

MESSENGER BIBLE COLLEGE

DIMAPUR, NAGALAND, INDIA

ACCREDITED MEMBER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THEOLOGICAL ACCREDITATION (IATA)

ONLINE THEOLOGICAL STUDIES Prospectus 2023-24

MOTTO: “EVINCE THE TRUTH”

THEME: “and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” - John 8:32

ABOUT THE ONLINE THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Messenger Bible College, Dimapur, Nagaland India is partnership with International Mission (IM) Korea. This college is accredited to International Association for Theological Accreditation (IATA). IATA is an international accrediting agency for theological/ counseling education across the world. It is governed by an international Body of theologians and educationists. IATA has its international office in Atlanta, Georgia, USA and Asian office in Gazole, (Kolkata), India. There are 279 college/Seminaries Institute in IATA (Members/ accredited).

Realizing the need of taking credible, systematic theological training beyond the confines of its residential campus, the messenger Bible College introduce Online Theological Studies (OTS) provides a unique opportunity for all Christians to learn the Word of God systematically through online mode of education. Driven with the vision of all God's people being mature in Christ and effective in the ministry of the Gospel, OTS is committed to impart excellent and holistic theological training for all Christians irrespective of their geographical distance and limitations.

THE MESSENGER BIBLE COLLEGE OFFERS:

Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th)	: 2 years
Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor in Ministry (B.Th/B.Min)	: 3 years
Master of Divinity/Master in Ministry (M.Div/M.Min)	: 3 years

THE GOVERNING MEMBERS OF MESSENGER BIBLE COLLEGE ARE:

President: Rev. Michael Cho, South Korea

Principal: Dr. Alem Sangtam, India

Academic Dean: Tsadiba Sangtam, India

Our Vision

To see God's people being mature in Christ and effective in the ministry of the Gospel.

Our Mission

To impart excellent and holistic training to all who seek to learn God's Word through online mode of education irrespective of their geographical limitations.

Objectives of the Course

This course will help the students to:

- Understand God's Word and apply it in his/her context.

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- Enhance their Spiritual life and instill a passion for Christ-likeness.
- Be nurtured as servant-leaders who are actively involved in the life and ministry of the Church.
- Acquire skills for a Spirit-empowered ministry appropriate for their context.
- Promote integration of Christian reflection and action.

Statement of Faith

We Believe:

- That the Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- In One God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- In Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His deity, His sinless human life, miraculous works, His vicarious and atoning sacrificial death, His resurrection, His ascension and glorification and in His Second Coming.
- That Jesus Christ is the only way to God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
- That the Holy Spirit is the third Person in the Godhead, who is our Counselor and Helper. The Holy Spirit is given to the Church for empowering her to fulfill the Great Commission and to live victoriously.
- In the fall and depravity of all human beings. The only hope of redemption is by the grace of God through faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In believer's baptism by immersion and the observance of the Eucharist in accordance with the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- That the baptism in the Holy Spirit is not an exclusive apostolic experience but is a gift available to all Christians subsequent to and distinct from their regeneration through faith.
- In living a holy life, in obedience to the commandments of God, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- That our faith must be evident in our deeds in relation to our fellow human beings and the rest of God's creation.
- That the one universal Church is the 'Body of Christ' and that believers individually are members of it.
- In the priesthood and ministry of all believers in the Church.
- In the resurrection of all dead: some to eternal life in Christ and some to eternal damnation.

MODE OF STUDY

Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th), Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor in Ministry (B.Th/B.Min) and Master of Divinity/Master in Ministry (M.Div/M.Min) are offered in a modular system (Two subjects at a time). Course content is delivered through recorded lectures, live interactive sessions and other study aids.

PERIOD OF STUDY

One has to complete at least 30 modules to attain this degree. Each module may last for duration of 4 weeks or more depending upon the learning ability of the student. Further extension can be allowed only on payment of an extension fee.



A. DIPLOMA PROGRAMME:

Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th) program emphasizes both theory and practice for the Christian education and spiritual formation which includes the foundational studies in Bible, theology, church history, and practical theology. Preparing the candidates for more effective Christian ministry.

Admission requirements for the Dip.Th. Course: The minimum requirements as determined by the International Association for Theological Accreditation are mentioned below.

DIP-I			
FIRST YEAR			
First Semester		Second Semester	
S/no	Subjects	S/no	Subjects
1	Bible Survey-I	1	Bible Survey-II
2	Principles of Mission	2	An Overview of the History of Israel
3	Gospel of Mark	3	Pastoral Ministries
4	Evangelism	4	An Overview of Christian Education
5	Bible Characters	5	Women in Bible Times
6	Discipleship & Character Formation	6	An Overview of World Church History

DIP-II			
SECOND YEAR			
First Semester		Second Semester	
S/no	Subjects	S/no	Subjects
1	Introduction to Systematic Theology-I	1	Introduction to Systematic Theology – II
2	Anthropology/Hamartiology	2	Principles of Teaching
3	Spiritual Foundation	3	Introduction to Major Religions
4	Minor Prophets	4	Ecclesiology/Eschatology
5	Inductive Bible Study	5	Pastoral Epistles with Special Emphasis on the life and ministry of a Pastor
6	Soteriology/Christology	6	Missionary Biography

B. BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY/BACHELOR IN MINISTRY (B.Th/B.Min)

General information about this course

The B.Th/B.Min program is considered as adequate degree for the exercise of Pastoral Ministry of the Church. The course emphasizes study of Bible, Christian Faith, History of Christianity, and Religions with their missiological implications in the context of a pluralistic world. The practical work provides opportunities for involvement in ministerial practice, exposure to socio-cultural and religious situations with a view to bring integration in the total learning experience. It is three and half year to four years program.

