

Degree Program Catalogue for

Latimer Theological Institute

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

General Requirements. Candidates must have a Highschool diploma or equivalent before starting the course. No previous academic work in theology or Christian Education is required. Not less than forty-semester credit hours shall be completed through Latimer Theological Institute. Applicants and Candidates should be aware that all theological courses are taught within the context of the historic Anglican and Continental Reformed formularies, which include the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (1571/1801), the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and the two Books of Homilies (1547 & 1571). No degree shall be issued until the candidate has completed at least 6 credits of study toward that particular degree through Latimer Theological Institute.

A.A. in Pre-Theology Studies

The Associate of Arts in Pre-Theology Studies is intended to be a 60-semester credit hour religious degree for those investigating or considering a vocation to Christian Ministry in the Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant Tradition. The focus of the degree is to provide a preparatory education in the Bible, theology, Christian history, literature, and general studies to prepare the candidate to undertake further ministerial studies through the Bachelor of Arts program in either Theology or Christian Education. The program may also serve as a preparation for candidates who desire to serve as lay readers in Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant churches.

- APT101: Bible Reading I
- APT105: Christianity, Natural Philosophy, and the Sciences
- APT111: What is Theology?
- APT115: Classical Christian Literature I
- APT119: Rhetoric and Composition: How to write Theology.
- APT181: Bible Reading II
- APT185: Church History I: Early Christianity
- APT191: Classical Christian Literature II
- APT195: A Survey of Christian Music
- APT199: The Bible and Doctrine
- APT202: Bible Reading III
- APT208: Classical Christian Literature III
- APT212: Church History II: The Reformation and Protestantism
- APT218: Different traditions: A Survey of Christian Denominations
- APT220: Church Polity and Governance
- APT282: Bible Reading IV
- APT288: The Role of Christianity in Western Civilization
- APT292: Heresy and Apostasy: A Survey of Heresies and Cults
- APT298: Foundations in Systematic Theology
- APT300: AA Thesis

BACHELOR OF ARTS

General Requirements. Candidates must have an existing Associate degree, or at least 60 semester credit hours before starting the course. In the case of the B.A. in Theology, this requirement may be waived in the case of applicants over thirty-five years of age showing academic aptitude according to the American Council of Education's guidelines for issuing credit for prior learning. No previous academic work in theology, or Christian Education is required, though a broad, general education is necessary. Not less than forty-semester credit hours shall be completed through Latimer Theological Institute. Applicants and Candidates should be aware that all theological courses are taught within the context of the historic Anglican and Continental Reformed formularies, which include the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (1571/1801), the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and the two Books of Homilies (1547 & 1571). No degree shall be issued until the candidate has completed at least 6 credits of study toward that particular degree through Latimer Theological Institute.

B.A. in Christian Education

The Bachelor of Arts (Christian Education) is a 60 hrs religious degree program intended to provide those intending to pursue a vocation working in Church schools with an awareness of Biblical principles, classroom management, and an understanding of educational processes.

- CED314: Introduction to Christian Education (3 credits)
- CED334: Basics of Christian Education (3 credits)
- CED338: An Overview of The Trivium (3 credits)
- CED354: Philosophy & Education (3 credits)
- CED358: Ethics in School Administration (3 credits)
- CED424: Defense of Classical Christian Education (3 credits)
- CED425: Christian Paradigm for Classical Learning (3 credits)
- CED444: Christian Education in the 21st Century (3 credits)
- CED445: Theology for Christian Education (3 credits)
- CED465: Instructional Strategies (3 credits)

Students will also complete 30 credits of instructional experience/student teaching in a classroom environment under the supervision of an experienced teacher. These 30 credits will consist of 450 hours in the classroom.

B.A. in Theology

The Bachelor of Arts in Theology is intended to be a 60-semester credit hour religious first degree for those considering a vocation to Christian Ministry in the Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant Tradition. The focus of the degree is to provide a general education in the Bible, systematic theology, church history, liturgy, and pastoral studies, leading to ordination as a deacon or setting apart as a deaconess, and shall also provide the basis for further Biblical, theological, and pastoral studies through either the Master of Arts, or Bachelor of Divinity program.

