

Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary Applied Higher Education in Theology Curriculum	
1. Name of the Curriculum (in Estonian)	TEOLOOGIA JA MISJON
2. Name of the Curriculum (in English)	Theology and Mission
3. Higher education study level	Applied higher education
4. Form of studies	Stationary cyclical studies
5. Educational institution	Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary
6. Study load <i>ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System's credit points</i>	180 ECTS
7. Nominal duration	3 years
8. Curriculum group	Theology
9. Curriculum code in the Estonian Education Information System (EHIS)	121658
10. Language of instruction	English
11. Other languages required for attaining the learning outcomes	
12. First registration of the program	June 14, 2013
13. Date of approval of the current version of the curriculum in the educational institution	February 13, 2025
14. Entrance requirements	Secondary education or its equivalent
15. Curriculum (major) specialty (or specialties) and their load (ECTS)	Theology and Mission (180 ECTS)
16. Minor specialty(ies) and other specializations in the curriculum and their load (ECTS)	Congregational Leadership and Multiplication (33 ECTS) Evangelism and Apologetics (33 ECTS) Biblical Studies and Teaching (33 ECTS)
17. Goals of the curriculum	The goal of the curriculum is to prepare professionals with both academic and practical theological competencies necessary to work in both church and society in a manner that enables lifelong development, the ability to continue in graduate level studies, and making a positive contribution to society.
18. Learning outcomes	Upon completion of the curriculum the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess theological, personal, and cultural issues through a biblical, historical and contemporary church lens; • describe and discuss, in a culturally appropriate manner, the primary themes and messages of the Bible including its sociocultural context;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply knowledge gained at the Seminary to one's own life, Christian ministry, and in the broader social environment; • demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with others from various social-cultural backgrounds taking initiative, displaying teamwork and argumentation skills; • employ personal strategies for lifelong learning for personal development.
19. Name(s) of the diploma or academic degree(s) received upon graduation	Bachelor of Arts in Humanities with a specialization in Theology and Mission
20. Documents issued upon graduation	Diploma, transcript and diploma supplement
21. Brief description of the curriculum structure	<p>Core modules:</p> <p>General Disciplines (9 ECTS) Spiritual Formation (12 ECTS) Theology, Mission and Church History (38 ECTS) Biblical Studies (35 ECTS) Practical Theology (41 ECTS) Minor (33 ECTS) Electives / free electives (6 ECTS) Final thesis (6 ECTS)</p>
22. Options for completing the curriculum	<p>Completion of the core modules in Theology and Mission is compulsory for all students. After the first year a student chooses one minor specialisation. The elective / free elective subjects may be chosen from other minor subjects offered, from other free elective subjects offered by the Seminary, or may be applied for through APEL from learning experience elsewhere. The student may choose a final thesis topic related to his/her chosen minor field.</p>
23. Requirements for completing the curriculum	<p>The student has to achieve passing grades in all subjects of the curriculum, defend the diploma paper and have no financial debts towards the BMTS.</p>
24. Additional information	www.emkts.ee

STUDY PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND LOAD, OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Module Title: <i>General Courses</i>		Load: 9 ECTS
Goals	To form communicative, digital and research competence for the purpose of studies.	
Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will be able to use different databases, academic literature and appropriate methodologies for conducting academic research 	
Assessment:		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
YLD001	Introduction to Studies	1
YLD402	Academic Writing	3
YLD403	Information Skills	1
YLD404	Bible Study Tools	1
YLD405	Foundations of Scientific Research I	1
YLD406	Foundations of Scientific Research II	2

Module Title: <i>Spiritual Formation</i>		Load: 12 ECTS
Goals	The goal is to give practical understanding and experience in advancing in Christlikeness as quantified by the learning outcomes.	
Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be able to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integrate an understanding of Christian identity into their life and ministry; • demonstrate and assess the importance of prayer in the community of faith; • apply the Bible individually and within the community as the foundational guide for spiritual growth and for healthy relationships with others; • assess and apply diverse spiritual disciplines both individually and within the community; • demonstrate reliance on Scripture plus experience (personal and others) in the process of discernment and decision making; • embody a sense of responsibility for the care of society and the environment. 	
Assessment:		
Assessment methods: differentiated assessment according to the subject.		
Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
PRT413	Identity in Christ	2
PRT414	Spiritual Disciplines	2
PRT415	Gifts of the Spirit	2
PRT416	Maturing in Christ	2
PRT417	Perseverance in Trials and Spiritual Warfare	2
PRT418	Spiritual Growth in the Community	2

