

ACU Theology Degree

1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	Credit Hours
Year 1		Core Curriculum Credit Hours	33
Year 2		Core Curriculum Credit Hours	22
Year 2 - Remaining Major (Non-Core) Credit Hours			
Elective / Core (2)	Biblical Theology I (3)	Biblical Theology II (3)	8
11	9	10	30
Additional Core Curriculum Courses (to be taken in years 3-4): God, Marriage & Family (2); Vocational Evangelism (2); Christian Leadership (2)			6
Year 3			
Systematic Theology I (3)	Systematic Theology II (3)	Systematic Theology III (3)	
Church History I (3)	Church History II (3)	The History of Christianity in Africa (3)	
Biblical Language (2)	Biblical Language (2)	Biblical Language (2)	
Intro to Hermeneutics (3)	Elective / Core (3)	Elective / Core (2)	
11	11	10	32
Year 4			
Apologetics (2)	World Missions (2)	Christian Leadership (2)	
Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3)	World Religion (3)	Internship (3)	
Rhetoric for Teaching and Preaching (3)	Internship (3)	Vocational Evangelism (2)	
Baptist History (2)	Elective / Core (2)	Senior Project and Thesis (5)	
11	11	12	33
		Total Credit Hours	128

* For a listing of Elective Courses available in the Theology Programme see the following table.

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Theology Programme Elective Courses	
Course Name	Credit Hours
The Islamic Invasion of Africa	3
The History of Missions in Africa	2
Africa and the Cults	3
Money and Mission in Africa	2
Traditional African Religions	2
Spirituality: Prayer	2

Course Descriptions

Below are the (1) Course Numbers, (2) Titles, (3) Credit Hour Values and (4) Course Descriptions.

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THEO1213 *Old Testament Survey* (3 credits hours)

This course will survey the Old Testament books of the biblical canon in order to better acquaint students with the nature and themes of the inspired text. Topics for study will include authorship, date of writing, historical context, purpose, and governing motifs. Through a greater familiarity with the background of the texts of Scripture, students will be equipped to situate a given passage within its revelatory setting and thus handle the Bible with greater fidelity.

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THEO2323 *New Testament Biblical Theology* (3 credit hours)

This course seeks to canvass the major events and motifs of the New Testament revelation, showing how key doctrines are unfolded in the gospels and the epistles. This introduction will cover the scope, content and structure of New Testament theology.

THEO2333 *Old Testament Biblical Theology* (3 credit hours)

This course seeks to canvass the major events and motifs of the Old Testament revelation including such topics as creation, fall, redemption, consummation, biblical introduction, and covenants. This introduction will cover the scope, content and structure of Old Testament theology.

THEO3312 / 3322 / 3332 *Hebrew Grammar I / II / III* (2 credits hours each)

An elementary introduction to the Hebrew language leading to proficiency in reading and translating the Hebrew Scriptures.

THEO3412 / 3422 / 3432 *Beginning Greek I / II / III* (2 credits hours each)

This course is a study of elementary grammar, syntax, and vocabulary intended to take the desirous and diligent student from no knowledge of Koine Greek in 3 semesters to reading the New Testament in its original language with minimal aid.

THEO3213 *The History of Missions in Africa* (2 credit hours)

The History of Missions in Africa is an interdisciplinary course (History/Theology) focusing on God's providence as it relates to the movement of the gospel across the African continent. Special attention will be given to the successes and failures of various missionary efforts, as well as the influence of the cultures, theologies, and attitudes that fueled those missions. Students will trace the influence of colonialism, Darwinian evolution, racism, and trade routs, as they shaped the landscape of missions throughout history.

THEO3215 *Spirituality: Prayer* (2 credit hours)

Prayer is absolutely vital for the Christian life. This course is an introductory exploration of what the Scriptures have to say about the nature of prayer and its practice. The main goal of the course is to deepen the student's commitment to a life of prayer, both personal and corporate.

THEO3113 *Church History I* (3 credit hours)

This course introduces major developments and themes in church history from the apostolic fathers to the Reformation, including the struggles to define orthodoxy, the church's relationship to the state, and theology's relationship to philosophy. The course also examines the missionary enterprise of converting Europe and early Catholic missions to the Americas, Africa, and Asia, and the shift of Christian cultural identity from Roman to European with the fusing of Classical and Germanic worldview. Students will examine the nature and influence of monastic movements, the rise of the papacy, and the characteristics of medieval piety. The increasingly independent identities of the Eastern and Western church and the Church's responses to Islam will also be discussed.

