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COURSE BROCHURE

Diploma in Theology and Biblical Studies (Dip.TBS)



Course Syllabus and Curriculum

Institutions: Diversity Learning Institute (DLI) Germany, in partnership with Central International University-CIU, Germany

Course Introduction

The **Diploma in Theology and Biblical Studies (Dip.TBS)** is a comprehensive Level 4 qualification designed to equip students with foundational knowledge in theological doctrines, biblical literature, and Christian ministry. Offered by the Diversity Learning Institute (DLI) Germany in collaboration with CIU Germany, this 12-month program is structured over two semesters, providing 120 credits (60 credits per semester). Through academic inquiry, spiritual reflection, and practical ministry training, this course prepares students for roles in Christian leadership, evangelism, and ministry while fostering personal spiritual growth and deepening their understanding of biblical theology.

Course Details

- **Course Title:** Diploma in Theology and Biblical Studies
- **Course Code:** Dip.TBS
- **Study Level:** Diploma (Level 4)
- **Duration:** 2 Semesters (12 months); 6 months per semester
- **Credits:** 120 credits (60 credits per semester)
- **Study Method:** Contact Distance Learning (CDL)

Main Aims and Objectives of the Course

- Develop Foundational Theological Knowledge:** Provide students with a solid understanding of core Christian doctrines and theological concepts that form the foundation of biblical studies.
- Foster Biblical Literacy:** Equip students with comprehensive knowledge of both the Old and New Testaments, enabling them to interpret and apply biblical texts within different contexts.
- Strengthen Spiritual Growth and Formation:** Encourage personal spiritual growth and formation through reflection, prayer, and engagement with the biblical text.
- Equip for Evangelism and Ministry:** Prepare students for effective Christian ministry by imparting practical skills in evangelism, leadership, and pastoral care.
- Cultivate Critical Thinking and Analysis:** Develop the ability to critically engage with theological writings and contemporary issues in Christianity using a biblical framework.
- Enhance Communication and Teaching Skills:** Enable students to effectively communicate biblical truths and theological concepts to diverse audiences, both in written and spoken forms.
- Integrate Faith with Everyday Life:** Encourage the integration of faith with personal, social, and cultural contexts to live out Christian values and mission.

Curriculum Outline

Semester 1 Modules	Module Code	Study Hours	Topics Outline	Credits
Introduction to Old Testament Studies	OT101	150 hours	Overview of Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophets; Themes of Covenant and Law	10 credits
New Testament Foundations	NT102	150 hours	Life of Christ, Pauline Epistles, Early Church History; Theological Themes	10 credits
Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 1	EV103	120 hours	Theology of Evangelism, Evangelism Strategies, Historical Context of Mission	10 credits
Systematic Theology 1	ST104	130 hours	Doctrine of God, Christology, Pneumatology;	10 credits
Systematic Theology 2	ST104	130 hours	Doctrine of God, Christology, Pneumatology; Understanding the Trinity	10 credits
Christian Ethics and Moral Theology	ET105	150 hours	Biblical Foundations of Ethics, Christian Morality, Contemporary Ethical Issues	10 credits

Semester 2 Modules	Module Code	Study Hours	Topics Outline	Credits
Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 2	EV201	120 hours	Advanced Evangelism Techniques, Cross-Cultural Mission, Church Growth Strategies	10 credits
Systematic Theology 2	ST202	140 hours	Ecclesiology, Soteriology, Eschatology; Sacraments and Church Practices	10 credits
Pastoral Care and Leadership in Ministry	PL203	150 hours	Pastoral Theology, Leadership Models, Counseling Techniques in Ministry	12 credits
Elective 1: Apologetics and Christian Philosophy	AP204	130 hours	Defending the Faith, Christian Worldview, Philosophy of Religion	10 credits
Elective 2: Biblical Hermeneutics	BH205	130 hours	Methods of Biblical Interpretation, Exegesis, Historical-Critical Approaches	10 credits
Elective 3: Church History and Reformation Studies	CH206	120 hours	Early Church, Medieval Christianity, Protestant Reformation, Key Historical Figures	10 credits

Semester Breakdown

- **Semester 1** includes foundational courses, providing a broad overview of Old and New Testament theology, systematic theology, and practical evangelism.
- **Semester 2** deepens understanding with advanced theology, ministry leadership, and specialized electives, allowing students to focus on areas of personal or vocational interest.

Total Credits:

- **Semester 1:** 60 credits
- **Semester 2:** 60 credits
- **Overall Diploma Total:** 120 credits

This Diploma prepares students for ministry roles, deeper academic study in theology, or Christian leadership in various contexts. It offers a robust mix of academic rigor and practical skills, ideal for aspiring pastors, evangelists, or Christian educators.