Module Title: <i>Theology, Mission and Church History</i>		Load: 38 ECTS
Goals	The goal of the module is to develop a systematic understanding of the basic doctrines of Christianity, their biblical foundations, historical and	

	diverse development leading to their interaction with modern societal issues.	
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the module the student will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present in a meaningful way the views of the Christian faith and be able to discuss them on the basis of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience; • analyse different theological and confessional views and their origins from the position of Scripture; • assess contemporary issues in theology, spiritual life and wider society from the perspective of a Christian worldview; • present Christian theology in a clear and relevant manner considering the contemporary context. • evaluate the main periods of development in church history, the turning points and the historical reasons for the emergence of denominational diversity; • formulate the emergence of the Methodist movement in the context of the general history of the church. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
SYT401	Theology: God, the Trinity and Christ	3
SYT402	Theology: Revelation, Mankind and Salvation	3
SYT403	Theology: Church, Holy Spirit and Eschatology	3
SYT303	Foundations of Wesleyan Theology	3
SYT050	Denominational Studies	3
SYT312	Introduction to the Theology of Mission	3
SYT305	Comparative Religion	3
SYT006	Apologetics	2
SYT307	Ethics	3
KIL020	Early Church and Middle Ages	3
KIL021	Reformation	3
KIL022	The Church from the Enlightenment to Today	3
KIL303	Estonian Church History	3

Module Title: <i>Biblical Studies</i>		Load: 35 ECTS
Goals	The goal of the module is to provide a broad understanding of the Bible as well as the hermeneutical and exegetical skills to interpret the Bible in a manner that appreciates the historical-cultural context in which it was written, the role played by different genres and sections and encourages application of the text in the personal life of the student and in interacting with contemporary society.	
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the module the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interpret the message of the Bible according to the context in which it is written; • evaluate methods of biblical interpretation and apply them to the analysis of texts; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formulate a view of how different parts of the Bible relate to each other in the development of the Christian message; • relate the biblical message to the contemporary religious and socio-cultural context.
Assessment	
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.	
Courses	
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i> <i>ECTS</i>
PIO308	Old Testament Survey 4
PIO301	New Testament Survey 4
PIO403	Biblical Hermeneutics 2
PIO302	Inductive Bible Study: Mark 3
PIO405	Inductive Bible Study: Exodus 3
PIO028	Inductive Bible Study: Romans 3
PIO408	The Original Languages of the Bible 1
PIO316	Wisdom Literature and Poetry 2
PIO310	Old Testament Prophets 2
PIO410	Old Testament Theology 3
PIO411	Acts of the Apostles 2
PIO412	The Writings of John 3
PIO305	New Testament Theology 3

Module Title: <i>Practical Theology</i>		Load: 41 ECTS
Goals	The goal of the module is to provide the knowledge, skills and experience to apply theology in personal growth, in service to the church and in interactions with society.	
Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate the acquisition of personal and ministry competencies; • apply theological principles to develop holistically strong and effective ministries that make a positive contribution to society; • formulate ways of applying theoretical theological knowledge in contemporary social contexts; • evaluate and apply methods for the spiritual development of growing congregations and individuals in a manner appropriate to the situation; • apply effective communication with the people around them, especially in problem-solving situations. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
PRT401	Evangelism	3
PRT402	Discipleship	2
PRT301	Lifelong Learning in the Congregation	3
PRT404	Principles of Church Growth	3
PRT308	Homiletics	3
PRT303	Practical Communication Psychology	2

PRT302	Introduction to Psychology	2
PRT408	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counselling	3
PRT409	Pastoral Care and Counselling in the Church Context	3
PRT410	The Nature of Christian Leadership	3
PRT411	Theology of Worship	3
PRT412	Foundations of Diaconal Ministry	2
PRT419	Congregational Observation Practicum	2
PRT420	Congregational Ministry Practicum	3
PRT421	Mission Practicum	4

