



BD-3

Bachelor of Divinity

Learning Outcomes

- To acquire a wide range of knowledge about Christianity
- To develop good critical thinking and self-reflection abilities and holistic personal development
- To qualify for the credentials of leadership roles in the church, the Christian community and society

Curriculum

It normally takes three to five years for students with different academic qualifications to complete the full-time Bachelor of Divinity (BD) programme. Students who have not received a bachelor's degree prior to admission (i.e. BD-4 and BD-5 students) are required to take additional course (e.g. general education courses and philosophy courses) to gain broad exposure to different disciplines and to understand Christianity with an interdisciplinary perspective.

Type of Curriculum	Graduation Requirements (2019 Entrants)	Normative Study Period (Years)	Maximum Study Period (Years)
5-year curriculum (BD-5) • For secondary school graduates	154 units	5	7
4-year curriculum (BD-4) • For secondary school graduates with professional training not less than two years (e.g. associate degrees or higher diploma programmes)	125 units	4	6
3-year curriculum (BD-3) • For bachelor's degree holders (including Bachelor of Theology)	101 units	3	5

Full-time church or Christian organization workers, and Christians with a doctorate in other subjects, can apply for part-time study. The study periods of part-time students vary according to individual circumstances. To maximize learning experience, students are strongly encouraged to opt for full-time study whenever possible.

The University adopts a credit unit system. Generally speaking, each credit unit should be regarded as equivalent to one contact hour per week for at least 13 weeks in an academic term. BD students are required to complete 101-159 units of courses before graduation. The following is a breakdown in terms of credit units:

Area of Study	Admitted in 2017 or after			Admitted in 2015 or 2016			Admitted in 2014 or before		
	BD-3	BD-4	BD-5	BD-3	BD-4	BD-5	BD-3	BD-4	BD-5
1 Biblical Studies	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
2 History of Christianity	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
3 Theology	12	12	15	12	12	15	12	12	15
4 Pastoral Studies	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
5 Christianity and Society	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
6 Faculty Student Seminar	9	9	9	12	12	12	12	12	12
7 Graduate Thesis	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
8 Field Education	8	8	12	8	8	12	10	10	14
9 Electives	6	15	20	6	15	20	6	15	20
10 Compulsory Non-theology Courses	0	15	32	0	15	32	0	15	32
Total number of units required	101	125	154	104	128	157	106	130	159

Comprehensive Examination

In addition to the above course requirements, all BD students are required to sit for the **comprehensive examination** in Year 4 (i.e. the **penultimate year**). The examination is held in early May every year. Before taking the examination, students are advised to complete at least four courses in Bible, three courses in Theology, two courses in History of Christianity and at least 11 courses altogether.

There are two papers for the written examination. Students may answer the questions in either Chinese or English. Paper I is a three-hour closed book examination while Paper II is a four-hour open book examination. Students who fail in the examination may take a re-sit examination, which will normally take place by the end of September of the same year. Students who fail in the re-trial should withdraw from the programme.

☞ Points to note:

Year of Attendance indicates a student's cumulative years of attendance at the University. It depends on a student's **year of admission** regardless of the level and the programme of study. For a student admitted in 2019-20, the year of attendance is "1" in 2019-20, "2" in 2020-21, "3" in 2021-22, etc.

Year of Study reflects the **level of study**. As shown in the table below, BD students are expected to graduate in Year 5. A BD-4 student is in Year 2 during the first year of attendance. Similarly, a BD-3 student is in Year 3 during the first year of attendance. As a general principle, lower level (or undergraduate) courses should be taken in Year 1 and 2; while higher level (or postgraduate) courses should be taken in Year 3 or above.

Year of Attendance 修業年					
Curriculum	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year
5-year (BD-5)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 [Final year]
4-year (BD-4)	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 [Final year]	-
3-year (BD-3)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 [Final year]	-	-

} Year of Study 年級

A **Course Code** comprises four alphabets and four numerals. The first four alphabets denote the subjects and the course offering units. Students should consult the course offering units concerned for enquiries related to course registration and selection. Below are some samples:

THEO	Theology
RELS	Religious Studies & Theology
CURE	Cultural & Religious Studies
PHIL	Philosophy
PHED	Physical Education
CHLT	Chinese Proficiency
CLCC	Cantonese
CLCP	Putonghua
UGEA/UGEB/	General Education (Area A: Chinese Cultural Heritage; Area B: Nature, Science and Technology;
UGEC/UGED	Area C: Society and Culture; Area D: Self and Humanity)

