

Post Graduate Diploma in Theology

This program is designed for those church leaders who have Bachelor degree or above in other disciplines other than theology but want to pursue Masters of Theology. The purpose of the program is to lay a strong biblical and theological foundation for the student before moving to masters level study. In addition to this, the program equips particularly those who are ‘not fulltime ministers’ in the church to be effective in the area of eldership, preaching, teaching and church administration. The courses in this program are different from Bachelor Arts in Theology program courses in their depth of content, breadth of topics, the type of assignments, and length of study. Students who successfully complete this program with a minimum of 3.0 (B) grade average will have opportunity to study in Master of Theology Program.

Objectives of the program:

Knowing: The graduates of this program

1. will have a wider and in-depth knowledge of both the historical and the current status of Christian doctrines
2. know and understand in-depth selected New Testament and Old Testament books and how to properly exegete biblical texts
3. know the principles of interpretation of Scripture and the nature of the relationship of the Old Testament and New Testament
4. understand the concept and principle of leadership and administration that help them to function both in the church and outside the church
5. recognize Christian responsibility, stewardship and mission

Being: the graduates of this program will be

1. established in their Christian faith
2. broad-minded and people who promote unity, reception of one another, respecting one another in the body of Christ
3. examples and models to the community of faith in their personal life and ministry
4. active believers in the word of God, the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit
5. teachers, preachers and leaders at different capacity and level in their own local church setting
6. confident in their calling and in the message they present

Doing: The graduates of this program will be able to

1. teach at diploma level
2. function in various leadership positions in their local church or denominational setting

3. contribute articles on different topics
4. communicate well within and without the church
5. reflect on present issues and find solutions based on Biblical texts, stories and models
6. be prepared to study at the Masters level if they choose to do so

Core Values to be taught throughout the program and included in some way in every course

1. Christian character: holiness, humility, stewardship, honesty, keeping commitment, faithfulness, and obedience to the word of God as described in the fruit of the Spirit.
2. The example of Jesus as an ultimate model for all Christian life, ministry and leadership
3. Faith in the word of God and the power and the gifts of the Spirit
4. The authority of the Scripture as the final say for life and ministry
5. Unity, respecting and learning from one another
6. Worship vocally and practically
7. Sacrificial life for the cause of Christ
8. Relevance of each course to today's issues the church facing within and outside.
9. The relevance of the course to the mission of the college
10. Affirming and developing students calling and ministry
11. Developing the students' skills for communicating and presenting the message of the Gospel with clarity.
12. Sound exegetical and interpretation of Scripture

Post Graduate Diploma in Theology Entrance Requirements:

Applicants:

- Must have faith in Christ
- Must be able to present recommendation letter from their churches that describes and affirms their Christian life and calling
- Two photos of the applicant

Academic Requirements: Note that as of the 2012/2013 Academic Year this program is not yet accredited

Bachelor Degree or above in other disciplines with minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA

Fees:

- a) Application fee : 50 birr
- b) Registration fee: 50 birr per semester
- c) Tuition : 330 per credit hours

Post Graduate Diploma in Theology Program Curriculum

The Post Graduate Diploma is a one-year fulltime study or a one and half year part-time study. For graduation with Post Graduate Diploma in Theology a student must satisfactorily complete 30 semester hours of academic credit or 1600 learning hours.

Distribution of Common Courses and Credit Hours by Division with their Major

Division of Studies	Number of Courses	Credit Hours	
Biblical Studies	4	12	
Theological Studies	2	6	
Mission Studies	1	3	
Leadership and Ministerial Studies	3	9	
Total	10	30	

Biblical Studies

- PGD B 101 Introduction to the Bible
- PGD B 102 NT Exegesis
- PGD B 103 Romans and Galatians
- PGD B 104 Studies in Isaiah chapter 40-66

Theological Studies

- PGD T 201 Theology I
- PGD T 202 Theology II

Mission Studies

- PGD M 301 Biblical Theology of Mission

Leadership and Ministerial Studies

- PGDL 401 Hermeneutics
- PGD L 402 Bible Research and Preaching
- PGD L 403 Principles of Church leadership

Suggested Order of Courses: First Year

First Semester

- PGDB 101 Introduction to the Bible.... 3chrs
- PGDB T 201 Theology I.....3chrs
- PGDL 401 Hermeneutics..... 3chrs
- Total..... 9hrs

Second Semester

- PGDT 202 Theology II.....3chrs
- PGDL 402 Bible Research and Preaching.3chrs
- PGD M 301 Biblical Theology of Mission..3chrs
- Total.....9hrs

Rainy Season

- Principles of Church Leadership.....3hrs
- NT Exegesis.....3chrs
- Total..... 9hrs

Second Year
First Semester

PGDB 104 Studies in Isaiah Chapters 40-66.....	3chrs
PGDB 103 Romans and Galatians.....	3chrs
Total.....	6chrs

Post Graduate Diploma in Theology Course Description

PGDB 101 Introductions to the Bible

This course introduces the 66 books of the Bible with respect to history, author, date, literary genre, purpose of writing, addressees, theology and important themes. It also demonstrates the continuity and discontinuity of the Old and New Testaments embracing narratives structure and presentation of the story of God's people through God's dealing with Israel. In so doing, this course builds the foundation for other courses.

