

## ACU Theology Degree

1ST QUARTER	2ND QUARTER	3RD QUARTER	Credit Hours
<b>Year 1</b>			<b>Core Curriculum Credit Hours</b>
			34
<b>Year 2</b>			<b>Core Curriculum Credit Hours</b>
			22
<b>Year 2 - Remaining Major (Non-Core) Credit Hours</b>			
Elective / Core (3)	Elective / Core (3-5)	Elective / Core (3-5)	9 - 13
12	9-11	10-12	31 - 35
Additional Core Curriculum Courses (to be taken in years 3-4): God, Marriage & Family (2); Vocational Evangelism (2); Christian Leadership (2)			6
<b>Year 3</b>			
Biblical Theology (3)	Systematic Theology I (3)	Systematic Theology II (3)	
	Church History Colloquium(3)	Intro to Greek (3)	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Elective (3)	Minor Elective (3)	
6	9	9	24
<b>Year 4</b>			
The History of the Church in Africa (3)	Introduction to Missiology(3)	Apologetics (3)	
Baptist History (3)	Theology Elective (3)	Senior Project & Thesis (4)	
Minor Elective (3)	Minor Elective (3)	Minor Elective (3)	
9	9	9	27
Total Credit Hours			134

\* For a listing of Elective Courses available in the Theology Programme see the following table.

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Theology Programme Elective Courses	
Course Name	Credit Hours
The Islamic Invasion of Africa	3
The History of Missions in Africa	2
Africa and the Cults	3
Money and Mission in Africa	2
Traditional African Religions	2
Spirituality: Prayer	2

### Course Descriptions

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Below are the (1) **Course Numbers**, (2) **Titles**, (3) **Credit Hour Values** and (4) **Course Descriptions**.

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<p><b>LANG 3113 <i>Intro to Biblical Greek</i></b> (3 Credit Hours) This course introduces the basic grammatical and syntactical elements of the language and the vocabulary of New Testament Greek, preparing the learner to read, translate, interpret and apply Scripture. This course introduces the students to a better understanding and use of the basic Greek exegetical tools and skills they need in order to interpret the Bible, and to heed the apostle's admonition to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15).</p>
<p><b>THEO4123 <i>Introduction to Missiology</i></b> (3 Credit Hours) This course seeks to help the students understand the biblical imperative for personal evangelism, adapt the gospel presentation to the one hearing the presentation, be able to lead a church/small group in evangelism training, and be proficient in personal evangelism.</p>
<p><b>THEO4833 <i>Homiletics</i></b> (3 Credit Hours) Students will learn about the art and science of preaching from the choosing of text to delivery. Students will also learn about the role and nature of preaching in Christian ministry. Preaching will be examined across a range of historical periods, and various cultures . And finally, students will have the opportunity to present sermons in class.</p>
<p><b>THEO4113 <i>The History of Christianity in Africa</i></b> (3 credit hours) The History of Christianity in Africa is a course designed to give students a broad-strokes view of the providence of God as it relates to the evangelization of the African continent, from Augustin and the Early Church Fathers and the early African missions, to modern influences like Liberation Theology, Apartheid, Pentecostalism, and other contemporary, indigenous movements.</p>
<p><b>THEO3113 <i>Biblical Theology</i></b> (3 Credit Hours) This course is an introduction to biblical theology; it focuses on the historical development of theology as it progresses throughout Scripture. Emphasis on the Bible's story-line examining how the books and corpora of the Bible contribute to the unfolding history of redemption. It as traces some key themes across the cannon. Additionally, it shall show the relationship of biblical theology with other disciplines, especially exegesis and systematic theology.</p>

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**THEO 3123 Church History Colloquium** (3 Credit Hours)

This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the background, content, and context of the three major classical historical, theological texts: Antiquities of the Jews by Flavius Josephus, The Church History by Eusebius and Foxe's Book of Martyrs by John Foxe. The period under consideration is the early church up to the reformation

**THEO3123 Systematic Theology I:** (3 credit hours)

This course continues the study of Systematic Theology by focusing on the doctrine of God. Topics covered include the existence and attributes of God, his knowability, his role in creation and providence, and the doctrine of the Trinity.

