

TCA COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (English)

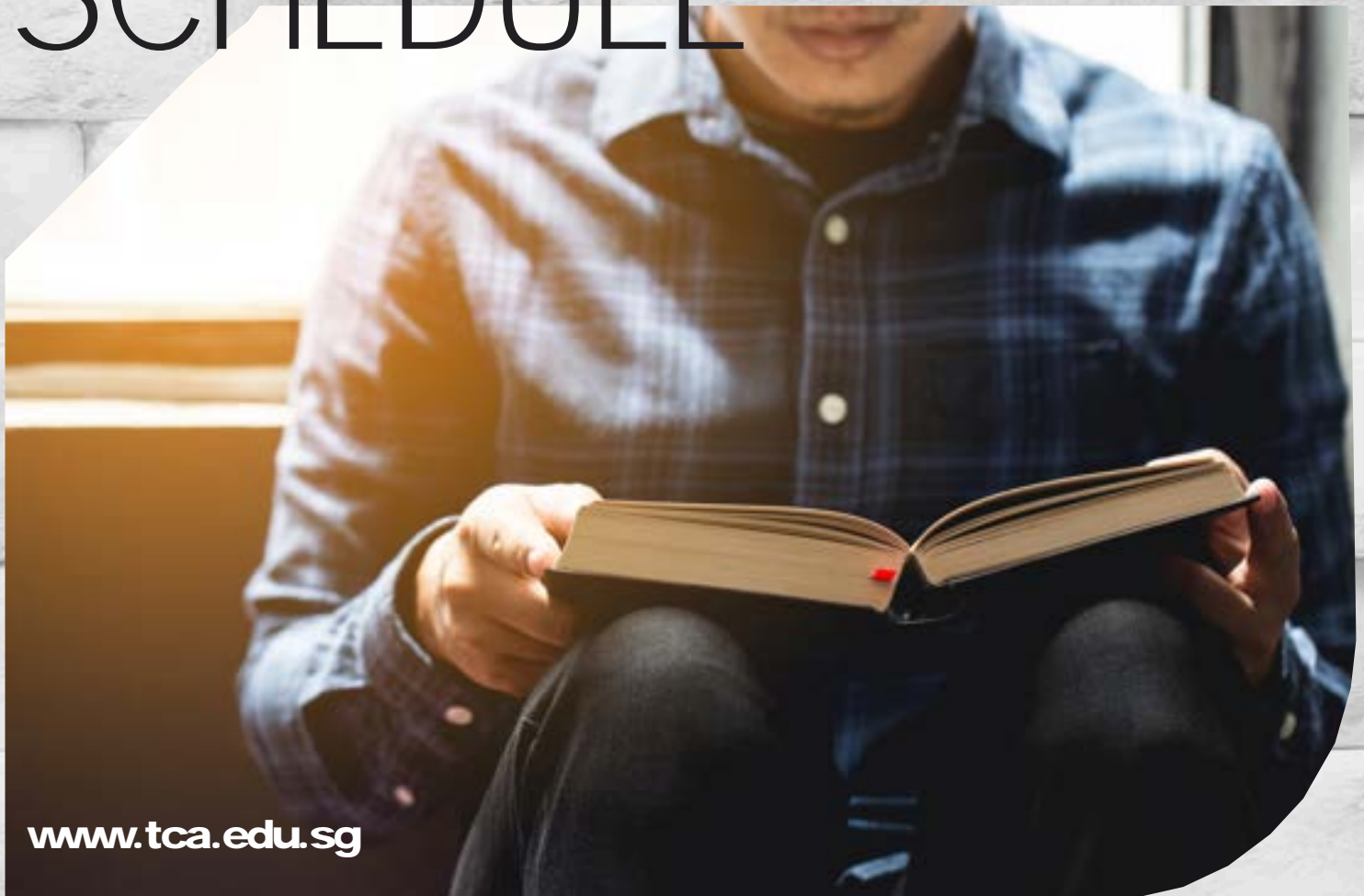
2025 TERM 2
APR 28-JUL 26



新亚学院

TCA College

COURSE SCHEDULE



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WEEKLY COURSES



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIAN CHRISTIANITY

NEW

Rev Lily Lim (MTh)