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Course Code and Title (Each course is worth <u>3 units</u> unless otherwise specified) 科目編號及名稱 (除另有註明外, 每科 3 學分)		Suggested Year of Study 建議修讀年級
Area 1: Biblical Studies 聖經研究		
1A. Biblical Languages 聖經原文		
Any two courses from below (6 units in total): 修讀以下任何兩科聖經原文科目 (共 6 學分):		
THEO3215*	New Testament Greek I 新約希臘文 (一)	Year 3
THEO3216*	New Testament Greek II 新約希臘文 (二)	
THEO3217*	Biblical Hebrew I 聖經希伯來文 (一) (previously titled "Hebrew I 希伯來文 I")	
THEO3218*	Biblical Hebrew II 聖經希伯來文 (二) (previously titled "Hebrew II 希伯來文 II")	
1B. Biblical Studies 聖經研究		
Two compulsory biblical studies courses (6 units in total): 修讀兩科聖經研究必修科目 (共 6 學分):		
THEO1211*	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經導論	Year 3
THEO1212*	Introduction to the New Testament 新約聖經導論	
And any three biblical studies courses from below (9 units): 另須修讀以下任何三個聖經研究科目(共 9 學分):		
RELS5131	Biblical Hermeneutics in Asian Perspectives 亞洲的聖經詮釋學	Year 4 or above
RELS5132	Advanced Biblical Exegesis I 進深聖經釋經 I	
RELS5133	Advanced Biblical Exegesis II 進深聖經釋經 II	
RELS5134	Gender Critical Interpretation of the Bible 聖經性別考據學	
THEO2211	Pentateuchal Studies 五經研究	
THEO2212	Prophetic Literature 先知文學	
THEO2213	Wisdom and the Psalms 智慧文學與詩篇	
THEO2214	Synoptic Gospels 共觀福音	
THEO2215	Johannine Literature 約翰之著作	
THEO2216	Pauline Letters 保羅書信	
THEO3213^	Biblical Studies: Special Topics I 聖經研究：專題研究 I	
THEO3214^	Biblical Studies: Special Topics II 聖經研究：專題研究 II	
THEO5210^	Selected Reading of the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經選讀	
THEO5211^	Selected Reading of the New Testament 新約聖經選讀	
THEO5212	Development of Early Christian Communities 早期基督教發展	
THEO5213	Extracanonical Literature 典外文獻	
THEO5214	Hebrew Bible Exegesis 希伯來聖經釋經	
THEO5215	New Testament Greek Exegesis 新約希臘文釋經	
THEO5216	Narrative Art in the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經中的敘事藝術	
THEO5319	The book of Ezra-Nehemiah and the books of Chronicles 以斯拉－尼希米記與歷代志上下	
THEO5911	Contextual Interpretations of the Bible 聖經的處境詮釋	
THEO5912	Biblical Theology 聖經神學	

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THEO5950^	Special Topics on Biblical Studies I 聖經研究：專題研究 I	Year 4 or above
THEO5951^	Special Topics on Biblical Studies II 聖經研究：專題研究 II	
Area 2: History of Christianity 教會史		
Four compulsory history courses (12 units in total): 修讀四科必修歷史科目 (共 12 學分):		
THEO2221*	Early and Medieval Church 早期與中世紀教會	Year 3
THEO5271*	The Reformation Era 改革時代	
THEO5272* /THEO5324*	Modern Western Christianity 現代西方基督教 <i>or 或</i> History of Christianity in Asia 亞洲基督教史	
THEO3221* /THEO3222*	History of Christianity in China 中國基督教史 <i>or 或</i> History of Christianity in Hong Kong 香港基督教史	
Area 3: Theology 神學		
Two compulsory courses (6 units in total): 兩科必修科目 (共 6 學分):		
THEO2235*	Systematic Theology I 系統神學 I	Year 3
THEO2236*	Systematic Theology II 系統神學 II	
And any two theology courses from below (6 units in total): 另須修讀以下任何兩個神學科目(共 6 學分):		
THEO2231	Humanity and Salvation 人類與拯救	Year 4 or above
THEO3235^	Theological Studies: Special Topics I 神學：專題研究 I	
THEO3236^	Theological Studies: Special Topics II 神學：專題研究 II	
THEO5224	God, Creation and Eschatology 上帝論、創造論與末世論	
THEO5225	Christ, Church and Spirit 基督、教會與聖靈	
THEO5226	Theology and Feminism 神學與女性主義	
THEO5230	Hermeneutics and Theology 詮釋學與神學	
THEO5231	Modernity and Theology 現代性與神學	
THEO5232	Theological Systems and Methods 神學系統與神學方法	
THEO5233	Political and Liberation Theologies 政治神學與解放神學	
THEO5234	Chinese Christian Thinkers 中國基督教思想家	
THEO5235	Cinema and Theology 電影與神學	
THEO5920	Contextual Theologies 處境神學	
THEO5921^	Modern Christian Thinkers 現代基督教思想家	
THEO5922	Asian Theologies 亞洲神學	
THEO5929	History of Christian Thought 基督教思想歷史	
THEO5930	Public Theology 公共神學	
THEO5952^	Special Topics on Theological Studies I 神學研究:專題研究 I	
THEO5953^	Special Topics on Theological Studies II 神學研究:專題研究 II	