Detailed Outline of the Syllabus Per Semester

Semester 1

1. Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OT101)

Topics Covered:

- Overview of the Pentateuch (Genesis to Deuteronomy)
- Historical Books (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings)
- Major and Minor Prophets
- Themes of Covenant, Law, and Redemption
- Israel's Historical and Cultural Background
- Role of Wisdom Literature in Old Testament Theology

2. New Testament Foundations (NT102)

Topics Covered:

- Historical Context of the New Testament
- Life of Jesus: Synoptic Gospels and Johannine Writings
- Key Themes in the Acts of the Apostles
- Pauline Theology and Epistles (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians)
- The General Epistles and Revelation
- Formation of Early Church Doctrine

3. Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 1 (EV103)

Topics Covered:

- The Biblical Foundation of Evangelism
- Personal Evangelism Techniques
- The Great Commission: Biblical Analysis
- Role of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism
- Evangelism in Early Christianity
- Contemporary Strategies in Christian Witnessing

4. Systematic Theology 1 (ST104)

Topics Covered:

- Doctrine of God: Attributes and Nature
- Christology: The Person and Work of Jesus Christ
- The Doctrine of the Trinity
- Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit
- The Problem of Evil and Theodicy
- Revelation and Scripture: Authority and Inerrancy

5. **Christian Ethics and Moral Theology (ET105)**

Topics Covered:

- Biblical Foundations for Christian Ethics
- Ethical Teachings of Jesus
- Christian Morality in Social Justice
- Christian Responses to Contemporary Issues (Abortion, Euthanasia, etc.)
- Role of the Church in Moral Decision-Making
- Relationship Between Law, Grace, and Ethics

Semester 2

1. **Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 2 (EV201)**

Topics Covered:

- Cross-Cultural Mission and Evangelism
- Evangelism in Urban and Rural Settings
- Discipleship and Church Planting Strategies
- Use of Media in Evangelism
- Evangelism and Social Action
- Measuring the Impact of Evangelism in Ministry

2. **Systematic Theology 2 (ST202)**

Topics Covered:

- Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)
- Ecclesiology: The Nature of the Church
- Sacraments: Baptism and the Eucharist
- Eschatology: End Times and the Second Coming
- Understanding the Kingdom of God
- The Role of Grace, Faith, and Works in Christian Salvation

3. **Pastoral Care and Leadership in Ministry (PL203)**

Topics Covered:

- Introduction to Pastoral Theology
- Leadership Models in the Bible and the Church
- Counseling in a Ministry Context
- Crisis Intervention and Pastoral Counseling
- Spiritual Leadership and Team Building
- Conflict Resolution in Ministry

Elective Modules

4. **Elective 1: Apologetics and Christian Philosophy (AP204)**

Topics Covered:

- Introduction to Christian Apologetics
- Philosophical Arguments for God's Existence
- Problem of Evil and Suffering
- Interfaith Dialogue and Defending the Faith
- Christian Worldview and Secularism
- Major Christian Philosophers: Augustine, Aquinas, C.S. Lewis

5. **Elective 2: Biblical Hermeneutics (BH205)**

Topics Covered:

- Principles of Biblical Interpretation
- Historical-Critical Methods of Exegesis
- Literary and Canonical Approaches to Scripture
- Typology and Symbolism in the Bible
- Hermeneutics and Preaching
- Understanding Parables, Prophecy, and Apocalyptic Literature

6. Elective 3: Church History and Reformation Studies (CH206)

Topics Covered:

- Early Christian Church: Apostolic Age and Patristic Era
- Christianity in the Middle Ages
- Protestant Reformation and Key Figures (Martin Luther, John Calvin)
- Catholic Counter-Reformation
- Impact of the Reformation on Modern Christianity
- Development of Denominations and Ecumenical Movements

Practicals & Research

Module	Practicals	Details
Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 1 & 2	Field Evangelism and Outreach Projects	Students engage in community outreach and practice various evangelism techniques in real-life settings.
Pastoral Care and Leadership in Ministry	Pastoral Counseling Simulations and Case Studies	Simulated counseling sessions to apply pastoral care techniques, and analysis of real-life pastoral scenarios.
Biblical Hermeneutics (Elective)	Exegesis and Interpretation Projects	Practical exercises in interpreting biblical texts, preparing sermons or teaching lessons from scripture.
Apologetics and Christian Philosophy (Elective)	Debates and Discussions on Apologetic Arguments	Practical application of apologetic arguments through structured debates and dialogues on contemporary issues.