Admission requirements for the B.Th/B.Min Degree Course:

The minimum requirements as determined by the International Association for Theological Accreditation are mentioned below.

- He/she has completed 18 years of age.
- A candidate who has passed 10+2 Higher Secondary examination (*12th or PUC or PDC with a total of 12 years of schooling starting from standard one*) or its recognized equivalent program (*e.g., Diploma courses (after completing 10th standard) with a minimum of two years duration, such as ITI, Nursing, Hotel Management etc.,*



recognized by the Govt. Education Department, considered to be equivalent to 12th standard).

- He/she has passed 10th class and should have done two years of further study in a theological or secular institution and should have experience in Christian ministry or any public service.

Mature Candidates:

- A mature candidate is one who :- (1) has attained 25 years of age; (2) have minimum qualification of 10th standard; (3) have three years of ministerial experience.

B.Th- 1 Year

SL.No	Subjects 1 st Semester	SL.No	Subjects 2 nd Semester
1	Mission & Evangelism	1	Intro to Primal Religion
2	Intro to O.T	2	History of Israel
3	Intro to N.T	3	Theology -II
4	Intro to Christian Education	4	Research & Study Method
5	Theology- I	5	Intro to Church History
6	Intro to Communication	6	Homiletics

B.Th-II Year

SL.No	Subjects 1 st Semester	SL.No	Subjects 2 nd Semester
1	Pre-Hebrew	1	Pre-Greek
2	General History of Christianity	2	Basic Christian Spirituality
3	Pentateuch	3	Principle of Church Planting and Growth
4	Synoptic Gospel	4	Major Prophet
5	Intro to Christian Ethics	5	Church Leadership & Administration
6	History of Reformation	6	Church Response towards HIV/AIDS
7	Pneumatology	7	Person & Work of Christ

B.Th-III Year

SL.No	Subjects 1 st Semester	SL.No	Subjects 2 nd Semester
1	Pauline Epistles	1	Contemporary Theologies
2	Wisdom Literature	2	Acts of the Apostles
3	Major Religion	3	Christian Stewardship
4	Systemic Theology	4	Pastoral Ministry
5	Psalms & Worship	5	Christian & People of Other Faith

C. MASTER OF DIVINITY/MASTER IN MINISTRY (M.Div/M.Min)

General information about this course

The M.Div/Min. degree course is designed to equip persons for essential functions and ministries of the Church who could commend their faith with relevance in the context of a pluralistic world. It aims at an integrative and inter-disciplinary approach among the biblical, theological, historical and religious fields with involvement in practical aspects of life and ministry in the



regional, social and cultural contexts of the sub-continent. It also ensures adequate grounding in the discipline of linguistics for study of texts and provides hermeneutical tools and skills for understanding and interpreting the context of ministry. It is three and half year to four years program.

Admission Requirements for the Master of Divinity Degree:

A candidate at the time of admission to the Master of Divinity/Master in Ministry degree program must satisfy the following conditions, as the case may be:

- Applicants must be born again, committed Christians, passionate for the study of the Word of God with an intention to be effective in their sphere of ministry.
- A candidate who has completed a Bachelor or Post Graduate degree from a recognized University shall be admitted to the 1st year of 3 years M.Div. degree program.
- A degree holder of a Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Missiology/ Bachelor of Christian Studies, irrespective of their overall B+ grades, shall be enrolled in the 2nd year of 3-year M, Div. degree program.

AREAS OF STUDY

Master of Divinity/Master in Ministry program comprises of 60% foundational courses and 40% specialization courses. Foundation courses other than the area of specialization include the following areas: Bible, Church History, Theology/Ethics, Practical Theology, Ministry related courses, Pastoral, Mission, Christian Education and Religions.

Master of Divinity

Sl.	List of Subjects		
1.	Study Skills (Preparatory Course)	19	Pastoral Epistles
2.	Introduction to the Old Testament	20	Person and Work of Jesus Christ
3.	Introduction to the New Testament	21	Person and Work of Holy Spirit
4.	Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels	22	Communication and Mass Media
5.	Jesus in the Gospel of John	23	Historical and Contemporary Perspectives in Mission
6.	Pentateuch (Writings of Moses)	24	Ministry Internship
7.	Apostle Paul: His life, Ministry and Writings	25	Christian Apologetics
8.	History of Christianity	26	Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements
9.	Systematic Theology	27	Church and Mission
10.	Major Religions of the World	28	Church and Ministry



11.	Bible and Mission	29	Christian Leadership
12.	Christian Counseling	30	Marriage Counseling
13.	Christian Ethics	31	Early Church History
14.	Interpreting the Bible	32	Ecclesiology
15.	Principles of Preaching	33	Christian Education
16.	Prophets in the Old Testament	34	Christian Anthropology and Soteriology
17.	Judges and Kings of Israel	35	Elementary Greek-I
18.	Poetical Books and Wisdom Literature		

Credits

The Master of Divinity is worth 90 credits. It incorporates thirty (30) subjects.

FACULTY AND STAFF

- ☐ Students of MBC are privileged to enjoy the instruction of a well-qualified and deeply committed team of instructors.
- ☐ The professors from the US will also facilitate your learning for the Online Theological Studies.
- ☐ The strength of our faculty comes from the fact that they are not only academically qualified, but also because they are all deeply involved in practical ministry.

Fee structure

- ☐ Per semester \$150 (One year will be \$300) additional Graduation fees \$30 will be collected at the time of graduation.