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Area 4: Pastoral Studies 牧養

At least 15 units of pastoral studies courses from below: 以下牧養科目至少修讀 15 學分:

RELS5275	Spirituality and Religious Congregations 靈修與修會傳統	Year 3 or above
THEO2241	Pastoral Theology 牧養神學	
THEO3240	Local Church Study 本地教會探究	
THEO3241	Homiletics 講道學	
THEO3242	Denominational Tradition and Polity 宗派傳統及體制	
THEO3244	Liturgics 禮儀學	
THEO3245	Preaching 講道實習 (2 units)	
THEO3246	Death and Dying 生寄死歸	
THEO3247^	Pastoral Studies: Special Topics I 牧養研究：專題研究 I	
THEO3248^	Pastoral Studies: Special Topics II 牧養研究：專題研究 II	
THEO5240	Congregational Studies 堂會研究	
THEO5242	History, Practice, and Theology of Christian Worship 基督教崇拜之歷史、實踐與神學	
THEO5243	Twenty-First Century Hymnology 廿一世紀聖詩學	
THEO5244	Models of Practical Theology 實踐神學模型	
THEO5245	Sex, Marriage and Family 性、婚姻與家庭	
THEO5511	Preaching Bible in Contexts 處境性聖經宣講	
THEO5512	Homiletics and Selected Reading of the Bible 講道學與經卷選讀	
THEO5541	The Bible and Worship 聖經與崇拜	
THEO5542	Theology of Worship 崇拜神學	
THEO5543	Congregational Hymns and Pastoral Care 會眾聖詩與牧養	
THEO5544	Planning and Leading Worship Service 崇拜教材編寫與領導	
THEO5545	Church Organist Training 教會風琴司訓練 (1 unit)	
THEO5546	Preaching According to the Lectionary 經課講道	
THEO5941	Pastoral Care in Context 處境化之牧養關顧	
THEO5942	Contemporary Spirituality 現代人的屬靈生活	
THEO5944	Church Management and Leadership 教會管理及領導	
THEO5945	Christian Counselling 基督教輔導學	
THEO5946	Counselling and Youth Ministry 輔導與青少年牧養	
THEO5947	Counselling and Family Ministry 輔導與家庭牧養	
THEO5948	Theology and Counselling Theories 神學與當代輔導理論	
THEO5956^	Special Topics on Pastoral Studies and Counseling I 教牧學與輔導：專題研究 I	
THEO5957^	Special Topics on Pastoral Studies and Counseling II 教牧學與輔導：專題研究 II	
THEO5962^	Special Topics on Worship and Sacred Music I 崇拜與聖樂：專題研究 I	
THEO5963^	Special Topics on Worship and Sacred Music II 崇拜與聖樂：專題研究 II	
THEO6941^	Pastoral Studies: Seminar I 牧養研究：專題研討 I	
THEO6942^	Pastoral Studies: Seminar II 牧養研究：專題研討 II	

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Area 5: Christianity and Society 基督教與社會

5A. At least one course from the area of Mission (3 units):

以下宣教科目必須修讀至少一科 (共 3 學分):