- BAT315: Introduction to Christian Theology (3 credits)
- BAT335: UG Old Testament Survey (3 credits)
- BAT339: UG New Testament Survey (3 credits)
- BAT342: Common Prayer: Functional Devotion (3 credits)
- BAT362: Early Christian Witness: The Apostolic Faith (3 credits)
- BAT426: Ethics in Ministry (3 credits)
- BAT428: Philosophy and Ministry (3 credits)
- BAT447: The Christian Religion in the 21st Century (3 credits)
- BAT448: An Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3 credits)
- BAT480: Senior Project/BA Thesis (3 credits)

Students will also complete 30 credits of Internship experience in a church or other ministry environment under the supervision of an experienced pastor. These 30 credits will consist of 450 hours in the field.

MASTER OF ARTS

General Requirements. Applicants may apply six months before the anticipated completion of their undergraduate degree but shall not commence the programme until they have completed their Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree. They shall also comply with the course specific requirements as detailed below. Students shall fulfil at least two-thirds of the semester credit hour requirement for each programme through the Latimer Theological Institute, unless granted an exemption or exception by the Faculty. It is to be understood that all theological courses are taught within the specific context of the historic Anglican and Continental Reformed formularies, which include the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (1571/1801), the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and the two Books of Homilies (1547 & 1571). No degree shall be issued until the candidate has completed at least 6 credits of study toward that particular degree through Latimer Theological Institute.

M.A. in Ministry

This program is a 40-semester credit hour religious degree program open to those who have already been ordained into the Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant ministry. Candidates shall undertake not less than 36 semester credit hours (12 courses) of Graduate work demonstrating an applied knowledge of Scripture, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Church History, Homiletics and Apologetics, and Liturgy. In addition to course work, candidates may also submit a research paper equivalent to four credit hours of taught work.

- ANG541 – Church Polity (3 credits)
- THE406 – Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3 credits)
- BIB420 – Introduction to the Old Testament (3 credits)
- BIB421 – Introduction to the New Testament (3 credits)
- THE445 – Sermon Preparation and Homiletics (3 credits)
- ANG450 – Use of the Book of Common Prayer (3 credits)
- REF515 – Mercersburg Theology I (3 credits)
- REF516 – Mercersburg Theology II (3 credits)
- BIB530 – The Synoptic Gospels (3 credits)
- BIB531 – The Gospel of St. John (3 credits)
- BIB532 – The Pauline Epistles (3 credits)
- BIB533 – The Pastoral Epistles and the Apocalypse (3 credits)
- HIS535 – Introduction to British Church History (3 credits)
- THE540 – Introduction to the Articles of Religion (3 credits)
- ANG542 – History of the Book of Common Prayer (3 credits)
- THE552 – Systematic Theology (3 credits)
- BIB561 – The Historical Book of the Old Testament (3 credits)
- BIB 565 – Greek I (3 credits)
- BIB 566 – Greek II (3 credits)
- BIB567 – Greek III (3 credits)

M.A. in Theology, Ministry & Mission

The Master of Arts program is a religious degree, which is open to candidates for ordination who have been approved for training by the bishop/president and standing committee of the diocese or synod in which they are resident. It is intended to provide graduate level vocational education in Biblical Studies, systematic theology, pastoral theology, homiletics, apologetics, liturgy, Christian Education, and church history for those preparing for ordination as priests/pastors in the Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant tradition.

The minimum academic requirement for this course is that students shall complete not less than 60 credit hours, at least 40 hours of which shall be at 500-level, and at least 40 hours of which shall be completed through the Latimer Theological Institute, or an institution approved by the Faculty of Latimer Theological Institute.

Core courses (24 credit hours):

- ANG541 – Church Polity (3 credits)
- THE406 – Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3 credits)
- BIB420 – Introduction to the Old Testament (3 credits)
- BIB421 – Introduction to the New Testament (3 credits)
- THE445 – Sermon Preparation and Homiletics (3 credits)
- HIS535 – Introduction to British Church History (3 credits)
- THE540 – Introduction to the Articles of Religion (3 credits)
- ANG542 – History of the Book of Common Prayer (3 credits)

Advanced Bible courses (21 credit hours):

- BIB530 – The Synoptic Gospels (3 credits)
- BIB531 – St. John’s Gospel (3 credits)
- BIB532 – The Pauline Epistles (3 credits)
- BIB533 – The Pastoral Epistles and the Apocalypse (3 credits)
- BIB561 – The Historical Books of the Old Testament (3 credits)
- BIB560 – The Pentateuch (3 credits)
- BIB562 – Old Testament Prophetic Literature (3 credits)
- BIB563 – Old Testament Wisdom Literature (3 credits)

