



Certificate in Christian Studies

Program Overview

A one-year program designed to help Christian men and women grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This certificate offers students a rich and focused immersion in the study of Scripture and Christian theology.

28

Credit
Hours

1-2

Years

*One-year if completed as a full-time student. Students may opt to complete the program over 2-3 years on a part-time basis.

Format: In-Person/Online

At a Glance:

General Studies: 2 Hours

Exegetical Theology: 9 Hours

Historical Theology: 3 Hours

Systematic Theology: 3 Hours

Practical Theology: 2 Hours

Electives: 9 Hours

Program Requirements

General Studies (2 Credits)

GS111 Introduction to Theological Education (2)

Exegetical Theology (9 Credits)

ET111 Biblical Hermeneutics (3)

ET121 Old Testament Introduction (3)

ET131 New Testament Introduction (3)

Historical Theology (3 Credits)

HT101 Church History Overview (3)

Systematic Theology (3 Credits)

ST211 Symbolics (3)

Practical Theology (2 Credits)

PT151 Biblical Spirituality (2)

General Electives (9 Credits)

Electives (9)

Admission Requirements

Admissions Philosophy

Grace Theological Institute exists to provide biblically sound and accessible theological training for the good of the church and the glory of God. Because theological education is not merely an academic pursuit, admission is based not only upon academic readiness but also upon evidence of Christian faith, godly character, and meaningful involvement in the local church.

The Institute reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant whose beliefs, conduct, or circumstances are determined to be inconsistent with the mission, doctrinal commitments, or educational objectives of the Institute.

General Admissions Requirements

All applicants seeking admission to any program of study must provide evidence of the following:

1. Repentance and Faith in Jesus Christ

Applicants must give credible evidence of repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

2. Growing Christian Maturity

Applicants should demonstrate a pattern of spiritual growth, Christian character, teachability, and a desire to live in submission to the authority of Scripture.

3. Local Church Membership and Involvement

Applicants must be members in good standing of a biblically faithful local church and actively involved in its worship, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry.

4. Ability to Benefit from Instruction

Applicants should possess sufficient reading, writing, and communication skills to engage successfully with the curriculum and complete assigned coursework.

5. Transfer Students: Official transcript(s) of credits sent to the Registrar directly by the Educational Institution(s) concerned.

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation from Grace Theological Institute, students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

General Requirements

- Successfully complete all credit hours required for their program.
- Achieve a minimum overall program average of 75%.
- Maintain active membership in a faithful local church throughout their program of study.

Student Forum Participation

- Attend the minimum number of required student forums, based on the total credit hours in their program:
 - Fewer than 30 credit hours: 3 forums
 - 30–50 credit hours: 5 forums
 - More than 50 credit hours: 6 forums

Live Modular Classes

- Attend the minimum number of required live modular classes (in person), based on the total credit hours in their program:
 - Fewer than 30 credit hours: 2 live modular classes
 - 30–50 credit hours: 3 live modular classes
 - More than 50 credit hours: 4 live modular classes
 - *This requirement may be waived or adjusted for distance students. This arrangement must be approved in advance.*

Live Class Completion

- Complete at least 60% of all program courses as live classes, whether attended in person or online.