

# **Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana**

## **INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR APPLICANTS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES**

### **STATUS**

*Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture is fully accredited as a post-graduate institution by the National Accreditation Board of the Ghana Ministry of Education. It also has a Presidential Charter to award its own degrees*

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

\*Enquiries concerning admissions are accepted and answered throughout the year. However, applications for admission to a particular year should be lodged with the Registrar's office by the closing date to be announced from time to time.

\*Application forms may be downloaded from the Institute's website ([www.acighana.org](http://www.acighana.org)) or obtained through the post from the Registrar's office, P.O. Box 76, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana. Correspondence by e-mail may be sent to: [registry@acighana.org](mailto:registry@acighana.org).

\*Successful candidates would normally be notified at least three months before the start of the programme. In addition to meeting the criteria for admission, successful candidates are also expected to show evidence of availability of adequate funds to undertake the programme.

### **❖ Master of Arts (Theology and Mission)**

**Duration: One (1) Year**

**Total Cost: \$3000 (or Cedi equivalent)**

#### ***Entry Requirements***

All candidates must possess a good Honours degree (or an equivalent qualification) in any field of study, from a recognized University.

#### ***Taught Courses***

The taught courses are organised in three blocks of three weeks' duration each. Each course comprises 20 hours of lectures and up to 10 hours of tutorials. Each course will cover four (4) hours of lectures daily with provision for two (2) hours of tutorials daily.

There is a fourth block for a Project Essay on an agreed topic. For the time being, the following are the courses available.

#### ***Course Titles***

##### **MA (Theology and Mission)**

MATM01 History of Christian Thought and the Theology of Mission

MATM02 Old Testament Survey: Israelite History, Literature and Ideas  
MATM03 New Testament Survey: Early Christian History, Ideas and Literature  
MATM04 Biblical Texts in the African Context  
MATM05 Christian History as Mission History  
MATM06 Christian Doctrine and Ethics in African perspective  
MATM07 Studies in Gospel and Culture  
MATM08 Studies in Spirituality - Primal and Christian  
MATM09 Christ and other Faiths in the African Context  
MATM10 Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words)

### ❖ **MA (Theology and Mission – Study Options)**

❖ **Duration: One (1) Year**

❖ **Total Cost: \$3000 (or Cedi equivalent)**

The Institute offers a number of Study Options in the Master of Arts (Theology and Mission). In the application process, an applicant may indicate if he or she desires to take a particular Option. The choice of option will be ratified after acceptance at the beginning of the academic year.

### **MA (Theology and Mission – Holistic Mission and Development Option)**

MATM01 History of Christian Thought and the Theology of Mission  
MATM18 Literature, Message and Ideas of the Bible  
MATM20 Studies in Transformational, Integral and Sustainable Development  
MATM19 Biblical Texts: Creation, Land and Community  
MATM05 Christian History as Mission History  
MATM06 Christian Doctrine and Ethics in African Perspective  
MATM07 Studies in Gospel and Culture  
MATM08 Studies in Spirituality - Primal and Christian  
MATM09 Christ and other Faiths in the African Context  
MATM10 Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words)

### **MA (Theology and Mission – Biblical Studies Option)**

MATM01 History of Christian Thought and the Theology of Mission  
MATM18 Literature, Message and Ideas of the Bible  
MATM21 Mission in the Bible (Jonah and Galatians)  
MATM04 Biblical Texts in the African Context  
MATM05 Christian History as Mission History  
MATM06 Christian Doctrine and Ethics in African Perspective  
MATM07 Studies in Gospel and Culture  
MATM08 Studies in Spirituality - Primal and Christian  
MATM09 Christ and other Faiths in the African Context  
MATM10 Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words)

### **MA (Theology and Mission – Pentecostal Studies Option)**

MATM01 History of Christian Thought and the Theology of Mission  
MATM18 Literature, Message and Ideas of the Bible  
MATM22 Healing and Exorcism in the New Testament  
MATM23 Biblical Texts (Pauline Pneumatology)  
MATM05 Christian History as Mission History  
MATM06 Christian Doctrine and Ethics in African Perspective

