

# TCA COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (English)

JAN-MAR 2025 (TERM1)



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## COURSE SCHEDULE



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# WEEKLY COURSES

## APOLOGETICS

**Robert Sears (PhD)**

**Jan 6 - Mar 31; Every Monday, 9am-12pm**

Pre-requisite for undergraduate: Theology 1, 2 or 3

Pre-requisite for graduate: Systematic Theology 1, 2 or 3

Is the Christian faith reasonable? How does it compare to alternative ideologies? How can Christian doctrine be communicated faithfully and effectively in the contemporary era? These are some of the fundamental questions that animate the discipline of apologetics. To equip students to address these questions, this course will introduce different methods of apologetic communication as well as arguments for and against the reliability of the



Scriptures, the existence of God, Jesus, the resurrection, etc. Additionally, the meaning and grounds of rival religious and philosophical ideas will be discussed and analyzed.

## OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY / FOUNDATIONS

**Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)**

**Jan 6 - Mar 31; Every Monday, 9am-12pm**



Throughout this course, students will analyze the Old Testament's chief events, characters, chronological development, and formation of canonical books. By studying the Old Testament in relation to the ongoing revelation of God's plan for ancient Israel and humanity, students will gain a nuanced understanding of the text's significance. Furthermore, this course will examine the historical, geographical, and cultural contexts of the Old Testament, providing students with a deeper understanding of the time period in which the text was written. This contextual analysis will also include a focus on the Old Testament's literary forms, such as poetry, prophecy, and narrative.

Through different assignments, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the Old Testament and its relevance to contemporary theological issues. By the end of the course, students will have developed a deep appreciation for the complexity and richness of the Old Testament, with a particular emphasis on its historical, geographical, cultural, and literary contexts.

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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

**Rev Lam Ee Lin (EdD)**

**Jan 6 - Mar 31; Every Monday, 2pm-5pm**

The notion to adhere to a fixed routine or method in the quest for spiritual formation and Christian character might be a common practice among some groups. However, this course is not about an ordered program or a structured procedure. Acknowledging the Holy Spirit as the source of empowerment and the Scriptures as the foundation for believers to be transformed, students will participate in course activities in a setting that includes thoughtful self-examination, and prayerful engagement with the Spirit.

## HEBREW EXEGESIS

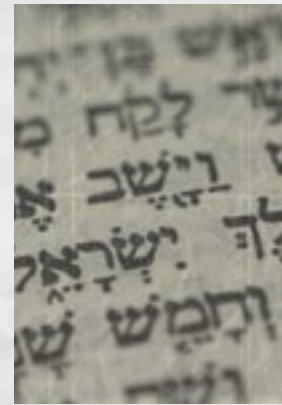
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**Rev Joseph Tan (PhD)**

**Jan 6 - Mar 31; Every Monday, 7pm-10pm**

Pre-requisites: Hebrew I, II and III

This course builds on the foundational knowledge acquired in Hebrew I, II, and III by equipping students with the necessary methods to carefully and responsibly exegete the different genres of the Hebrew Bible. Students will engage in practical applications such as creating syntactical outlines and conducting linguistic word studies to deepen their understanding of biblical language and grammar. The course covers a variety of critical approaches such as Old Testament criticism, historical context, and theological interpretation. Through these topics, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the Hebrew Bible and be better equipped to



exegete its texts accurately. The practical applications of exegetical skills are also emphasized, preparing students for tasks such as biblical research, teaching, and sermon preparation. By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of the different genres of the Hebrew Bible and the skills necessary to exegete these texts with care and precision.

# WEEKLY COURSES



## REVELATION

**Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)**  
**Jan 7 - Apr 1; Every Tuesday, 2pm-5pm**

Pre-requisite: New Testament Survey/Foundations

This course, an introductory study of the Book of Revelation, explores the way God overcomes the cosmic conflict and the forces of destruction in order to make all things new and defeat terror with the messages of hope. The course engages with social, religious, and economic issues of the times that shaped the

worldview of the author and the audience of the book of Revelation and addresses the book's long and volatile history of interpretation and its impact with a view to gaining new insights about the book itself and use them for a continued appreciation and application of this religious text.

## CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

**Leona Boey (MTh)**  
**Jan 7 - Apr 1; Every Tuesday, 7pm-10pm**

Christian Doctrine will provide comprehensive coverage of core Christian beliefs. From theological method, sin, and redemption, to our future hope of glory, this course covers all the essential beliefs of the Christian faith. We will establish the biblical basis for these beliefs, but also explore balanced discussions of areas where Christians may disagree. The goal of this course is to both further our theological understanding and to encourage our devotion.



# WEEKLY COURSES



## WORLD RELIGIONS

**Rev Lily Lim (MTh)**

**Jan 7 - Apr 1; Every Tuesday, 7pm-10pm**

This course delves into the religious faith of our neighbors and co-workers, exploring its historical, textual, and lived dimensions within major and minor religions. The focus will be on religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Chinese religions. Special attention will be given to the study of formal religious teachings and how these religions are

experienced in everyday life. Students will engage with these world religions through case studies, interviews, and visits to places of worship. This hands-on approach aims to foster an appreciation and understanding of these religions in the context of contemporary cultures.

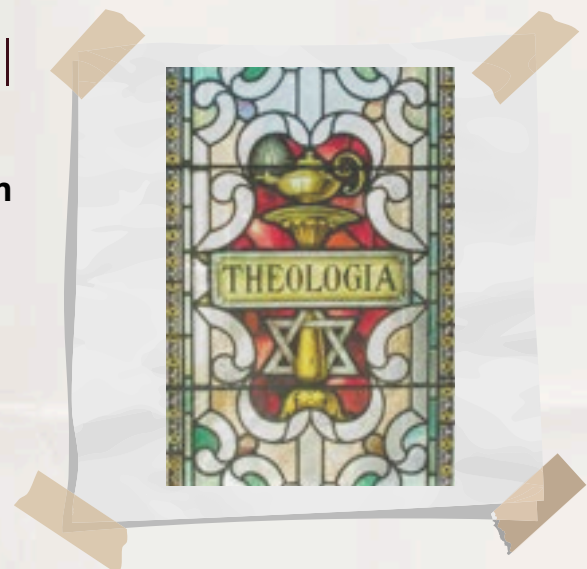
## THEOLOGY I / SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

**Robert Sears (PhD)**

**Jan 8- Apr 2; Every Wednesday, 7pm-10pm**

Pre-requisite for undergraduate: Christian Doctrine

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.



# WEEKLY COURSES



## LIFE OF CHRIST

**Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)**

**Jan 8 - Apr 2; Every Wednesday, 7pm-10pm**

Pre-requisite: New Testament Survey/Foundations

The course Life of Christ studies the life of Jesus in the historical, religious, political, social, and economic contexts of the first century Graeco-Roman world and based on the four different accounts or the versions or the interpretations of the person and work of Jesus by the four Evangelists. The course will seek to answer the

question, "Who is the Jesus of the four Gospels?" by closely examining the key public events in Jesus' public ministry and mission, their likely meaning for the original audience, with a view also to identifying their relevance for discipleship, ministry, and mission today.

## PASTORAL MINISTRIES/PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP

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**Rev Johnathan Lee (DMin)**

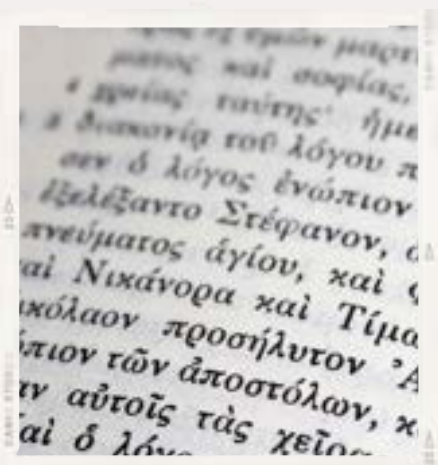
**Jan 9 - Apr 3; Every Thursday, 7pm-10pm**

This course will offer a comprehensive analysis of the life and work of a pastor, with an emphasis on the biblical and theological foundations of ministry. Through this course, students will gain a deep understanding of the nature of pastoral ministry, its essential elements, and the key responsibilities associated with it. By the end of this course, students will have gained a deeper

appreciation for the role of pastors in the church and a greater understanding of the practical skills and knowledge needed to be an effective pastor. They will also be better equipped to respond to the unique challenges and opportunities that come with serving as a spiritual leader in today's world.



