

COURSE CATALOGUE

2020

Scripture challenges us not to allow the world to squeeze us into its mould but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2).

The Bible gives us the lovely picture of the believer as a tree planted by the waters, deeply rooted, flourishing even in adverse climates, and bringing forth fruit in season (Psalm 1). Each tree is different – but its resources for fruitfulness are the same – the rich soil of the Word and the life-giving water of the Holy Spirit. CTS exists to help Christians experience the power of God’s Word and His Spirit to transform hearts, minds, and lives.

Engage with a changing world by becoming rooted in the enduring Word of God. CTS courses on the Bible, theology, ethics, science, psychology and history are all aimed at equipping transformed and transformative agents of the Kingdom of God.

Wherever you are and whatever you are called to do, do it excellently and bear fruit that lasts.

Send your roots deep.

And, let CTS help you. We would love to be a part of your story.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CTS Courses:

- A typical CTS course is 12 weeks in duration, at a frequency of one class a week.
- Modular courses are intensive courses conducted over 4 full days.
- While most courses have a total of 24 classroom hours, some have a total of 36 classroom hours, or 24 classroom hours + practical work amounting to 12 hours.

Course Fees:

Introductory fee: Rs 4,000/- per course.

**CTS gratefully acknowledges the generous financial gifts of friends-of-the-ministry, which have made it possible for CTS to provide courses to students at highly subsidised rates. Students are expected to be good stewards of this special provision.*

How to Register for a CTS Course:

Hand over your completed registration form and registration fee to the Accounts Department. Registration forms can be downloaded from **www.cts.lk** or collected from CTS, Kohuwela.

Please Note: *Your place in a class will be reserved only after you have made the full payment for the course.*

Important: Those registering for a course for the first time must bring along a letter of recommendation from your pastor.

Registration Dates and Times:

You may register on any working day (Monday to Friday) between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

Please Note: *Registrations for courses in a particular term close on the first day of that term:*
Term 2: 25th May 2020

For more information/assistance, contact:

The Academic Office

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Term 2
May – August 2020

TIMETABLE: TERM 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	MODULAR COURSE
MORNING/ AFTERNOON	History of Christianity I 9:00am-11:15am G. P. V. Somaratna	Study Methods 9:00am-11:00am Ravin Caldera	God and the World 9:00am-12:30pm Mano Emmanuel Fellowship Hour 10:30am - 11:30am	Understanding Worship 9:00am-12:30 Ivor Poobalan Chapel 10:30am - 11:30am	Money, Possessions, and the Kingdom 10:00am-12:30pm Ted Rubesh	June/July June 13,20,27; July 6,13 Saturdays June 15-22-29; July 11-18 Mondays
		Models of Church 9:00am-12:00noon Mano Emmanuel/ Nathanael Somanathan		Biblical Ethics 3:00pm-5:15pm Mano Emmanuel	Exploring Major Theological Traditions 9:00am-12:30pm Prabo Mihindukulasuriya/ Nathanael Somanathan	
EVENING	Helping Couples Prepare for Marriage 6:00pm-8:00pm Denisa Poobalan	Leadership 6:00pm-8:00pm Ivor Poobalan	Jesus' Surprising Stories 6:00pm-8:00pm Cameron Davey	Counselling for Common Problems 6:00pm-8:15pm Dileeni Abraham	Christian Apologetics 6:00pm-8:30pm Earnest Nadeem	Introduction to the New Testament Earnest Nadeem

Please note: Published schedules may be adjusted due to unavoidable circumstances. Please check with the Academic Office prior to registration.

Term 2
May – August 2020
WEEKDAY COURSES

History of Christianity I

AD 100—AD 1517

The period from the inception of the Church up to the Reformation was filled with extraordinary men and women as well as events and theologies that shaped the Church for centuries to come. This course introduces you to martyrs, monks, missionaries, and movements that shaped the Church in her first 1,400 years.

11 Weeks

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am–11:15am

Commencing: 1st June

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **G P V Somaratna**

BTh/Diploma CORE

Study Methods

What are the values of studying theology? Discover the CTS academic ethos. *Study Methods* will explain the CTS curriculum and its requirements. It will equip you with skills for note-taking, speed reading, researching, essay writing, and revising; and will help you excel as a student at CTS.