Distinctives courses (6 credit hours):

- ANG450 – Use of the Book of Common Prayer (3 credits)
- REF515 – Mercersburg Theology I (3 credits)
- REF516 – Mercersburg Theology II (3 credits)
- THE552 – Systematic Theology (3 credits)

Specialization courses (9 credit hours)–three of the following:

- BIB 565 – Greek I (3 credits)
- BIB 566 – Greek II (3 credits)
- BIB567 – Greek III (3 credits)
- CED 575 – Christian Education for the Whole Church (3 credits)
- PAS 590 – Pastoral Counselling I (3 credits)
- PAS 505 – Church Growth and Church Planting (3 credits)
- MUS 511 – Church Music I (3 credits)

- MUS 512 – Church Music II (3 credits)

MASTER OF LETTERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The M.Litt./Master of Letters in Christian Education is designed as a two-year research degree to prepare candidates who will work as master teachers, administrators, or in other advisory and ministerial roles in parochial and independent Christian schools.

Applicants may apply six months before the anticipated completion of their undergraduate degree but shall not commence the program until they have completed their Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree. They shall also comply with the course specific requirements as detailed below.

Students shall fulfil at least two-thirds of the semester credit hour requirement for each program through the Latimer Theological Institute, unless granted an exemption or exception by the Faculty. It is to be understood that the theology of any composition is expected to conform to the standards of the historic Anglican and Continental Reformed formularies, which include the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (1571/1801), the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and the two Books of Homilies (1547 & 1571). No degree shall be issued until the candidate has completed at least 6 credits of study toward that particular degree through Latimer Theological Institute.

The degree requires the preparation and submission of either a) an integrated research paper of 40,000 - 50,000 words OR b) 2 integrated research papers of 20,000 - 25,000 words each. The topic and title of this/these papers will be agreed upon and approved by the faculty of the institute when the candidate commences the program. Each candidate will be assigned an advising tutor to assist and direct their re-search and to facilitate any additional student support which might become necessary.

Once the student has completed the composition of their integrated research paper(s), it will be submitted to a panel of three individuals, no less than two of whom will be the holders of earned doctoral degrees, for academic review. The academic review panel will determine the academic merit and theological soundness of the paper. If found to be unsatisfactory, it will be returned to the student for revisions and corrections so that it may be submitted again.

M.Litt. in Christian Education students must maintain status as registered students at the institute for no less than 2 academic terms before they are eligible to submit a paper for academic review.

Tuition for the M.Litt. in Christian Education shall be consistent with that of the Bachelor of Divinity (Graduate).

MASTER OF LETTERS IN SACRED MUSIC

The M.Litt./Master of Letters in Sacred Music is designed as a two-year research degree to prepare candidates who will work as church musicians, ministers of music, choirmasters, and in other specifically Christian religious music vocations.

Applicants may apply six months before the anticipated completion of their undergraduate degree but shall not commence the program until they have completed their Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree. They shall also comply with the course specific requirements as detailed below.

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M.Litt. in Sacred Music students must maintain status as registered students at the institute for no less than 2 academic terms before they are eligible to submit a paper for academic review.

Tuition for the M.Litt. in Sacred Music shall be consistent with that of the Bachelor of Divinity (Graduate).

MASTER OF LETTERS IN CHURCH HISTORY

The M.Litt./Master of Letters in Church History is designed as a two-year research degree to prepare candidates who will work as Christian school history teachers, church archivists, ministers, or in other advisory and ministerial roles in protestant Christian institutions and independent Christian schools.

Applicants may apply six months before the anticipated completion of their undergraduate degree but shall not commence the program until they have completed their Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree. They shall also comply with the course specific requirements as detailed below.

Students shall fulfil at least two-thirds of the semester credit hour requirement for each program through the Latimer Theological Institute, unless granted an exemption or exception by the Faculty. It is to be understood that the theology of any composition is expected to conform to the standards of the historic Anglican and Continental Reformed formularies, which include the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Thirty-nine Articles of Religion (1571/1801), the Book of Common Prayer (1662), and the two Books of Homilies (1547 & 1571). No degree shall be issued until the candidate has completed at least 6 credits of study toward that particular degree through Latimer Theological Institute.

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M.Litt. in Church History students must maintain status as registered students at the institute for no less than 2 academic terms before they are eligible to submit a paper for academic review.