Student's Benefits

1. Gain a foundational understanding of Christian theology and biblical studies.
2. Develop practical skills in evangelism and church leadership.
3. Strengthen personal spiritual growth and formation.
4. Learn to apply theological concepts in real-world ministry contexts.
5. Build a critical understanding of biblical interpretation and application.
6. Enhance public speaking, teaching, and counseling skills.
7. Prepare for further theological studies or professional ministry roles.
8. Experience practical fieldwork in evangelism and ministry leadership.
9. Access networking opportunities through partner institutions in Germany and the UK.
10. Receive an internationally recognized diploma with opportunities for career advancement in Christian ministries.

Church Body Benefits

1. Empowerment of church members with sound theological knowledge.
2. Trained individuals who can lead effective evangelism programs.
3. Enhanced pastoral care for the congregation through qualified leaders.
4. Improved preaching and teaching through well-trained ministers.
5. Strengthened church leadership and governance structures.
6. Ability to address ethical and social issues from a biblical perspective.
7. Increased capacity for church growth through discipleship and evangelism.
8. A deeper understanding of church history and its relevance to modern practices.
9. Improved spiritual formation and community engagement in ministry.
10. A stronger, theologically grounded leadership team within the church.

Books & Materials

Note: Other than the listed below, you can use any other books and materials.

1. **Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OT101):** *Introduction to the Old Testament* by John J. Collins *Old Testament Theology* by Walter Brueggemann
2. **New Testament Foundations (NT102):** *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction* by Bart D. Ehrman *Jesus and the Victory of God* by N.T. Wright

3. **Evangelism & Soul Winning in Christianity 1 & 2 (EV103, EV201):** *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert E. Coleman
Evangelism in the Early Church by Michael Green
4. **Systematic Theology 1 & 2 (ST104, ST202):** *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem *The Christian Faith: A Systematic Theology* by Michael Horton
5. **Christian Ethics and Moral Theology (ET105)** *Christian Ethics: An Introduction to Biblical Moral Reasoning* by Wayne Grudem
The Moral Vision of the New Testament by Richard B. Hays
6. **Pastoral Care and Leadership in Ministry (PL203):** *The Pastor as Minor Poet* by M. Craig Barnes *Pastoral Care: An Essential Guide* by John Patton
7. **Apologetics and Christian Philosophy (AP204 – Elective):** *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics* by William Lane Craig
8. **Biblical Hermeneutics (BH205 – Elective):** *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible* by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics by Walter Kaiser and Moisés Silva
9. **Church History and Reformation Studies (CH206 – Elective):** *A History of Christianity* by Diarmaid MacCulloch
The Reformation: A History by Diarmaid MacCulloch

Eligibility

- Holders of any Junior or Higher Secondary School Certificate (or equivalent)
- Individuals with any Certificate field
- Diploma and degree holders in any field
- Professionals with relevant experience in church ministry or theological studies
- Individuals seeking to deepen their knowledge of theology and Christian leadership.

Full Course-Study Calendar

25th to 29th December 2024

Welcome and induction program.

2nd to 6th January 2025

Distribution of the 1st Semester Modules and Materials to all the accepted students.

9th December, 2024 to 6th June 2025

1st Semester Study duration, including Assessments Tests End-Semester Exams. With mid-semester holidays.

7th July 2025 to 31st December 2025

2nd Semester Study duration, including Assessments Tests End-Semester Exams. With mid-semester holidays.

28th February 2026

GRADUATION CEREMONY!!

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & FEES

Note: Both study programs are **Tuition Free!** The admitted students will ONLY pay The non-refundable Application Fee(AF) of €20.00, and later the General Management Fee(GMF) of €180.00 for the whole 12-Month Diploma Course.

The €180.00 covers the following:

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| *Registration and Administration Fee(RAF) | *Orientation-Matriculation(OM) Fees |
| *Student Services (SS) Fee | *Student Continuous Consultation(SCC) Fee |
| *Library and Materials (LM) Fee | *Information Technology(I.T) Fee |
| *Practical-Fieldwork & Research(PFR) Fee | *Continuous Assessment Test(CAT) & Semester Exam(SE) Fees |

STEP 1:

Download and read carefully the attached documents above.

STEP 2:

If you are not clear, call/WhatsApp any of the Program Leadership:

Applicants in African: Dr. Bishop Osuru +254 700 000690(Kenya); Charity +260 76916 9454 (Zambia).

Applicants in Europe & International: Maria +39338 824 4349 (Italy).

STEP 3:

Then APPLY on the Google-Link further below.

A Non-Refundable Application Fee(AF) of €20.00 (Twenty German Euros-€) will be paid at the same time of filling out the Google-Link below.