12 Weeks

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–11:00am

Commencing: 26th May

Credits: 0 (2)

Lecturer: **Ravin Caldera**

BTh/Diploma CORE

God and the World

An introduction to the study of Systematic Theology in the light of biblical foundations, the history of Christian thought, and contemporary discussions. The four major themes that will be explored are: God's nature and character; the created environment; humanity; and, the Fall.

12 Weeks

Day: Wednesday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 27th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

**BTh/Diploma CORE
Counselling ELECTIVE**

Understanding Worship

Theology of Worship

What does the Bible have to say about worship that honours God? This course will trace the theme from the offerings of Cain and Abel through the Old Testament sacrifices and the hymns of Israel, into the understanding and practice of worship in the New Testament Church. Based on principles drawn from Scripture this course will help you evaluate and enhance worship in your local church.

11 Weeks

Day: Thursday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 28th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

BTh/Diploma CORE

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WEEKDAY AND EVENING COURSES

Biblical Ethics

We've all seen the damage done to God's reputation when Christians profess one thing and do something else. Ethics is about making right choices. In *Biblical Ethics* you will discover biblical principles to help guide your choices relating to everyday issues such as how we relate to friends and enemies, how we use money and possessions, and how we invest in work and leisure.

11 Weeks **BTh/Diploma CORE
Counselling ELECTIVE**

Day: Thursday

Time: 3:00pm–5:15pm

Commencing: 28th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Mano Emmanuel**

Money, Possessions, and the Kingdom

Learning Stewardship from the Bible

This course looks at several passages of Scripture that relate to such practical subjects as money, materialism, saving, investing, debt, giving, the 'Prosperity Gospel', asceticism, and heavenly rewards. It is, in short, an attempt to help you get a biblical perspective on the stewardship of your life that will count for eternity.

10 Weeks **BTh OPTION
Diploma ELECTIVE
Counselling ELECTIVE**

Day: Friday

Time: 10:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 29th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ted Rubesh**

Helping Couples Prepare for Marriage

Christian marriages are prone to many of the stresses and challenges that face families in today's high pressure society. This is a course designed especially to train those who help and wish to help Christian couples prepare for marriage.

12 Weeks **BTh OPTION
Diploma ELECTIVE
Counselling ELECTIVE**

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 25th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Denisa Poobalan**

Leadership

Learning to Lead from the Bible

Society is bursting with ideas about leadership. How can the Christian identify biblically valid leadership principles? *Leadership* gives you the opportunity to learn how to lead effectively in the context of your ministry, workplace, and home.

12 Weeks **BTh/Diploma CORE**

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 26th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Ivor Poobalan**

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EVENING AND MODULAR COURSES

Jesus' Surprising Stories

Parables of Jesus

Everyone likes a good story and Jesus told plenty of them. Embedded in the disarmingly simple parables of Jesus are powerful challenges to our understanding of the Kingdom. Learn how you can unfold the 46 parables of Jesus, and discover in them the many facets of the Kingdom of God.

12 Weeks

BTh OPTION
Diploma ELECTIVE
Counselling ELECTIVE

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Commencing: 27th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Cameron Davey**

Counselling for Common Problems

Society is reeling from a plethora of common problems, such as grief, depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, anger, and addictions. These issues also challenge Christian families. The student will learn approaches and skills to support and help people through such challenging circumstances.

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Counselling

11 Weeks

BTh OPTION
Diploma ELECTIVE
Counselling CORE

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:00pm–8:15pm

Commencing: 28th May

Credits: 3

Lecturer: **Dileeni Abraham**

Christian Apologetics

Christian Apologetics will help you learn how to provide a rational justification for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course will introduce the key issues pertaining to Apologetics, and provide the foundation for a confident defense of the Christian worldview, equipping you to respond to the honest questions and doubts that both believers and seekers have about Christianity.

10 Weeks

BTh OPTION
Diploma ELECTIVE
Counselling ELECTIVE

Day: Friday

Time: 6:00pm–8:30pm

Commencing: 29th May

Credits: 2

Lecturer: **Earnest Nadeem**

Introduction to the New Testament

You will learn how the books of the New Testament were selected and arranged. You will also explore the main message of each book, who wrote them, and what was happening in the churches that first received these Scriptures.