Apr 28 - Jul 21; Every Monday, 9am-12pm

This course explores indigenous expressions of Christianity in the 19th and 20th centuries following the arrival of European Christianity in Asia. Moving beyond narratives of Western missionaries venturing into various Asian regions, it offers a comprehensive examination of the journey of the Christian church in Asia, taking root in diverse cultural contexts and yielding meaningful outcomes. Given Asia's rich diversity and plurality of religions, cultures, and philosophical perspectives, the course emphasizes an approach to Christian mission that respects and engages with this pluralism and diversity. Through a blend of case studies, lectures, and readings, students will delve into the contemporary challenges of mission work in post-colonial, multiethnic, and multireligious Asia, exploring both the complexities and opportunities inherent in such contexts.

SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

Robert Sears (PhD)

Apr 28 - Jul 21; Every Monday, 2-5pm

Pre-requisite for undergraduates : Christian Doctrine



Evolution. Climate change. The Big Bang. These and other scientific concepts have profound implications for understanding the world and humanity's place within it. At the same time, scientific notions present both challenge and opportunity for Christians. To what extent are scientific and traditional Christian claims compatible? Do Christian claims need to be revised, elaborated, or expunged in the light of science? This course will address these questions and more as it surveys a variety of scientific disciplines – such as cosmology, psychology, and archaeology – and topics ranging from scientific method to divine action.

WEEKLY COURSES

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

NO AUDIT

**Rev Lam Ee Lin (EdD)****Apr 28 - Jul 21; Every Monday, 7-10pm**

Learning should be intentionally designed and strategically facilitated so that believers may effectively learn the Word of God. To accomplish this, students will discuss and apply core principles of learning and teaching in the context of Christian education. Design frameworks and instructional strategies will also be explored and experienced. The course culminates with every student demonstrating component skills through the instructional design of a lesson and a practical micro-teaching session. Peer evaluation during the practical sessions affords students opportunities to discern application of principles and assess relevance for a given profile of learners and context.

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY/FOUNDATIONS

Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)**Apr 29 - Jul 22; Every Tuesday, 9am-12pm**

The course New Testament Survey/Foundations systematically treats the different books of the New Testament, belonging to different literary genres, in their historical, cultural, economic, religious, and political settings in the world of the New Testament, both Palestinian and Greco-Roman. This is to understand why the different authors said what they said and what it is likely to have meant to their original audience and readers in their world. The course will also explore the main themes and teachings of each book with a view to studying them as part of the ongoing revelation of God's plan for our world today.



WEEKLY COURSES



PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP

Toni Er (DSL)

Apr 29 - Jul 22; Every Tuesday, 2pm-5pm

What is leadership? Are some ways of leading better than others? Are leaders born or made? This course will introduce students to the multi-disciplinary nature of leadership and the major leadership approaches. It is designed to help students explore, understand, and apply foundational principles of leadership in their journey as Christian leaders. It will examine major leadership approaches, leadership characteristics and styles, and the leadership process needed for effective Christian leadership. At the end of the course, students will be able to articulate and apply leadership principles suitable for their leadership and ministry contexts.

THEOLOGY III

Robert Sears (PhD)

Apr 29 - Jul 22; Every Tuesday, 7-10pm

For undergraduates only.
Pre-requisite: Christian Doctrine

Who is the Holy Spirit, and what functions does he have? What is the Church, and how does it relate to Israel and the kingdom of God? When will Jesus return, and what will happen to the world when he does? These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed in this course, which introduces students to the study of the Holy Spirit (pneumatology), Church (ecclesiology), and End Times (eschatology). Students will be exposed to biblical, classical, and contemporary engagements with these theological subjects, and thereby encounter key theologians and controversies that have shaped Christian understanding and contributed to denominational boundaries.