PGDB 102 NT Exegeses

This course is designed to train students to apply hermeneutical and exegetical principles. The course works with selected texts or books from the New Testament and gives extensive exercises to have student practices and internalize the principles. (Prerequisite: Hermeneutics and Bible Research and Preaching)

PGDB 103 Romans and Galatians

This course is an exegetical book study of two of Paul's most important epistles. This course explores and discusses Paul's theology of sin, grace, salvation, the law, the relationship of Israel and the New Testament people of God, the Spirit and Christian life in the context of the two epistles. Special emphasis is given to the teaching on bondage and liberty in context of Paul's teaching and refuting false teaching. The course gives a verse- by -verse study and students completing the course will find themselves better equipped for living today in liberty, and better able to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Also, this course engages students to apply exegetical and interpretation principles in their studies.
(Prerequisites: Hermeneutics)

PGDB 104 Studies in Isaiah chapter 40-66

This course explores the second section of the Book of Isaiah to look into Messianic prophecies and their fulfillment. The course also discusses historical and cultural context of the book and issues surrounding the date and author of the books. It also sees how the early church understood the texts that are quoted in their writings. The course also relates the character of God, covenant and the life of Israel to the life of the church. Students appreciate the awesomeness of God who is presented as a living God and learn from the life of Israel through reflection. (Prerequisite: Introduction to the Bible)

PGDT 201 Theology I

This course is the first of a two part series on basic Christian Theology. Part I covers Christian doctrines related to the Bible, God, Angels, Man and Sin. The course is intended to give students basic knowledge of Christian doctrines. It discusses revelation, inspiration, the authority and reliability of Christian Scriptures, the nature and character of God, Trinity, the nature of man, the nature of sin and effects of sin. The course is also designed in a way that students develop the habit of worshipping God in reverence and holy life.

PGDT 202 Theology II

This course builds upon Theology I and explores the doctrine of Christ, Salvation, Redemption and the Holy Spirit. Since Christology is one of the doctrines that significantly mark Christian faith, this course gives special emphasis and time to discuss Christology in depth and wider breadth. It also discusses Ethiopian Orthodox teaching on Christology and show the difference between the evangelical teachings on Christ. Also, the course introduces both the historical debate and current teaching on Christ particularly pertaining to Ethiopian context. In addition to Christology, this course discusses various evangelical understandings of salvation and explores biblical text seeking for balanced teaching on salvation and redemption. Moreover, the course introduces the nature and place of the Holy Spirit in Christian faith and practical life.

PGDM 301 Biblical Theology of Mission

The course examines the topic of missions from Genesis to Revelation. Students will learn to look at the Bible with “missionary eyes” and see that the theme of the compassionate God in search of lost men and women (the Great commission) is the central message of the Bible. The Mission of God as the grand narrative of Scripture is explored both as to substance and implication for the church and Christian today. (Prerequisite: Introduction to the Bible)

PGDL 401 Hermeneutics

This course is designed to give students foundational principles for the interpretation of scripture. It discusses different methods of interpretation beginning from patristic and up to modern thought. Evaluation of each interpretation method will be presented. Special emphasis is placed upon the specific principles of interpretation within a historical, grammatical and literary approach to biblical interpretation. Students will practice the principles with selected text. The narrative dimension of Scripture and its implication for biblical interpretation is also explored.

PGDL 402 Bible Research & Preaching

This course introduces students how to use research tools such as Concordances, Theological Dictionaries, Lexicons, Bible encyclopedias, Theological glossaries, commentaries, etc. It also teaches students how to use primary and secondary sources in their research prepares such as footnoting and Bibliography. In addition to this, the course teaches principles of preparing sermon and preaching.

PGDL 403 Principles of Church Leadership

This course is designed to teach students about biblical principles of leadership such five-fold ministry, eldership, deacon and other church administration.

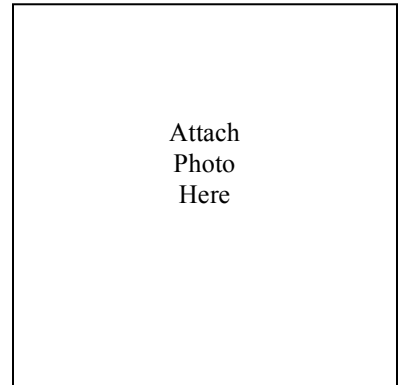
Necessary Forms for Application for this program follow:

Shiloh Graduate School of Theology: Post Graduate Diploma in Theology

Student Application Form

Application Checklist:

- Application Form
- Church/Ministry recommendation
- Academic Recommendation
- Personal Recommendation
- Transcripts: undergraduate (all attended)
- Personal statement
- Photograph



1. Name: _____ Date: _____

2. Contact information:

Mobile phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Address:

Undergraduate Degree: _____

Undergraduate Institution: _____

Contact name and phone number: _____

Post Graduate Courses or Programs: _____

Marital Status _____

Local Church: _____ Pastor: _____

Phone: _____

Ministry or positions held in Christian Service with dates: _____

Shiloh Bible College Ethiopia Program Descriptions: Post Graduate Diploma in Theology

State in 100 words why you want to Attend S GST and enter the Post Graduate Diploma Program:

Names of References: Give name and phone

Church/Ministry Recommendation: _____

Academic Recommendation: _____

Personal Recommendation: _____

(Personal Recommendation must not be a family member)

Student Signature

Date: _____

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Action Taken: _____

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Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

In what way have you known him/her? _____

Please comment on the Applicant's character and explain:

Please comment on the applicant's academic ability if you can:

Do you recommend this applicant: _____ without reservation; _____ with some reservation; _____ I do not recommend this applicant.

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