MODULAR **BTh/Diploma CORE**
Counselling ELECTIVE

10 Days in JUNE/JULY

Credits: 2

Dates/Times:

Saturdays (9:00am–11:00am)

June 13,20,27; July 6, 13

Mondays (6:00pm–8:00pm)

June 15,22,29; July 11,18

Lecturer: **Earnest Nadeem**

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BTh/MA SEMINARS

The BTh/MA seminars are designed for those registered on the BTh or MA programmes. The classroom format will strike a balance between lecture and seminar. Students will write papers for discussion based on wider reading and research.

Registration is open to students who are on the BTh programme and have completed 60 credits, and to those on the MA programme. Students with a degree or higher diploma are also welcome.

Models of Church

The Church in every country is expressed through rich and diverse Christian traditions. *Models of Church* examines the underlying history and theology of different denominational persuasions with regard to the sacraments, corporate worship, and governance in the light of Scripture. Students will grow in appreciation of the diversity of the universal Church.

12 Weeks

BTh CORE

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am–12:00noon

Commencing: 26th May

Credits: 3

Lecturer: ***Mano Emmanuel
and Nathanael Somanathan***

Exploring Major Theological Traditions

How do you differentiate between liberal and liberation theology? What are the distinctives of evangelical theology? What are the foundations of reformed theology? Theological positions have often defined Christian community and have, at times, been divisive. This seminar will enable you to understand the roots and developments of four great theological traditions and representative theologians; and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

10 Weeks

BTh CORE

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am–12:30pm

Commencing: 29th May

Credits: 3

Lecturer: ***Prabo
Mihindukulasuriya and
Nathanael Somanathan***

Term 2
May – August 2020
MASTER OF ARTS COURSES

Note: First-time students are advised to contact the MA Coordinator prior to registration.

Hermeneutics of Culture

This course will examine the concept of culture and how the hermeneutics of culture shape the way we interpret our perceptions and experiences of the world around us. The course seeks to equip students to interpret their own culture and to examine the ways in which culture and theology impact each other, so that you will be more effectively prepared to minister in cross-cultural contexts.

*** Compulsory for Intercultural Studies track**

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

7 Sessions

Lecturers: ***Teb Rubesh and Prabo Mihindukulasuriya***

Credits: 3

Schedule: 22nd May – 1st July

Class 1: Fri 22nd May (6pm-8pm)

Class 2: Mon 25th May (6pm-8pm)

Class 3: Wed 27th May (6pm-8pm)

Class 4: Fri 29th May (6pm-8pm)

Class 5: Mon 1st Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 6: Fri 5th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 7: Mon 8th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 8: Fri 12th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 9: Mon 15th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 10: Fri 19th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 11: Mon 22nd Jun (6pm-8pm)

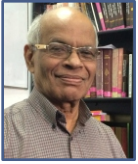
Class 12: Wed 24th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 13: Fri 26th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 14: Mon 29th Jun (6pm-8pm)

Class 15: Wed 1st Jul (6pm-8pm)

LECTURER PROFILES



GP V Somaratna, BA, MA (Missiology), MA (Theology), PgDip (Demography), PhD
Research Professor at CTS. A prolific researcher and author of books and academic articles. He was Professor of Modern History at the University of Colombo, and has been Visiting Professor at the Truman Institute of the Hebrew University (Jerusalem), Lee University (USA), and Fuller Theological Seminary (USA). Author of the seven-volumed *Sinhala Bible Encyclopedia*.



Ravin Caldera, DipAgri, BTh, BA, MA
Academic Dean at CTS. Graduate of CTS (BTh), Open University of Sri Lanka (BA in Social Sciences), and Dallas Theological Seminary (USA). He holds an MA in Biblical Studies. An ordained minister of the Living Christ Church. He has over ten years' experience in church planting. His interest in cartography has made him a key resource person for maps on the biblical world in Sri Lankan publications.



Mano Emmanuel, FCCA, BTh, MA, PhD
Head of Academic Advancement at CTS. Graduate of the London School of Theology (UK). She was awarded a PhD in Peace Studies from the Asia Graduate School of Theology (Philippines). A Local Preacher of the Methodist Church. Author of *To Faith Add Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Formerly, Academic Dean at CTS. Her previous career was as an accountant in London's West End.