Minor: Congregational Leadership and Multiplication		Load: 33 ECTS
Goal	The goal of this minor is to develop the skills necessary for growing strong congregations and multiplying congregations with a spiritual and missional focus that enable the God given gifts of the members to be effectively used.	
Learning outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the institutional and spiritual nature of the church; • design, implement and evaluate discipleship methods as tools for church growth; • demonstrate leadership abilities in a way that maximizes the potential of spiritual gifts given by God to each member; • assess and apply the principles of church planting and development; • assess and apply the basic principles of pastoral ministry. • evaluate and attend to the needs and context of the society in which the church and Christian ministry happens. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
KOG401	Pastoral Theology	3
KOG402	Mentoring and Discipleship	2
KOG403	Spiritual Gifts and Teamwork	2
KOG404	Practical Congregational Leadership	3
KOG405	Guided Pastoral Care Practicum	3
KOG406	Empowering Congregations for Missions	3
KOG407	Theological and Practical Foundations of Church planting	3
KOG408	Youth Work and Multi-generational Congregations	3
KOG409	Worship practicum	3
KPG421	Bible Teaching and Preaching Methods and Practicum	4
KVG422	Estonian religious landscape	2
KVG423	Media in Christian ministry	2

Minor: Evangelism and Apologetics		Load: 33 ECTS
Goal	The goal of the minor is to prepare students for effective communication with society by giving an understanding of current thinking on key issues,	

	providing the tools for analysing and preparing a coherent response from a Christian perspective.	
Learning outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate and respond to contemporary beliefs and opinions from a Christian world view; • formulate culturally sensitive presentations of the gospel; • assess the situation and trajectory of Church and society in the light of God's Word; • demonstrate the ability to discern biblical wisdom and Holy Spirit led courses of action in personal and ministerial endeavors; • articulate a personal model of evangelism reflective of the great commission and principles of apologetics. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
KEV401	The Gospel and Culture	3
KEV402	The Apologetics of Joy and Beauty	3
KEV403	Logic and Philosophy in Evangelism	2
KEV404	Prayer and the Power of God in Ministry	2
KEV405	Evangelism Practicum	4
KEV406	New Spiritualities	3
KEV407	Christianity and Social Justice	3
KEV408	Science and Faith: limitations and interactions	2
KEV409	Apologetics Practicum	4
KVP421	Controversial Issues in the Church Today	3
KVG422	Estonian religious landscape	2
KVG423	Media in Christian Ministry	2

Minor: Biblical Studies and Teaching		Load: 33 ECTS
Goal	The goal of this minor is to cultivate skills in interpreting the Bible, in analysing how topics are developed both within the Bible, throughout history and specifically in our modern context, as well as to develop the ability to share the knowledge received both in spoken and written form.	
Learning outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyze and accurately interpret biblical texts both in the original and modern language; • formulate how individual parts of the Bible relate to and support its overall message; • assess and articulate how Christian articles of faith are based on the Bible and developed differently by different denominations; • demonstrate an understanding of the role of biblical instruction in the discipleship process; • utilize a variety of Bible teaching methods, including, but not limited to, delivering exegetical sermons. 	
Assessment		

Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.

Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
KAP401	New Testament Greek	4
KAP402	New Testament Exegesis	4
KAP403	Contemporary Methods of Biblical Interpretation	3
KAP404	Bible Synthesis	3
KAP405	Biblical Themes Through Church History	3
KAP406	The Bible's Role in Discipleship	2
KAP407	Theological Writing Seminar and Practicum	5
KAP408	Inductive Bible Study Practicum	2
KPG421	Bible teaching and preaching methods and practicum	4
KVP421	Controversial Doctrines in the Church Today	3

Module: Electives / Free Electives		Load: 6 ECTS
Goal	Electives are intended to broaden the student's learning in specific areas that support the Theology and Mission curriculum and are of personal interest to the student.	
Learning outcomes	After completing the module, the student will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • orient through different theological issues and fields, understand them from a contemporary Christian perspective; • apply the knowledge and skills acquired in the seminar in his/her personal life, in church work and in society. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods: differentiated and non-differentiated assessment according to the subject. Assessment criteria: requirements are specified in the course syllabi.		
The elective / free elective subjects may be chosen from other minor subjects offered, from other free elective subjects offered by the Seminary, or may be applied for through APEL from learning experience elsewhere.		

Module Title: Final Thesis		Load: 6 ECTS
Goals	To give general skills for conducting research and formatting the diploma paper.	
Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the module the student will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • able to conduct research according to academic requirements, to analyse data and relate theories to each other and/or to practice; • able to integrate knowledge and skills acquired during studies; • capable of writing the paper following the required format; • capable of presenting the paper orally, with communicative clarity, reasoning, and explanations. 	
Assessment		
Assessment methods:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a public oral defence of the paper evaluated by a committee. Assessment criteria:		

- the paper's compliance with the *Final Thesis Guidelines*;
- quality of the oral defence;
- evaluations of the supervisor and reviewers.

Courses		
<i>Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
BAK401	Final Thesis	6