Tuition for the M.Litt. in Church History shall be consistent with that of the Bachelor of Divinity (Graduate).

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY (Graduate)

The Bachelor of Divinity is a graduate level, research-orientated programme in which candidates are expected to develop and demonstrate through the writing of a dissertation, or multiple research papers, specialized knowledge of some area of biblical studies, theology, church history, or liturgy. Applicants should be aware that our ability to mentor areas of research is restricted by the specialisms of our teaching staff, so an outline of your proposed area of research should be submitted along with your application. Candidates for this degree must be registered as members of the institute for no less than 2 terms before their composition is eligible for academic review and the awarding of a degree.

Applicants should have either:

- a relevant master's degree, or
- an undergraduate degree in theology and be prepared to embark on a course of higher studies equivalent to a Master of Arts degree – approximately 36 credit hours at 500-level – prior to commencing the research component of the degree.

The applicant's existing qualifications should have included at least a 400-level introduction in their specific area of interest before embarking on an agreed program of research.

The research component of the Bachelor of Divinity degree may be fulfilled either by a single dissertation of 40,000 words, or by a series of research papers not exceeding six in number, which demonstrate both original thinking, and a detailed understanding of their designated research area.

Within Latimer Theological Institute, the B.D. is equivalent to an extended master's programme.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry is a religious degree program is open to clergy in the Anglican, Continental Reformed, or other Liturgical Protestant traditions already holding a graduate degree, such as MA in Theology, Ministry, and Mission, or a Master of Divinity. Additionally, candidates shall have served at least seven years in the ordained ministry before embarking on the Doctor of Ministry course. The object of the degree is to further develop a specialized knowledge of, and skills in, some aspect of Christian Ministry. Candidates shall submit a 40,000-word dissertation on some aspect of Christian Ministry, which shall have been approved in advance by the Faculty. Candidates for this degree must be registered as members of the institute for no less than 2 terms before their composition is eligible for academic review and the awarding of a degree.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

It shall be within the discretion of the Faculty to award the degree of Doctor of Divinity to any candidate who shall:

1. Hold the degree of Bachelor of Divinity (Graduate), or a research-based master's degree in theology or a related discipline, or an approved professional doctorate, who must,
2. Have attained the age of 35, and shall,
3. Have been in Holy Orders seven years, and shall,
4. Submit a body of work, including, but not solely confined to, a dissertation of 75,000 words, along with a petition for the award of the degree.

Order of Precedence for Degrees at Latimer Theological Institute

Associate of Arts

Bachelor of Arts

(Graduate Certificate of Theology)

Master of Arts

Master of Letters

Bachelor of Divinity (Graduate)

Doctor of Ministry

Doctor of Divinity

Policies

The State Authorization Unit of the University of North Carolina System Office serves as the official state entity to receive complaints concerning post-secondary institutions that are authorized to operate in North Carolina. If students are unable to resolve a complaint through the institution's grievance procedures, they can review the Student Complaint Policy (PDF) and submit their complaint using the online complaint form at Student Complaints Site

For more information contact:

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education Complaints
223 S. West Street, Suite 1800
Raleigh, NC 27603
(919) 962-4550

To file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Department of Justice, please visit The State Attorney General's web page at: NCDOJ site. North Carolina residents may call (877) 566-7226. Outside of North Carolina, please call (919) 716-6000. En Espanol (919) 716-0058. If you choose to mail a complaint, please use the following address:

Consumer Protection Division
Attorney General's Office
Mail Service Center 9001
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

Tuition and Fees (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Student Status	Course Registration Fee	Tuition
MDE member (Credit)	\$25 per course	\$0
UECNA member (Credit)	\$25 per course	\$0
Non-UECNA (Credit)	\$25 per course	\$25 per credit hour
MDE member (Audit)	\$10 per course	\$0
UECNA member (Audit)	\$10 per course	\$0
Non-UECNA (Audit)	\$25 per course	\$0

Candidates for M.Litt., Bachelor of Divinity (Grad.), and Doctoral degrees are subject to the following fees.

Student Status	Course Registration Fee	Academic Review Fee
MDE member	\$25 per term	\$0
UECNA member	\$25 per term	\$200 (M.Litt./BD/D.Min.) \$300 (D.D.)
Non-UECNA	\$25 per term	\$400 (M.Litt./BD/D.Min.) \$600 (D.D.)