

**AKROFI-CHRISTALLER INSTITUTE (ACI)
OF THEOLOGY, MISSION AND CULTURE
(Formerly Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre)**

ADMISSIONS HANDOUT 2008/2009

I ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

1. Master of Theology [MTh] and Doctor of Philosophy [PhD] (August 2008)

The MTh and PhD programmes (with particular emphasis on African Christianity) are aimed at making it possible for graduates from countries all over the world to undertake an advanced study of the forms and traditions of African Christian life and thought emerging as a distinctive strand of non-western Christianity with the potential of contributing to world Christianity. PhD candidates who do not have the MTh in African Christianity will be required to take the Postgraduate Research Degrees course work during the first year.

2. Master of Arts [MA] in Theology & Mission (September 2008)

The MA in Theology and Mission is specifically designed to meet the needs of working people who cannot take a whole year off for study. It is therefore organized into intensive four blocks of three weeks each, within one year (Normally January to October. From 2008 however, this will change to run Sept. to June).

3. Master of Arts [MA] in Cross-Cultural Ministry (September 2008)

The programme provides opportunity for graduate Christian workers, lay or ordained ministers, and students of theology and mission who are committed to ministry in cross-cultural situations, to examine the historical, religious and cultural context in which they operate, and actually construct culture-specific ministries and to reflect theologically on this enterprise.

It further provides opportunity for candidates, who do not have specialized training in these fields, to engage in theological research involving cross-cultural or inter-religious study, to bridge the gap between their previous academic pursuit and the new undertaking, and thus to establish a solid foundation for relevant and contextual research and ministry.

A substantial part of this programme takes place at the Tamale Institute for Cross-Cultural Studies.

4. Entry requirements for admission:

MA: a good honours degree (or its equivalent) in any discipline from a recognized University. (The M.A. in Theology and Mission also qualifies candidates for consideration to be admitted to the MTh).

MTh: a good honours degree (or its equivalent) in Theology or in Religious Studies from a recognized University.

PhD: a Masters degree in Theology or in Religious Studies from a recognized University.

5. **Application forms** may be downloaded from our web site at: www.acmcghana.org. Alternatively, contact the Registrar's Office through *P.O. Box 76, Akropong-Akuapem* or registry@acmcghana.org. Completed application forms should be returned to the Registrar at the above address. Further details may be obtained in the same manner.

6. **Closing date: 31 March 2008**

II DETAILS OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Programme	Duration	Tuition fee	Entry requirements
Master of Arts (Theology & Mission)	4 Blocks (Aug - May)	\$2,200	First degree in any subject
Master of Arts (Cross-Cultural Ministry)	14 months (Sept – Oct)	\$2,600	First degree in any subject, preferably theology
Master of Theology (African Christianity)	4 Semesters	\$3,100 p.a.	First degree in Theology or Religions/MA (Theology & Mission)
PhD (Theology)	6 Semesters	\$5,100 p.a.	MTh or MA in Religions or Theology

Note: One Block is made up of three weeks' lectures/tutorials/supervision; one semester is made up of 16 weeks of academic work. **Fees are subject to review without notice.**

Candidates are required to pay \$35 (outside Ghana) or GH ₵30.00 (within Ghana) as application fee on submission of application.

Applicants are to note that additional funds will be required to meet such other expenses as:

- Ø Accommodation [\$6.6 a day in ACI hostel]
- Ø Meals [\$6.6 a day at ACI cafeteria]
- Ø Books and photocopying [estimated at \$250 - \$500 per annum]
- Ø Laptop computer for PhD candidates [about \$2,000]
- Ø Travel – this will depend on where the student is traveling from, and how often it will be necessary to travel between ACI and the country in question.
- Ø Research (For PhD candidates only). This will depend on the nature of the research project and what is involved. Students will be assisted to arrive at a reasonable estimate by the end of the first year.
- Ø Dissertation/Thesis production – about \$500

III PROGRAMME CONTENT

MA (Theology and Mission)

Students are required to take a total of nine (9) taught courses and write a project essay on an agreed topic of not less than 10,000 words. Students will be expected to present a brief overview of the essay in a seminar. Assessment of performance in this seminar will form 30% of the overall assessment for the essay. For each of the nine (9) taught courses, candidates will be required to sit and pass an examination.