THEO3252	Approaches to Mission Studies 宣教研究方法 (previously titled “The Church in Mission 受差傳之教會”)	Year 3 or above
THEO5141	Ecumenics 普世教會學	
THEO5142	Issues Facing Churches Today 今日教會所面對之問題	
THEO5144	Women in World Missions 婦女與世界宣教	
THEO5924	Christianity and Social Change 基督教與社會變遷	
THEO5964^	Special Topics on Mission I 宣教學：專題研究 I	
THEO5965^	Special Topics on Mission II 宣教學：專題研究 II	

5B. At least one course from the area of Ethics (3 units):

以下倫理科目必須修讀至少一科 (共 3 學分):

RELS5273	Catholic Social Ethics 天主教社會倫理	Year 3 or above
THEO3254	Christian Ethics 基督教倫理學	
THEO5843	Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society and Religion 近代倫理、社會及宗教的問題	

5C. And any two courses from below (6 units in total):

另須修讀以下任何兩個科目 (共 6 學分):

RELS5118	Studies on Chinese Buddhism 中國佛教研究	Year 3 or above
RELS5121	Popular Religion in China 中國民間宗教	
RELS5123	Taoist Thought 道教教義	
RELS5129	Taoism and Chinese Culture 道教與中國文化	
RELS5131	Biblical Hermeneutics in Asian Perspectives 亞洲的聖經詮釋學	
RELS5273	Catholic Social Ethics 天主教社會倫理	
THEO2251	Foundation of Religious Education 宗教教育基礎	
THEO3221	History of Christianity in China 中國基督教史	
THEO3222	History of Christianity in Hong Kong 香港基督教史	
THEO3252	Approaches to Mission Studies 宣教研究方法 (previously titled “The Church in Mission 受差傳之教會”)	
THEO3254	Christian Ethics 基督教倫理學	
THEO5141	Ecumenics 普世教會學	
THEO5142	Issues Facing Churches Today 今日教會所面對之問題	
THEO5144	Women in World Missions 婦女與世界宣教	
THEO5149	Christianity and Ecology 基督教與生態學	
THEO5220	Christianity in Chinese Literature 中國文學中的基督教	
THEO5221	Protestantism in Reform China 改革開放時期的中國基督教	
THEO5222	Studies in Hong Kong Christianity 香港基督教研究	
THEO5223	Christianity in the Chinese Diaspora 離散處境中的華人基督教	
THEO5241	Christian Mission and Glocalization 基督教宣教與全球地域化	
THEO5513	Teaching Bible in Church and School 教會及學校中的聖經教育	

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THEO5551	Life Education in Hong Kong 香港生命教育	Year 3 or above
THEO5843	Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society and Religion 近代倫理、社會及宗教的問題	
THEO5846	Religious Education and Personal Growth 宗教教育與個人成長	
THEO5847	Culture, Religion and Ethics 文化、宗教與倫理	
THEO5849	Religion and Ecological Crisis 宗教與生態危機	
THEO5852	Theories of Religious Education 宗教教育理論	
THEO5853	Christian Education in the Postmodern World 後現代世界中的基督教教育	
THEO5854	Teaching/Learning Theories in Christian Education 基督教教育之教與學	
THEO5855	Christian Education and Character Formation 基督教教育與品格培養	
THEO5922	Asian Theologies 亞洲神學	
THEO5923	Christianity in Chinese Religious Context 中國宗教脈絡中的基督教	
THEO5924	Christianity and Social Change 基督教與社會轉變	
THEO5925	Chinese Christianities 中國基督教	
THEO5926	Christianity and Chinese Culture 基督教與中國文化	
THEO5928	Christianity in Twentieth Century China 二十世紀中國基督教	
THEO5930	Public Theology 公共神學	
THEO5932	Theology and Work 神學與工作	
THEO5933	Media, Popular Culture and Christianity 媒體、普及文化與基督教	
THEO5954 [^]	Special Topics on Christianity and Society I 基督教與社會：專題研究 I	
THEO5955 [^]	Special Topics on Christianity and Society II 基督教與社會：專題研究 II	
THEO5958 [^]	Special Topics on Christianity in China I 中國基督教：專題研究 I	
THEO5959 [^]	Special Topics on Christianity in China II 中國基督教：專題研究 II	
THEO5960 [^]	Special Topics on Christian Education I 基督教教育：專題研究 I	
THEO5961 [^]	Special Topics on Christian Education II 基督教教育：專題研究 II	
THEO5964 [^]	Special Topics on Mission I 宣教學：專題研究 I	
THEO5965 [^]	Special Topics on Mission II 宣教學：專題研究 II	
THEO5966	Theology and Hong Kong Society 神學與香港社會	
Area 6: Faculty Student Seminar 師生研究		
2017-18 or after entrants: Three compulsory courses (9 units in total): 2017-18 或之後入學：三科必修科目 (共 9 學分):		
THEO5005	Faculty Student Seminar I 師生專題研究 I	Year 3 Term 2
THEO5006	Faculty Student Seminar II 師生專題研究 II	Year 4 Term 1
THEO5007	Faculty Student Seminar III 師生專題研究 III	Year 4 Term 2
2016-17 or before entrants: Four compulsory courses (12 units in total): 2016-17 或以前入學：四科必修科目 (共 12 學分):		
THEO5005	Faculty Student Seminar I 師生專題研究 I	Year 4 Term 1
THEO5006	Faculty Student Seminar II 師生專題研究 II	Year 4 Term 2
THEO5007	Faculty Student Seminar III 師生專題研究 III	Year 5 Term 1
THEO5008	Faculty Student Seminar IV 師生專題研究 IV	Year 5 Term 2