WEEKLY COURSES



PRINCIPLES OF MISSIONS

Rev Lily Lim (MTh)

Apr 29 - Jul 22; Every Tuesday, 7-10pm

This course provides students with both a theoretical and practical foundation for understanding God's global mission. It challenges students to embrace a holistic vision of mission, where the boundaries are not confined to a specific location or role, but rather sees mission as a dynamic and integral part of every believer's life. This vision of mission is expansive, inclusive, and practical, and the course seeks to instill in students a deep sense of purpose and urgency in their participation in God's redemptive work wherever they are, in every sphere of life.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)

Apr 30 - Jul 23; Every Wednesday, 7-10pm

Pre-requisite: New Testament Survey/Foundations

Keeping in view the uniqueness of the Gospel of John in contrast to the Synoptic Gospels, the course will take a Christological approach in order to throw a fresh light on the person and life of Jesus in the fourth Gospel. Further, it will seek to explore the various historical, literary, and theological aspects of the Gospel of John and theological themes such as God, the Christ, salvation, the Spirit, the Christ-Community, and last things, etc. Throughout, the course will highlight the unique aspects of John's story in continuum with the Hebrew scriptures that demonstrates God's salvific act through Jesus.



WEEKLY COURSES



SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

Robert Sears (PhD)

Apr 30 - Jul 23; Every Wednesday, 7-10pm

For graduate programs only.

Who is Christ? What is the significance of the cross? What is salvation, and why is it necessary for human beings to be saved? These and other crucial theological questions will be addressed in this course, which introduces students to the study of Christ (Christology), the human person (anthropology), sin (hamartiology), and salvation (soteriology). Throughout the course students will encounter a variety of theologians and their ideas, which, alongside the Bible, will provide a context for critical discussion and development of one's Christian worldview.

NO AUDIT

GREEK II

Tan Hock Seng (ThD)

May 1 - Jul 24; Every Thursday, 7-10pm

Pre-requisite: Greek I

Greek II is the second course in a three-part series introducing students to the essential elements of koiné Greek, the language of the New Testament. This course builds on the foundational knowledge gained in Greek I, deepening students' understanding and application of basic grammar and expanding their vocabulary. Through rigorous engagement with actual New Testament verses and passages, students will enhance their proficiency in reading and interpreting the original Greek text. Greek II emphasizes the continued development of grammatical skills and vocabulary acquisition, aiming to strengthen students' ability to comprehend and analyze scriptural texts.



WEEKLY COURSES

NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

Rev Lily Lim (MTh)

May 1 - Jul 24; Every Thursday, 7-10pm



This course seeks to explore and critically analyze the history and distinctive beliefs and practices of several “new religious movements” (NRM). In this class, students will be introduced to the teachings and practices of prominent NRMs such as Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, the Unification Church, Scientology to less known groups such as the Eastern Lightning, the Theosophical Society. We will study how these groups are formed in order to better understand their relationships with more traditional mainstream religions and society at large.

BLOCK COURSES



JUDGES

Rev Joseph Tan (PhD)

May 10, 17, 24, 31

Saturdays: 8.30am-4.30pm

Pre-requisite: Old Testament Survey/Foundations

The book of Judges is widely recognized as depicting a significant era in Israelite history marked by moral decline, where little positive morality is attributed to the people. Despite the distressing narratives of apostasy, violence, and disorder leading to foreign oppression, Yahweh raised judges to rescue the Israelites from their adversaries. His intervention during pivotal moments in the text showcased his sovereignty and grace in guiding his people's destiny. This course aims to explore the book of Judges within its historical, cultural, literary, and theological contexts, seeking to unveil its theological themes and relevance to contemporary significance.

PENTECOSTAL FOUNDATIONS/STUDIES

Rev Dennis Lum (PhD)

Jun 6, 7, 20, 21

Fridays: 8.30am-5pm

Saturdays: 8.30am-5pm

Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity is the fastest-growing movement in the history of the church. This course offers an exploration of the historical development of the global movement with attention to the Asian and Singapore contexts. Students will delve into the distinctive theological beliefs and practices that characterize Pentecostal spirituality, including the baptism in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, divine healing, spiritual gifts, and more. The course also examines how these beliefs influence the praxis of the church, equipping students to engage with this dynamic tradition in a deeper way.