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THEO3313 *Introduction to Hermeneutics* (3 credit hours)

This course is designed to help students to interpret and apply the biblical text in a responsible and informed manner. This involves understanding of methods, skills, research tools, important concepts, and values necessary for interpretation and application. A brief survey of biblical interpretation and the presuppositions behind different forms of biblical interpretation will also be considered.

THEO3311 *The Islamic Invasion of Africa* (3 credit hours)

The Islamic Invasion of Africa is a course designed to give students a basic understanding of the history and theology of the Islamic religion, while tracing its progress towards hegemonic dominance in North Africa, and its spread throughout the continent. Special consideration will be given to Islam's contributions to African culture, its participation in, and domination of, the transcontinental slave trade, the establishment of Islamic Republics, and the current crisis of Islamic terrorism in Africa. Students will also examine the complex relationship between their non-violent Muslim neighbors and those more fanatical elements as it relates to the use of Qu'ran and Hadith to justify both approaches to the religion.

THEO3333 *The History of Christianity in Africa* (3 credit hours)

The History of Christianity in Africa is a course designed to give students a broad-strokes view of the providence of God as it relates to the evangelization of the African continent, from Augustin and the Early Church Fathers and the early African missions, to modern influences like Liberation Theology, Apartheid, Pentecostalism, and other contemporary, indigenous movements.

THEO3323 *Church History II* (3 credit hours)

This course examines the history of the church from the Reformation to the present. It introduces the causes, nature, and effects of the Reformation and the varied understandings of the place of Scriptural exegesis in theology and the church. Students will be introduced to key reformers, consider their distinctives, and analyze variations in the emergence of Protestantism. Additionally the course will focus on the Protestant missions movement, the Awakenings, the rise of evangelicalism, and the massive global expansion of Christianity in the modern era.

THEO3413 *Systematic Theology I: Theology Proper* (3 credits hours)

This course continues the study of Systematic Theology by focusing on the doctrine of God. Topics covered include the existence and attributes of God, his knowability, his role in creation and providence, and the doctrine of the Trinity.

THEO3423 *Systematic Theology II: Anthropology and Angelology* (3 credits hours)

This course continues the study of Systematic Theology by focusing on the doctrine of man and the doctrine of angels and demons. Topics covered include the Bible's teaching regarding angels and demons, Satan, the image of God in man, and the role of men and women in God's design.

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THEO3533 Systematic Theology III: Soteriology & Eschatology (3 credits hours)

This course continues the study of Systematic Theology by focusing on the doctrine of salvation. Topics covered include the election, the atonement, calling, regeneration, conversion, justification, adoption, baptism of the Spirit, sanctification, perseverance, glorification, and union with Christ. Additionally, it focuses on the doctrine of the last things. Topics covered include individual eschatology, the intermediate state, final judgment, heaven and hell, as well as the interpretive questions regarding the end times on which the Christians differ.

THEO4212 Money and Mission in Africa (2 credit hours)

Money and Mission in Africa is an interdisciplinary course (Theology/Economics) designed to give students a basic understanding of the economics of missions as it relates to funding both projects and people for the work of the gospel. From the traditional, historic mission funding efforts of men like David Livingstone, to contemporary approaches like micro-business, students will evaluate various approaches from a biblical, theological, and sociological perspective. Special attention will also be given to the interplay between mission movements and NGOs, and the relationship between the mission of the church (the advance of the gospel among the unreached), and humanitarian/development goals shared by Christians and non-Christians alike.

THEO4223 World Missions (3 credit hours)

This course introduces basic missionary issues, including the Biblical basis of missions, Mission history, and Missions and the local church. It also covers various contemporary issues, including contextualization and cross-cultural communication, tent-making, raising support, security issues in "closed countries" and the challenge of the 10/40 Window.

THEO4412 Traditional African Religions (2 credit hours)

Traditional African Religions is a course designed to introduce students to the various indigenous religious expressions throughout Africa, how they developed, what they believe and teach, how they shape African culture, and how they impact the advance of the gospel on the African continent. Students will also examine the conflict between traditional African relations and Christianity, and how those conflicts affect Christians seeking to develop a full-orbed biblical worldview while existing within an African religious context. The class will also examine the influence of African religion on the development of Christianity on the African continent.