Courses:

- a. Introduction to Theology [MATM01]
- b. Old Testament survey [MATM02]
- c. New Testament survey [MATM03]
- d. Christian History as Mission History [MATM05]
- e. Studies in Christian doctrine and ethics [MATM06]
- f. Biblical Texts – Old Testament and New Testament [MATM04]
- g. Studies in Gospel and Culture [MATM07]
- h. Studies in spirituality – Primal and Christian [MATM08]
- i. Christ and other faiths in the African context [MATM09]
- j. Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words) [MATM10]

MA (Cross-Cultural Ministry)

Students will take seven (7) taught courses at Tamale Institute for Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) and write an essay of 5,000 words at the end of field education.

The ACI portion will consist of three (3) taught courses and a 10,000 word dissertation at the end.

A TICCS component

Part I Cross-Cultural Communication

- a. Cross-cultural communication – orientation [MACC01]
- b. Language learning for cross-cultural ministry [MACC02]
- c. Culture learning for cross-cultural ministry [MACC03]
- d. Ministry learning in cross-cultural ministry [MACC04]

Part II Cultural Analysis

- e. Introduction to social and cultural analysis [MACC05]
- f. The quest for meaning [MACC06]
- g. Making the integration [MACC07]

Part III Field education [MACC08]

- h. Preliminaries, introductions.
- i. Language – learning and ministry
- j. Culture learning and ministry
- k. Culture specific ministry
- l. Doing culture specific ministry
- m. Integration and dissertation preparation

B ACI component

- k. Studies in Gospel and Culture [MATM07]
- l. Studies in spirituality – Primal and Christian [MATM08]
- m. Christ and other faiths in the African context [MATM09]

C. Project essay of about 10,000 words (at TICCS or ACI) [MATM10]

Master of Theology (MTh)

A. Course work

All students take a total of six (6) taught courses in the first year – two core and one elective each semester, from the following:

Core:

- a. The Roots of African Theology in the twentieth Century [PRDC01]
- b. The Christian faith and the primal religions of the world, with special reference to Africa. [PRDC02]
- c. World Christian History as Mission history [PRDC03]
- d. Gospel and Culture – biblical, historical and theological perspectives. [PRDC04]

Electives:

- e. The Bible in African Christianity [PRDC05]
- f. Studies in Modern African Instituted churches and other Christian movements [PRDC08]
- g. Aspects of the Christian history in Africa [PRDC09]
- h. Christian faith and Islam in Africa. [PRDC07]
- i. Patterns of Christian Ministry in Africa. [PRDC10]

Research Methods (PRDS01): There is a series of seminars designed to assist students to appreciate the value of developing a culture of research and scholarship in the study and interpretation of African Christian life and thought. This is covered in both semesters.

B. Dissertation [MTAC13]

In the second year, students write a dissertation of 30,000 words. A special requirement is that, apart from the regular abstract in English, students should submit also a one page abstract of their dissertation in their mother tongue.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

This is by research and thesis only. Candidates who have previously not obtained the MTh in African Christianity will be required to take the Postgraduate Research Degrees course work during the first year.

Students are required to submit a thesis of around 100,000 words on an agreed topic at the end of the third year of the programme.

A special requirement is that, apart from the regular abstract in English, students should submit also a one-page abstract of their dissertation in their mother tongue.

IV 2007/08 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE (These dates are subject to change)

Semesters

2007/2008

Semester 1 6th August 2007 to 10th December 2007
(Arrivals and orientation week: 6 – 10 August)

Semester 2 4th February 2008 to 30th May 2008

2008/2009

Semester 1 11th August to 15th December 2008
(Arrivals & Orientation: 11 – 15 August)

Semester 2 2nd February to 5th June 2009

Blocks

2008/2009

Block 1 8th to 26th September 2008 (Orientation: 4, 5 September)
Exams: 6, 7 November

Block 2 10th to 28th November 2008
Exams: 19, 20 February

Block 3 23rd February to 13th March 2009
Exams: 16, 17 April

Block 4 4th May to 22nd May 2009

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