ACU Scholars Programme Curriculum

1ST Term	2ND Term	3RD Term	Credit Hours
Bible's Grand Narrative I (2)	Bible's Grand Narrative II (2)	Bible's Grand Narrative III (2)	
Language Arts I (2)	Language Arts II (2)	Language Arts III (2)	
Christian Reasoning and Rhetoric I (2)	Christian Reasoning and Rhetoric II (2)	Christian Reasoning and Rhetoric III (2)	
Maths I (2)	Maths II (2)	Maths III (2)	
Computer Skills I (2)	Computer Skills II (2)	Computer Skills III (2)	
Study Skills (1)			
11	10	10	31

✳ Each course is developed with the trivium of *grammar, logic, rhetoric* in mind and taught from a clearly developed Christian worldview.
✳ This schedule does not include the Student Labour Programme or any of the supra-curriculum activities including: the Mentoring Group / Advisee Hour, Chapel, Disputatio (debate club), Choir and Ministry Opportunities.

Course Descriptions

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

Scholars Programme Courses and Descriptions
BIBL0012 / 0022 / 0032 *The Bible's Grand Narrative I / II / III* (2 credit hours each) This is a comprehensive, gospel-saturated overview of the entire Bible, taught from a historical redemptive perspective using the Creation-Fall-Redemption-Consummation framework. This approach develops an understanding of the whole Scriptures with a continual focus on the redeeming work of Christ. It provides the thematic basis for all the courses in the Scholars Programme and, indeed, all of ACU. It is evangelistic as well as the establishment of a Christian world and life view which undergirds every disciplinary approach at ACU.

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ENGL0012 / 0022 / 0032 *Language Arts I / II / III* (2 credit hours each)
Growing out of a biblically-based understanding of language and its uses, this course is fundamental to all scholarly endeavours of life that require excellence. It reviews and expands reading and writing skills in preparation for academic research and composition. The course opens our understanding of God's design for communication as the means to know and express Him and His creation. It emphasises correct grammar and punctuation, including sentence construction, paragraph structure, essay development and vocabulary, employing skills of logic and effective communication techniques. Strategies of effective reading, both reading accurately interpreting skilfully, are covered and practiced making use of a variety of literary works, including but not limited to African literature

PHIL0012 / 0022 / 0032 *Christian Reasoning and Rhetoric I / II / III* (2 credit hours each)
Building on the Language Arts foundation, this course helps students realise the significance of thinking God's thoughts after Him and develops and strengthens critical thinking skills, including skills of problem evaluation and solving, discernment, and wisdom based on biblical truth and Christian reasoning. God created us to know wisdom and exercise the mind in a logical manner so that we can cohesively and consistently know and express truth and knowledge while revealing error and fallacy. Introduction of both formal and informal logic are included, while centring on issues that are relevant to the African cultural context. An evaluation of skills of rhetoric is introduced and practiced. All of this combines to help make better thinkers, scholars, problem solvers and communicators.

MATH0012 / 0022 / 0032 *Maths I / II / III* (2 credit hours each)
While mathematics is rarely considered as a revelation of God, in reality it displays the invisible attributes that uphold creation. "His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made" (Romans 1:20). Creation stands on mathematics. "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Mathematics defines the precision of heavenly bodies, mass and motion. This course will bolster the students' foundations in mathematics enabling them to see the significance of structured, quantified thinking to know God. They are then better equipped to apply that thinking to fulfil His mandate as faithful stewards over His creation.

CSCI0012 / 0022 / 0032 *Computer Skills I / II / III* (2 credit hours each)
Computer skills are fundamental to functioning in any contemporary field. This course covers computer essentials including typing, email, internet browsing, word processing, spreadsheet and presentation essentials. The curriculum provides hands on practice with essential computer programmes with an emphasis on ethical computer practices. These skills are integrated into an understanding of God's redemptive plan dove-tailing with The Bible's Grand Narrative course, equipping students to better perform any vocation with integrity and excellence.

EDUR0011 *Study Skills* (1 credit hour)
This course is designed to help students learn to be good stewards of time and the intellect, reasoning and learning skills that God has granted. The course will teach good time management skills, note-taking skills, study skills, reading and essential writing skills.

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Scholars Programme Student Labour and Supra-Curricular Activity Descriptions
Student Labour Programme Students gain hands-on instruction and practice in a variety of work-related activities. In addition to emphasising the biblical understanding of the dignity of work, students gain practical experience, are challenged toward excellence in all things, experience the benefit of benevolent servanthood, and develop a variety of life skills. This is fundamental to the overall purpose of ACU in making servants for the highest levels if benevolent, kingdom service in any field or discipline.
Mentoring/Advisee Groups The Mentoring Grous are small student groups paired with a faculty "advisor." This is an opportunity for students and faculty to know one another on a more personal, intimate level. It is an opportunity for students (or faculty) to ask questions which likely would not be addressed otherwise. The Advisee time is an open hour when each faculty member is available for any student question or discussion or tutoring session. It will be optional for students.
Chapel Chapel is held once a week, giving opportunity for the development of a Christian ethos. Pastors as well as faculty will be invited to speak.
Disputatio This is a session allowing for a variety of interesting events, such as scholarly discussions and debates between students and faculty members; special presentations on topics of cultural, social, political, or theological relevance; apologetic sessions; question and answer sessions; guest presentations; etc.
Choir All students participate in an introduction to music programme out of which the most musically talented constitute the choir. This may evolve into a promotional/ministry ensemble which will travel with ACU representatives to churches and conferences.
Ministry Opportunities As image-bearers of our Creator, each Christian should glorify God in utilising their abilities to work, to serve and to create for the benefit of others. Opportunities to serve others in encouraging their faith or meeting their needs through benevolent acts will be pursued for the benefit of others and for the glory of God as the love of Christ is demonstrated through action.

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