels of registration and designation range from:

Level 1: Religious practitioner

Level 2: Advanced Religious practitioner

Level 3: Religious professional

Level 4: Religious specialist

ACRP is recognized by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) in terms of Section 13 of the National Qualification Framework Act (Act No. 67 of 2008) as a professional body, with a registration number of PB0000110.