## WEEKLY COURSES



## GREEK I

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Audit**Tan Hock Seng (ThD)****Jan 9 - Apr 3; Every Thursday, 7pm-10pm**

Greek I serves as an introductory course to the foundational aspects of koiné New Testament Greek. The course is designed to familiarize students with the essential grammar and vocabulary necessary for reading and understanding the original Greek text of the New Testament. Through a combination of theoretical instruction and practical application,

students will engage with basic grammatical structures and vocabulary in the context of actual New Testament verses and passages. This approach not only enhances comprehension but also provides a deeper appreciation of the linguistic nuances present in the New Testament.

# BLOCK COURSES



## THE REFORMATION

**Dr Richard Goetz (PhD)**

**Jan 16, 17, 18**

**Thursday to Saturday, 8.30am-6.30pm**

Pre-requisite: Christian Doctrine

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century is one of the defining movements of Christian history, indeed of all human history. More than just a single person, idea, event or year, the Reformation was and is a theological mindset or way of thinking which began in the 16th century and still reverberates and resonates across the globe today. This course will focus on the theology of the Reformation by placing it in its historical, theological, political, and cultural context. To this end we will investigate the roots of the Reformation as a response to and protest against Medieval Roman Catholicism.

We will focus on theologians like Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Menno Simons and Tyndale, movements like the English Reformation, the Radical Reformation and the Roman Catholic Counter Reformation, and the political, economic, and social impact of the Reformation, including church-state relations, the rise of capitalism and science, and the devastating 30 Years War. To understand Protestant theology and its impact on the church today, we need to understand its origins in the Reformation.

## RAISING A SENDING CHURCH

**NEW**

**Rev Grace Ong Cabusao (DMin studies)**

**Feb 14, 15, 21, 22; Mar 1**

**Fridays: 9am-5pm**

**Saturdays: 9am-1pm**



This course focuses on the dynamic process of becoming a strong sending local church in God's worldwide Mission, by examining the biblical mandate of sending, considering its cross-cultural implications, its strategic dimension and also the personal preparation involved in sending a short or long-term missionary. It aims to motivate the

development of an effective sending strategy and a healthy, viable mission model in local churches to fulfil the Antioch call in today's mission movement. It also encourages a critical evaluation of present mission models so that the local church will be equipped as a sending agency.



# BLOCK COURSES



## HOMILETICS

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Audit

**Rev Dennis Lum (PhD)**

**Lectures : Jan 10, 11, 24**

**Friday & Saturday, 8.30am-5.30pm**

**Practicum 1: Feb 7, 8**

**Practicum 2: Mar 14, 15**

**Friday 8.30am-5.30pm**

**Saturday 8.30am-3.30pm**

Pre-requisite: Hermeneutics

Homiletics is the art and science of sermon preparation and preaching. This course aims to help students gain a deep appreciation for the significance of sound biblical preaching and become familiar with various sermon types. Additionally, students will acquire the skills needed to effectively prepare and deliver sermons that are faithful to Scripture, well-organized, engaging, and relevant to the

congregation. Practical sessions are a crucial component of the course, allowing students to gain experience in delivering both topical and expository messages to their peers. During these sessions, students will receive valuable feedback from the course lecturer and fellow classmates, which will significantly help them improve their homiletical ability.

# ONLINE COURSES



## THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

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Audit

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

**Includes three onsite sessions: Jan 6, Feb 3 & Mar 3  
Mondays, 7pm-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.

## HERMENEUTICS

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Audit

**Rev Babu Immanuel Venkataraman (PhD)**

Hermeneutics is an introduction to the interpretation of both the Old and the New Testaments based on the different literary genres such as History, Law, Poetry, Prophets, Wisdom, Gospel, Book of Acts (History), Epistles (Letters), and the Apocalypse (the Book of Revelation). The course aims to set the books of the Bible in the world of their authors and their historical audience and explore the author's intended meaning for his original readers. The course will also provide the basic skills with which students can read, truthfully interpret, and diligently and discretely apply the findings of their exegesis to their world.



# ONLINE COURSES



## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

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Audit

**Robert Sears (PhD)**

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.

## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIAN CHRISTIANITY

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NEW

**Rev Lily Lim (MTh)**

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.

# 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  
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APPLICANTS FOR  
ONLINE PROGRAMS

AUG 31, 2024  
(For Jan 2025 admission)

OCT 31, 2024

OCT 31, 2024

*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 76.30 (non-refundable)**

### TUITION FEES

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

3 credits: \$353.16  
Audit: \$253.43

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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](mailto:admin@tca.edu.sg)

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