BLOCK COURSES



LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL MISSION

Rev Chan Nam Chen (PhD)

Jun 27, 28; Jul 4, 5

Fridays: 8.30am-5pm

Saturdays: 8.30am-5pm



Effectiveness in leadership is subject to the interactions between leaders, followers, and their unique contexts. This course will explore leadership dynamics from a breadth of organizational and leadership theories in the light of biblical values with an emphasis on leadership development for global mission. Theories to be explored will include transformational leadership, adaptive leadership, followership, and polycentric mission leadership.

ONLINE COURSES

NO AUDIT



THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

Rev Lily Lim (MTh) & Gideon Ren (MDiv)

**Includes 3 onsite sessions: Apr 28, May 26, Jun 30
Mondays, 7-10pm**

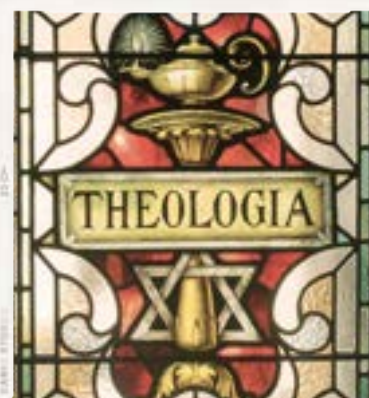
In this course, students will be introduced to the nature and process of theological research and writing. They will develop essential skills for "thinking theologically," understanding research methodology, academic writing, proper source usage, citation techniques, and avoiding plagiarism. Moreover, they will learn to utilize academic style and formatting. Through this course, students will receive valuable assistance in navigating the vast array of online and library resources, enabling them to craft well-written essays. Additionally, they will be guided on how to find, evaluate, and cite various digital sources.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

Robert Sears (PhD)

For graduate programs only.

This course will provide students with a general introduction to the theological enterprise and the study of God, both who God is and what God does. We will begin by examining the importance and role of theological method, continue with the doctrines of revelation and Scripture and conclude with an examination of God's attributes and actions. The student will also be introduced to some major theologians who have wrestled with these issues throughout the history of the church.



ONLINE COURSES

ACTS

Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)

For graduate programs only.

Pre-requisite: New Testament Foundations

The course Acts deals with the historical and theological content of the Book of Acts. While following a thoroughgoing exegetical framework for interpreting Acts in its historical, literary, rhetorical, and theological contexts, in course of its progression, the course will highlight some of the book's theological themes such as the Holy Spirit, church, and mission, church polity, and table-fellowship, etc. In addition, the course will extrapolate the homiletical or the preaching insights of the book so that any reader—a student, or a preacher—can intelligently make Acts come alive by identifying possibilities for sermons based on texts and themes.



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev Lam Ee Lin (EdD)

For graduate programs only.

Who are you really following? This course engages students in examining the biblical origins and historical portraits of discipleship while reflecting on their journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It also explores personal and corporate approaches to discipleship; and models of ministry that provide structures for discipleship within one's context. Discussion includes the characteristics, environment, community, and process of discipleship. Besides the textbook, students will gain a wider perspective of how discipleship takes place in other churches and from other sources.



ADMISSION APPLICATION



- Apply online: <https://mytca.tca.edu.sg/web/login>
- Alternatively, scan the QR code on the left to apply online
- TCA College reserves the right to close a class or cancel a course
- Application closing dates for new applicants:

INTERNATIONAL
APPLICANTS

LOCAL APPLICANTS

APPLICANTS FOR
ONLINE PROGRAMS

APR 30, 2025
(For Sep 2025 admission)

FEB 28, 2025

FEB 28, 2025

Note: Current students are to register for new courses via myTCA.

FEES

Fees are listed in Singapore dollars and payable each term based on the number of credits taken for the term.

ADMISSION APPLICATION FEE: SGD 81.75 (non-refundable)

TUITION FEES

UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMS

GRADUATE
PROGRAMS

Note: Each course is worth 3 credits unless otherwise stated.

3 credits: \$353.16
Audit: \$253.43

3 credits: \$506.85
Audit: \$253.43

Please refer to the College's website for full details on financial information and admission requirements. Students are to purchase the textbooks on their own.

FOR PASTORS AND TCA ALUMNI

TCA College offers one free onsite audit course per year under the School of Theology to all pastors and TCA alumni. To apply, please email admin@tca.edu.sg

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