

## ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES 2008/2009

### MTh/PhD [candidates can opt for one of two specialisations available]

**Option 1 - African Christianity** 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 Research studies course work during the first year. Progression to the PhD level will depend on satisfactory performance in the course work.

#### **A. Course work (For Research Studies)**

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
- b. The Christian faith and the primal religions of the world, with special reference to Africa.
- c. Aspects of world Christian History as Mission history
- d. Gospel and Culture – biblical, historical and theological perspectives.

##### *Electives:*

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

#### **B. Dissertation/Thesis**

**MTh:** 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.

**PhD:** Students are required to submit a thesis of around 100,000 words on an agreed topic not earlier than three years after registration.

#### **Option 2 - Bible Translation & Interpretation**

The programme seeks to explore intentionally the role of the mother-tongue Scriptures in this process, and to equip students for the ongoing task of Bible translation and interpretation, by developing their skills in translation and exegesis, both in the original biblical languages and in African mother tongues, the languages in which most Africans read the Scriptures, pray and worship. The programme is so designed that it will meet the need of translation agencies working in Africa, theological training institutions and churches, for theologically trained staff who are biblical experts able to relate their biblical and theological scholarship to the realities of the African context and to the needs of the African Church in the wider world.

**A. Course work: First semester**

- a. Reading, exegesis and interpretation of the Hebrew Bible for indigenous translation. (*For those specialising in Old Testament*) Weekly two-hour meeting.
- b. Reading, exegesis and interpretation of the Greek New Testament Bible for indigenous translation. (*For those specialising in New Testament*) Weekly two-hour meeting.
- c. Themes in Modern African Christian Theology
- d. Christian Faith and Primal Religions of the World, with special reference to Africa
- e. The Bible in African Christianity

**B. Course work: Second semester**

- a. Advance reading exegesis and interpretation of the Hebrew Bible for indigenous translation. (*For those specialising in Old Testament*)
- b. Advance reading, exegesis and interpretation of the Greek New Testament Bible for indigenous translation. (*For those specialising in New Testament*).  
(*PhD students who are taking Hebrew will be expected to take this course also, as a preparation for studying the Septuagint.*)
- c. Issues in Gospel and Culture-Biblical, Historical and Theological Perspectives

A series on research methods will accompany this programme.

**C. Dissertation/Thesis**

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**PhD:** Students are required to submit a thesis of around 100,000 words on an agreed topic not earlier than three years after registration.

**Master of Arts (MA) in Theology and Mission**

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 four blocks of three weeks each, within one year.

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. For each of the nine (9) taught courses, candidates will be required to sit and pass an examination.

**Courses**

- a. Introduction to Theology
- b. Old Testament survey
- c. New Testament survey
- d. Christian History as Mission History
- e. Studies in Christian doctrine and ethics
- f. Biblical Texts - Old Testament and New Testament
- g. Studies in Gospel and Culture
- h. Studies in spirituality - Primal and Christian
- i. Christ and other faiths in the African context

## **Project Essay**

- j. Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words)

## **Master of Arts [MA] in Cross-Cultural Ministry**

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.

Students will take seven (7) taught courses at 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 20,000 word dissertation at the end.

### ***A. TICCS component***

#### **Part I** Cross-Cultural Communication

- a. Cross-cultural communication – orientation
- b. Language learning for cross-cultural ministry
- c. Culture learning for cross-cultural ministry
- d. Ministry learning in cross-cultural ministry

#### **Part II** Cultural Analysis

- e. Introduction to social and cultural analysis
- f. The quest for meaning
- g. Making the integration

#### **Part III** Field education

- 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***

#### *Core Courses* (Required)

- a. Aspects of World Christian History as Mission history
- b. Issues in Gospel and Culture

#### *Electives*

- c. Aspects of Christian history of Africa
- d. Studies in early African Christianity of the first six centuries
- e. Christian faith and Islam in Africa

f. Patterns of Christian Ministry in Africa

### **C. Project essay writing at TICCS or ACI**

#### **Entry requirements for admission**

**MA:** A good honours degree 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 in Theology or in Religious Studies from a recognized University.

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

#### **How to apply**

Application forms may be downloaded from our website at:  
[www.acmcghana.org/appl-forms](http://www.acmcghana.org/appl-forms)

Alternatively, write to: The Registry, P.O. Box 76, Akropong-Akuapem or email [registry@acmcghana.org](mailto:registry@acmcghana.org) or contact **Susie Lamptey** and **Emily Akuffo** on +233 (0)81-91490/1 Ext 114. Completed application forms should be returned to the Registry at the above address. Further details may be obtained in the same manner.

**Closing date for applications: 30th April 2008**

#### **Academic Schedule**

##### **Semesters**

*Semester 1:* Arrivals & Orientation: 11th- 15th August  
11th August 2008 to 15th December 2008

Semester 2 2nd February 2009 to 30th May 2009

##### **Blocks**

[Orientation: 4 - 5 September 2008]

- 1 8 - 26 September 2008 (Exams: 5 – 7 November)
- 2 10 – 28 November 2008 (Exams: 18 – 20 February)
- 3 23 February – 13 March 2009 (Exams: 15 – 17 April)
4. 4 – 22 May 2009 (Oral Presentations: 21 – 22)