THEO4312 Apologetics (2 credit hours)

An introduction to the field of Christian apologetics. A Christian theo-philosophical foundation will be presented first, from which a proper and cogent defence of the Christian faith may then be established. A biblical apologetic will be articulated. The course is designed to provide the student with a foundational and general understanding of Christian apologetics, in the Reformed tradition, for the purpose of constructing a personal and biblical apologetic.

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THEO4432 Christian Leadership (2 credit hours)

An analysis of the qualities and practices of the effective Christian leader based on principles in Scripture and related literature, with attention to devising a personal philosophy of spiritual leadership.

THEO4513 Africa and the Cults (3 credit hours)

Africa and the Cults is a course designed to give students a basic understanding of the theological landscape of Africa in general, and Zambia in particular, as it relates to the theological landscape in terms of cults. From traditional cults like Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, to the influence of contemporary cultic teachers like T.B. Joshua, this course will help students identify the marks of a cult, and equip them with tools to engage and interact with cultic theology.

THEO4613 Rhetoric for Teaching and Preaching (3 credit hours)

Rhetoric for Teaching and Preaching is a course designed to equip students to communicate effectively, efficiently, and persuasively in any context. The course will examine the traditional rhetoric of Aristotle, the great rhetoricians of history, and contemporary developments in rhetoric. Students will also learn to evaluate and critique rhetoric, and make presentations. This is a hands-on course designed to help students develop both confidence, and competence as persuasive speakers.

THEO4413 Introduction to Biblical Counselling (3 credit hours)

Introduction to Biblical Counselling is a course designed to prepare students to apply biblical truth to everyday issues. Whether raising their own children, interacting with fellow students, or responding to people seeking advice or counsel, students will learn to rely on the sufficiency of Scripture as a guide for godly living, and a source of healing and help for the hurting and needy. Special attention will be given to the application of biblical teaching in response to those suffering with guilt, grief, depression, anxiety, addiction, anger, impulsiveness, and many other conditions common to the human experience.

THEO4313 Baptist History (3 credit hours)

A study of the history of the Baptists, especially focusing on the English Calvinistic Baptists from the early seventeenth century to the late nineteenth century, and then, to provide the student with an awareness of the Baptist distinctives, convictions and spirituality of some of his or her Baptist forebears.

THEO4423 & THEO4533 Internship I & II (3 credit hours)

This multi-disciplinary, two-term course is designed to help fourth-year students apply what they have learned in a hands-on environment under the supervision of professionals in the field. The course will consist of reading and writing assignments, supervised work in a desired field, and evaluation by the supervisor, the student, and the professor.

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THEO4232 *Vocational Evangelism* (2 credit hours)

This multi-disciplinary course is designed to introduce fourth-year students to the nature, definition, importance, and content of evangelism in general, and evangelism in and through the workplace in particular. The course will draw from best practices in both theology, business, law and politics in an effort to familiarize students with both the opportunities for, and challenges of evangelism in the workplace. Students will learn the basics of evangelism and apologetics and have hands-on opportunities to engage in both.

THEO4835 *Senior Project & Thesis* (5 credit hours)

The Senior Project/Thesis is the culmination of the ACU experience. Students will choose a topic within their field of study and be guided step-by-step through the process of writing a 20-30 page thesis paper based on research in primary sources. Students will work together with peers and supervisors to craft research questions and work through multiple drafts of their thesis. Students will locate, analyze and synthesize primary sources and integrate findings with relevant secondary sources in an effort to produce a work worthy of publication in reputable scholarly journals.

RELI4323 *World Religions* (3 credit hours)

This course is an introduction to the history, development, and beliefs of ancient and contemporary major religions including the influence of Eastern religions in the 20th and 21st centuries as well as contemporary resurgence of spirituality. Students will examine the localized religions of the Ancient Near East as well as the development of the major world religions of Hinduism and Buddhism. Special attention will be paid to the development of these religions alongside progress of ancient civilization and the unfolding biblical narrative. The course also focuses on the history, development, and beliefs of Islam. Special attention is paid to the historical development of Islamic sects as well as the development of the church's response to Islam.