MATM07 Studies in Gospel and Culture  
MATM08 Studies in Spirituality - Primal and Christian  
MATM09 Christ and other Faiths in the African Context  
MATM10 Write-up of project essay on an agreed topic (10,000 words)

\*The MA (Mission & Theology) is a recognized bridging programme to the other programmes (MTh and PhD)

## ❖ **Master of Theology (MTh)**

**Duration: Two (2) Years**

**Tuition \$4500 for a year**

**Total: \$9000 (or Cedi equivalent)**

### ***Entry Requirements***

All candidates must possess a good Honours degree (or an equivalent qualification) in Theology or in Religious Studies, from a recognized University.

### ***Options:***

There are two options on offer:

1. African Christianity
2. Bible Translation and Interpretation

### ***Course Details***

One year postgraduate course work is required. The second year is devoted to writing dissertation of around 30,000 words on an agreed topic.

### **MTh (African Christianity)**

All students take a total of six research-based postgraduate degree courses in the first year: two core and one elective each semester. The semester in which each course is taken is specified in the MTh/PhD Course Handbook.

### ***Core Courses:***

The Roots of Modern African Theology in the 20th Century. (PRDC01)

Christian Faith and Primal Religions of the World, with Special Reference to Africa (PRDC02)

Aspects of World Christian History (PRDC03)

Issues of Gospel and Culture – Biblical, Historical and Theological Perspectives (PRDC04)

### ***Electives:***

The Bible in African Christianity – Aspects of African Biblical Hermeneutics (PRDC05)

Studies in Early African Christianity of the First Six Centuries (PRDC06)

Christian Faith and Islam in Africa (PRDC07)

Modern African Instituted Churches (PRDC08)

Aspects of the Christian History of Africa (PRDC09)

Patterns of Christian Ministry in Africa (PRDC10)

Theology, Human Need and the Environment (PRDC11)

### **MTh (Bible Translation and Interpretation)**

All students take the courses listed below. The semester in which each course is taken is specified in the MTh/PhD Course Handbook.

1. Reading, Exegesis and Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible for Indigenous Translation (for those specialising in Old Testament) [BTIH01]

Or

Reading, Exegesis and Interpretation of the Greek New Testament for Indigenous Translation (for those specialising in New Testament) [BTIG01]

(PhD Students taking Hebrew will be expected to take this Course also, as a preparation for studying the Septuagint.)

2. The Roots of Modern African Theology in the 20th Century (PRDC01)

3. Christian Faith and Primal Religions of the World, with Special Reference to Africa (PRDC02)

4. Issues of Gospel and Culture – Biblical, Historical and Theological Perspectives (PRDC04)

5. The Bible in African Christianity – Aspects of African Biblical Hermeneutics (PRDC05)

6. Advanced Reading, Exegesis and Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible for Indigenous Translation (for those specialising in Old Testament) [BTIH02]

Or

Advanced Reading, Exegesis and Interpretation of the Greek New Testament for Indigenous Translation (for those specialising in New Testament) [BTIG02]

(PhD Students taking Hebrew will be expected to take this Course also, as a preparation for studying the Septuagint.)

7. Reading Course: Exegesis, Interpretation and Translation [BTIR01]

### ***Research Methods (PRDS01)***

All MTh students are to participate in a series of lectures on Research Methods in both semesters as part of their course work. This course is not examinable but it is compulsory for all students to attend.

## **❖ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Theology**

**Duration: Four Years**

**Tuition: \$7,500 for each year**

**Total: \$30,000 (or Cedi equivalent)**

### ***Entry Requirements***

All candidates must possess a good Masters degree in Theology or in Religious Studies from a recognized University.

### ***Course Details***

All candidates for PhD who have not previously obtained the MTh in African Christianity or MTh in Bible Translation and Interpretation are required to take the postgraduate research degrees course work (see under MTh above) for one year.

A minimum of three years is given to write a thesis of around 100,000 words on an agreed topic.

### ***Research Methods***

All PhD students who have not previously undertaken the Research Methods seminars are required to complete these non-examinable seminars in the first year of their degree.

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