**THEO3233 Systematic Theology II:** (3 credits hours)

This course continues the study of Systematic Theology by focusing on the doctrine of man and the doctrine of angels and demons. Topics covered include the Bible's teaching regarding angels and demons, Satan, the image of God in man, and the role of men and women in God's design.

**THEO4633 Apologetics** (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the field of Christian apologetics. A Christian theo-philosophical foundation will be presented first, from which a proper and cogent defence of the Christian faith may then be established. A biblical apologetic will be articulated. The course is designed to provide the student with a foundational and general understanding of Christian apologetics, in the Reformed tradition, for the purpose of constructing a personal and biblical apologetic.

**THEO4213 Baptist History** (3 credit hours)

A study of the history of the Baptists, especially focusing on the English Calvinistic Baptists from the early seventeenth century to the late nineteenth century, and then, to provide the student with an awareness of the Baptist distinctives, convictions and spirituality of some of his or her Baptist forebears.

**THEO4134 Senior Project & Thesis** (4 credit hours)

The Senior Project/Thesis is the culmination of the ACU experience. Students will choose a topic within their field of study and be guided step-by-step through the process of writing a 20-30 page thesis paper based on research in primary sources. Students will work together with peers and supervisors to craft research questions and work through multiple drafts of their thesis. Students will locate, analyze and synthesize primary sources and integrate findings with relevant secondary sources in an effort to produce a work worthy of publication in reputable scholarly journals.

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**THEO4113 *The Islamic Invasion of Africa*** (3 credit hours)

The Islamic Invasion of Africa is a course designed to give students a basic understanding of the history and theology of the Islamic religion, while tracing its progress towards hegemonic dominance in North Africa, and its spread throughout the continent. Special consideration will be given to Islam's contributions to African culture, its participation in, and domination of, the transcontinental slave trade, the establishment of Islamic Republics, and the current crisis of Islamic terrorism in Africa. Students will also examine the complex relationship between their non-violent Muslim neighbors and those more fanatical elements as it relates to the use of Qu'ran and Hadith to justify both approaches to the religion.

**THEO4213 *The History of Christianity in Africa*** (3 credit hours)

The History of Christianity in Africa is a course designed to give students a broad-strokes view of the providence of God as it relates to the evangelization of the African continent, from Augustin and the Early Church Fathers and the early African missions, to modern influences like Liberation Theology, Apartheid, Pentecostalism, and other contemporary, indigenous movements.

**THEO4313 *Africa and the Cults*** (3 credit hours)

Africa and the Cults is a course designed to give students a basic understanding of the theological landscape of Africa in general, and Zambia in particular, as it relates to the theological landscape in terms of cults. From traditional cults like Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, to the influence of contemporary cultic teachers like T.B. Joshua, this course will help students identify the marks of a cult, and equip them with tools to engage and interact with cultic theology.

**THEO4212 *Money and Mission in Africa*** (2 credit hours)

Money and Mission in Africa is an interdisciplinary course (Theology/Economics) designed to give students a basic understanding of the economics of missions as it relates to funding both projects and people for the work of the gospel. From the traditional, historic mission funding efforts of men like David Livingstone, to contemporary approaches like micro-business, students will evaluate various approaches from a biblical, theological, and sociological perspective. Special attention will also be given to the interplay between mission movements and NGOs, and the relationship between the mission of the church (the advance of the gospel among the unreached), and humanitarian/development goals shared by Christians and non-Christians alike.

**THEO4412 *Traditional African Religions*** (2 credit hours)

Traditional African Religions is a course designed to introduce students to the various indigenous religious expressions throughout Africa, how they developed, what they believe and teach, how they shape African culture, and how they impact the advance of the gospel on the African continent. Students will also examine the conflict between traditional African relations and Christianity, and how those conflicts affect Christians seeking to develop a full-orbed biblical worldview while existing within an African religious context. The class will also examine the influence of African religion on the development of Christianity on the African continent.

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**THEO4512 *Spirituality: Prayer*** (2 credit hours)

Prayer is absolutely vital for the Christian life. This course is an introductory exploration of what the Scriptures have to say about the nature of prayer and its practice. The main goal of the course is to deepen the student's commitment to a life of prayer, both personal and corporate.