

Program Guideline

B.A.

Theology/ Development Studies

Valid starting with the
cohort TDS 2023/ 2024

Structure

Lower division studies

120 CP (ECTS)

- › Systematic structure of the lower division studies over 4 semesters
- › All 18 courses are compulsory and assessed with credit points
- › All courses are completed with an examination
- › All forms of examination are fixed

Upper division studies

120 CP (ECTS)

Compulsory courses

- › 8 courses/8 examinations (incl. Bachelor thesis and internship semester abroad, each amounting to 30 CP).
- › Form of examination and CP are fixed
- › Semester abroad with recognition of approx. 24 CP and accompanying courses work "Organizing a Study Abroad Semester".
- › Total scope in the compulsory area: up to 95 CP depending on the scope of the recognition from courses taken abroad.

Electives

- › In the elective area, 2 courses must be completed with an examination
- › All further courses serve to acquire the required CP



Course of study: Lower division courses (18 examinations)

Course number	Course title	Credit Points (CP)	Workload	Weekly hours per semester (WHS)	Weekly hours per semester		Weekly hours per semester		Form of examination (exact description to be found in the course catalogue)
					1st year		2nd year		
					Winter semester 1	Summer semester 2	Winter semester 3	Summer semester 4	
Course section „Foundational courses“									
B2020	Foundations for Studying	5	150	6	6				Paper
B1021	Hermeneutics and Exegetical Methods	5	150	4		4			Paper
B4021	Methods of Empirical Research	5	150	4				4	Project work
Course section „Biblical Theology“									
B1121	Introduction to the Old Testament	12	360	10			5	5	In-class exam
B1221	Introduction to Biblical Greek	5	150	4	4				In-class exam
B1222	Introduction to the New Testament	12	360	10	5	5			Oral exam
Course section „Historical und Systematic Theology“									
B1320	Overview of Church History	10	300	8	4	4			Paper
B1405	Dogmatics I	5	150	4			4		Book report
B1406	Dogmatics II	5	150	4				4	In-class exam
Course section „Intercultural Theology and Religious Sciences“									
B1601	Cultures and Religions	8	240	9	5	4			Paper
B1621	Issues in World Christianity	5	150	3			3		In-class exam
B1624	Theology of Ecumenical and Interreligious Encounters	5	150	3				3	In-class exam
Course section „Development Studies“									
B4401	History and Theory of Development	5	150	4	4				In-class exam
B4402	Contexts of International Development	5	150	4		4			In-class exam
B4403	Project Cycle Management	5	150	4		4			In-class exam
B4404	Intercultural Communication and Competence	5	150	3			3		In-class exam
B4405	Christian Approaches in Poverty Alleviation	9	270	7			7		Paper
B4406	Education, Health and Vulnerable Groups	9	270	6				6	Paper

Course of study: Compulsory, upper division courses (8 examinations + transfer)

Course number	Course title	Credit Points (CP)	Workload	Weekly hours per semester	Weekly hours per semester		Form of examination (exact description to be found in the course catalogue)
					Upper division		
					Winter semester, 7th semester	Summer semester, 8th semester	
B1520	Ethics	5	150	4	4		Oral exam
B1603	Theology of Missional Living	5	150	3	3		In-class exam
B1625	Theology in Context	5	150	3		3	In-class exam
B4407	Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues and Discourses	5	150	3	3		In-class exam
B4408	Humanitarian Aid - History, Theory, Functions and Principles	5	150	2		3	In-class exam
B0103	Bachelor Thesis TDS	10	300	1	7th/8th semester		Bachelor thesis
B2604	Internship Semester TDS	30	900		5th or 6th semester		Internship report
	Semester abroad with a credit transfer of approx. 24 CP	24			5th or 6th semester		
B2021	Organizing a Study Abroad Semester	6	180	1	Accompanying the semester abroad		Project work abroad

Course of study: Elective, upper division courses (2 exams)

Courses taught in English

- B1122 Old Testament: Pentateuch (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1123 Old Testament: Prophets (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1223 The Letter to the Hebrews (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1409 Christian Eschatology in Context (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B2004 Ethics, Pedagogy and Social Responsibility in the Biblical Tradition (3 WHS / 4 or 5 CP)

Courses taught in German

- B1106 Psalms (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1204 Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1205 The Gospel of Matthew (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1206 The Gospel of John (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1207 Paul (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1211 Ancient Judaism from Alexander to Bar Kochba (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1302 Reformation and Pietism (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1400 Christian faith in a post-Christian world (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1411 Theology of Karl Barth (3 WHS / 4 to 6 SWS)
- B1504 Faith and Society - Protestant Social Teaching (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B1606 Milieu - Living environment - social space from a practical - theological perspective (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)
- B2401 Leadership and Coaching (4 WHS / 4 or 5 CP)
- B2500 Introduction to Philosophy (3 WHS / 4 to 6 CP)

The range of courses per elective area is decided at the end of the lower division studies. The courses presented here are described in detail in the course catalogue.