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Area 7: Graduate Thesis 畢業生論文

Three compulsory courses (6 units in total):

三科必修科目 (共 6 學分):

THEO5002	Graduate Thesis I 畢業生論文 I (2 units)	Year 5 Term 1
THEO5003	Graduate Thesis II 畢業生論文 II (2 units)	Year 5 Term 2
THEO5004	Graduate Thesis III 畢業生論文 III (2 units)	Year 5 Summer

Area 8: Field Education 實習

2015-16 or after entrants: Four compulsory courses (8 units in total):

2015-16 或之後入學: 四科必修科 (共 8 學分):

THEO4241◆	Field Education I 實習 (一) (2 units)	See the school webpage for details
THEO4242◆	Field Education II 實習 (二) (2 units)	
THEO6943◆	Field Education III 實習 (三) (2 units)	
THEO6944◆	Field Education IV 實習 (四) (2 units)	

2014-15 or before entrants: Five compulsory courses (10 units in total):

2014-15 或之前入學: 五科必修科 (共 10 學分):

THEO3240+	Local Church Study 本地教會探究 (2 units)	See the school webpage for details
THEO4241◆	Field Education I 實習 (一) (2 units)	
THEO4242◆	Field Education II 實習 (二) (2 units)	
THEO6943◆	Field Education III 實習 (三) (2 units)	
THEO6944◆	Field Education IV 實習 (四) (2 units)	

Area 9: Electives 選修科目

Religious/theology electives (6 units in total)

宗教/神學選修科 (共 6 學分)

Take THEO courses or CURE courses offered by the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies programme 修讀 THEO 科目、或由宗教研究文學士課程所開設之 CURE 科目作選修科	Year 3 or above
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Total Number of Units Required for Graduation

畢業所需學分

101 [2017 or after entry | 2017 或之後入學]

104 [2015/2016 entry | 2015/2016 入學]

106 [2014 or before entry | 2014 或之前入學]

Remarks:

- * **Foundation THEO courses.** Students should take foundation courses before taking THEO courses at advanced level.
- ^ Students are allowed to take these courses more than once, and gain three units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course code more than once in a single term.
- + In 2014-15 (and before), THEO3240 was worth 2 units. With effect from 2015-16, THEO3240 is worth 3 units and it is no longer listed as a compulsory course under Area (8).
- ◆ Holders of Bachelor of Theology degrees (or other equivalent qualifications) who have full-time work experience in church are eligible to apply for exemption from Field Education.

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Points to Note:

1. Some courses are listed in more than one area of study. However, **no course taken in a single term could be double-counted towards students' graduation requirements**. For instance, if a student takes *THEO3222 History of Christianity in Hong Kong* for partial fulfilment of Area (2), then THEO3222 will not be counted towards Area (5) nor Area (9).
2. A few courses have two course codes, e.g. THEO1212/5312 *Introduction to the New Testament*. Under this circumstance, students should register for the course codes **THEO1000-4999 instead of THEO5000 or above** (e.g. to take THEO1212 instead of THEO5312). Year 3 or above BD students should follow **postgraduate assessment standards** for all THEO courses taken regardless of the course codes registered.
3. Courses listed above will be offered according to resources available in each term and year. Details of course offerings in a particular term will be announced at course registration time.
4. [Applicable to students admitted in 2016-17 or before only] Please refer to the school [webpage](#) for course codes used in previous academic years.