Note: The AF will ONLY be paid directly to the Twikatane e.V Germany bank account below. **Do not pay** any fees to any office other than as instructed!

STEP 4:

DLI Germany (in partnership with CIU) will send you an Admission Letter (AL) with further study instructions.

STEP 5:

After you have received the Admission Letter you will pay the General Management Fee(GMF) of € 180.00 only for the whole study program. **Note:** All Sponsored Study Fees and donations are paid to the Twikatane e.V Bank.

ACCOUNT NAME: TWIKATANE e.V

Bank Name: Kreissparkasse

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PAYMENT METHOD

Through MoneyGram(MG); Western Union(WU), WorldRemit, Remitly, Bank Transfer, or any other method, ensuring that the exact Application Fee of €20.00 arrives. Followed by the €180.00 after being admitted to study.

Very Important: Through MG, WU or bank transfer, indicate the fee purpose as "AVAP-USA". Via WorldRemit, Remitly, select "Education".

REGISTER NOW!

Application Deadline: 20th November 2024

To register through the **Google-Online-Form** visit our website page below:

Website: <https://www.central-international-university.org/de/Biblical-Theological-Studies-Department/>

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LEARNING METHOD

CONTACT DISTANCE LEARNING(CDL)

Here's a detailed table outlining the structure of how the **Contact Distance Learning (CDL)** program by **Diversity Learning Institute (DLI) Germany** in partnership with **Central International University (CIU) Germany** might be organized, along with additional procedures necessary for effective Contact Distance Learning(CDL):

Phase	Description	Timing	Key Activities
1. Course Enrollment	Students register for courses based on their program through an online portal.	Prior to the start of the course	Online application, submission of required documents, payment of tuition fees, and access to course materials.
2. Assignment/ Research Distribution	Course materials, assignments, and research topics are distributed to students online. Students begin self-paced learning.	Immediately after enrollment	Online access to learning materials (PDFs, videos, lectures), and distribution of assignments.
3. Independent Study Period	Students work on their assignments, projects, and research independently with access to online resources and virtual support.	8 weeks	Independent study, submission of periodic progress reports, and online discussions with tutors.
4. Virtual Support/Interaction	Students have access to tutors/lecturers through scheduled virtual office hours, forums, and email.	Ongoing throughout the 8-week period	Online Q&A sessions, virtual group discussions, and optional video lectures or webinars.
5. Midterm Contact Sessions (This repeats until end of the course)	After 8 weeks, students attend in-person classes at designated lecture theaters for 4 consecutive days (Thursday-Sunday).	After 8 weeks of independent study	Face-to-face lectures, workshops, and discussions on the assignments, presentations, and practical learning.
6. Return to Independent Study	Students return home and continue with their independent study, incorporating feedback from the contact sessions.	After the 4-day in-person sessions	Continued assignment work, further reading/research, and application of lessons learned in the contact sessions.
7. Ongoing Assessment	Students submit their assignments and research papers for grading. Tutors provide feedback and grades online.	Throughout the course duration	Submission of assignments, grading by lecturers, feedback provided via the online platform.
8. Periodic Evaluations	Regular quizzes, exams, or assessments are held online to track students' progress and understanding of the course material.	Monthly or Bi-monthly	Online quizzes, exams, or written assignments to evaluate student progress.
9. Final Contact Session	Near the end of the academic year/term, students attend another 4-day contact session for review, final presentations, and exams.	End of the course (or each academic year)	In-person reviews, student presentations, and final exams. Opportunity to address any final queries.
10. Graduation/ Completion	Upon successful completion of all assignments, exams, and required coursework, students graduate and receive their certificates or degrees.	After completing the program	Graduation ceremonies may be held in-person or online, depending on the circumstances.

Additional Key Components for Effective Distance Learning:

1. **Online Learning Platform:**
A centralized platform (like Moodle, Blackboard, or Google Classroom) to manage assignments, communication, and assessments.
2. **Student Support Services:**
Academic advising, IT support, and access to digital libraries to ensure students have the tools needed for distance learning.
3. **Time Management Guidance:**
Tutorials and workshops to help students manage their time effectively, crucial in a distance learning environment.
4. **Feedback Mechanisms:**
Continuous feedback from tutors on assignments and projects, with opportunities for revision and improvement.
5. **Peer-to-Peer Interaction:**
Virtual study groups and discussion boards to foster collaboration and peer learning.
6. **Technical Requirements:**
Students need access to a stable internet connection, a computer, and any necessary software/tools to participate in online learning effectively.

By following this structured approach, the CDL program ensures flexibility while maintaining critical contact points for students' success.