Ivor Poobalan, BA (Hons), ThM, PhD
Principal of CTS. Graduate of the London School of Theology (UK), and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (USA), where he earned the ThM in Old Testament and Semitic Languages. He was awarded the PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Cape Town (South Africa) for his thesis that argued for the re-examination of the meaning of the Pauline phrase 'The God of this Age' in 2 Corinthians 4:4. He is a leader of the Kollupitiya Methodist Church, and ministers primarily through preaching, youth-guidance, and teaching 13-17 year olds in Sunday School. He serves as Co-Chair of the Theology Working Group of the Lausanne Movement. Ivor and Denisa are parents to two adult daughters.



Ted Rubesh, BA, MA, DMiss
Chairman of the CTS Academic Affairs Standing Committee. Graduate of Multnomah University, Portland Oregon USA (BA in Biblical Literature), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA (MA in Missiology), and Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon, USA (Doctor of Intercultural Studies). The co-founder of Kandy Bible Fellowship Church, he served as its pastor for many years.

LECTURER PROFILES



Denisa Poobalan, BTh, MA

Graduate of CTS (BTh and MA in Biblical Studies). Having begun her career as a lecturer in computer studies, she moved on to serve as a stay-at-home mum to her two daughters. She is married to Ivor and together they have served at the Kollupitiya Methodist Church. Her ministry has been especially among children.



Cameron Davey, BSc, BTeach, MDiv

A faculty member at CTS. A graduate of Ridley College in Melbourne. He has taught for many years in Christian schools, and, along with his wife, has ministered to children through school holiday camps in Australia. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at CTS, he serves as Librarian.



Dileeni Abraham, BSc, MA

Graduate of the University of Peradeniya and Alliance Biblical Seminary (Philippines). Holds an MA in Christian Counselling, with many years of professional counselling experience. She is certified as a Master Facilitator by the Trauma Healing Institute of the American Bible Society. Her ministry has included training and mentoring lay counsellors, teaching counselling, leading trauma healing equipping sessions, and leading women's retreats. A member of St Luke's Church Borella.



Earnest Nadeem, BTh, MDiv, ThM

MA Programme Coordinator at CTS. Graduate of CTS (BTh), St Thomas' Theological College Karachi (Pakistan), and the International School of Theology—Asia (Philippines). He has served as a lecturer at St Thomas' Theological College Karachi. Having served as an ordained minister in the Church of Pakistan, he is currently serving as a minister of the Church of Ceylon.



Nathanael Somanathan, BEng, MA

A faculty member at CTS. A graduate of Wheaton College (USA) with a Masters in Historical Theology. His study of interest pertains to the field of Patristic studies and modern theology. Having gained leadership experience in the corporate world and as a student chaplain at Wheaton College, he currently serves as Associate Pastor at Christian Revival Crusade Church, Dehiwala.



Prabho Mihindukulasuriya, PgDipM (CIM), MA, PhD (candidate)

Deputy Principal at CTS. Graduate of Regent College (Vancouver), where he earned an MA in Christian Studies. His interests are in developing integral discipleship and mission in the marketplace, academia, and the public square. He is pursuing doctoral research in Sri Lankan colonial history through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo. He worships at Calvary Church, Kirulapone.

CTS PROGRAMMES

While you are invited to sign up for individual courses of your choice, we encourage you to consider signing up for a programme of study in order to gain the maximum from what CTS has to offer you.

CTS offers five levels of study—all of which are accredited by the Asia Theological Association. Read on and discover which programme *you* would most benefit from:

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (CCS)

Designed to equip lay Christians for life, work, and ministry in the 21st century.

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

Total Credits Required: 36

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING (ACC)

Designed to equip effective lay counsellors for the Church and society.

Medium of instruction: English

Total Credits Required: 36

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (DIPTh)

Designed to equip Christian Workers with deeper biblical insight and skills for ministry.

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

Total Credits Required: 72

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTh)

Designed to train Christians for leadership in the Church (such as within pastoral, teaching, and similar ministries).

Mediums of instruction: English, Sinhala, and Tamil

Total Credits Required: 108

MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

Designed to equip teachers, writers, and researchers for the Church.

Medium of instruction: English

Pre-requisites: A minimum of a bachelors level qualification and fluency in English.

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