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His last command our first concern. Matt 28:19-20

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PURPOSE

Mission Statement

To train students in Christian religious discipline, equipping them for effective ministry and sound Bible teaching in the areas where God has called them to serve Him.

It is the desire of Hands on Africa Seminaries and Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary to be a vital part of the preparation of each student for the ministry to which they have been called. However, each student must realize that the crucial elements of their preparation will come from their personal commitment to God and their own contribution to their ministry (physically, mentally, spiritually and socially). We are concerned with cultivating the intellect and disciplining the mind. It is our endeavour to provide a Christ-centred education that is comprehensive in scope, yet practical for your prospective ministry.

The Hands On Africa Seminaries strives to help students cope not only with the problems of their times, but to also help those who are committed to living, preaching, and teaching the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. We are dedicated to helping you achieve your best for our Lord.



Equipping Pastors
and Believers for
effective Ministry.

"Thy Word is A
Lamp unto My Feet,
And a Light unto My
Path."

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

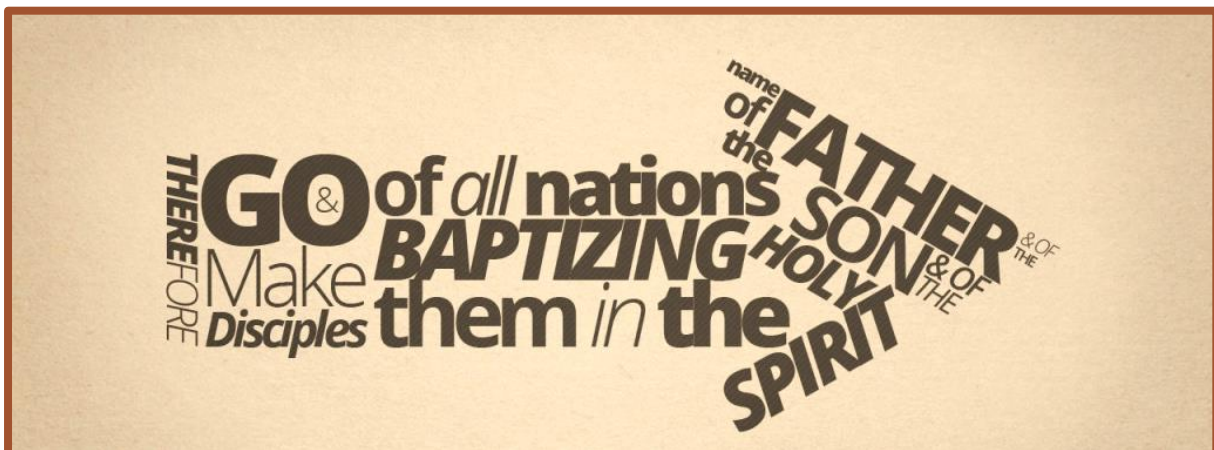
The Bible is the divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, eternal Word of God as given by the Holy Spirit. God is the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, each a distinct Person worthy of obedience and worship. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of the living God, the Saviour of men, born of the Virgin Mary, equal with the Father in every divine perfection, and the Lord of every Christian. The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried, rose again bodily the third day, ascended to the right hand of God the Father, where He now sits in heaven as our Mediator. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ will be personal, imminent, bodily, and visible for His church. He has taught us to live in readiness.

The Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity, equal with the Father and the Son in every divine perfection, who convicts of sin, regenerates, enlightens, endues for service, and comforts and guides believers.

All have sinned, and therefore, are in need of salvation. Salvation is by grace alone, is free to all who, through repentance and faith, surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. All who have been born again become the children of God. Salvation is a gift of God not of human works. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit permanently indwells the believer and the believer is kept by God's power through faith and is eternally secure and will persevere to the end.

Salvation precedes Scriptural baptism and church membership. Christ personally instituted the church, which He commissioned to make disciples of all nations, to baptize believers, and to teach them to obey all things that He had commanded. There are only two Scriptural ordinances: Believers' Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is observed in remembrance of Him to show forth His death for our sins until He comes again.

We believe in the priesthood of all believers. Every Christian has direct access to God in prayer through Jesus Christ our High Priest. There is no mediator between God and man other than Jesus Christ.



QUALIFICATIONS

Associate of Pastoral Ministry

Basic Description:

A programme designed to give students a basic theological overview and ministry skills. The Associate in Pastoral Ministry is a 2– year course done over 3 years. The course is self–contained and therefore an end in itself. This degree programme is offered in conjunction with Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary, who will award the qualification

Admission Requirements:

A desire to grow in the Lord and the knowledge of His Word. Applicants need to be in some form of leadership in their church. Applicants requires a Grade 12 national certificate.

Graduation Requirements:

ASSOCIATE: Thirty Courses / All courses are compulsory.

Course Requirements:

ASSOCIATE: 60 Credit Hours

Accreditation for one course: 2 Credits

- 12 Credits – Old Testament.
- 16 Credits – New Testament.
- 14 Credits – Doctrinal Studies.
- 18 Credits – Related Skills and Ministry Preparation.

Accreditation for one course: 2 Credits

- 1 Credit = 12 x 45/60 minute Classroom Lectures.
- 1 Credit = Studying the Textbook and related materials.
Completing 2 written Assignments and write a 2 hour exam.

Curriculum Outline:

OLD TESTAMENT

- Old Testament Survey 1
- Old Testament Survey 2
- Old Testament Survey 3
- Old Testament Survey 4
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Genesis
- Old Testament – Book of Proverbs

NEW TESTAMENT

- New Testament Survey 1
- New Testament Survey 2
- New Testament Survey 3
- New Testament Exegesis – Gospel of John
- New Testament Exegesis – Acts Part 1
- New Testament Exegesis – Acts Part 2
- New Testament Exegesis – Letter to the Romans
- New Testament Exegesis – Hebrews

DOCTRINAL STUDIES:

- Doctrine 1 – Systematic Theology A
- Doctrine 2 – Systematic Theology B
- Doctrine 3 – Eschatology, Revelations
- Doctrine 4 – Foundations of Faith
- Doctrine 5 – Works of God, Caring for God's things
- Christian Ethics
- Stewardship

SKILLS AND MINISTRY PREPARATION:

- Leadership
- Homiletics
- Evangelism
- Missions: Reaching Muslims
- Missions: Church Planting
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer
- Building Blocks of Wordship
- Church History 1

Associate of Theology

Basic Description:

A programme designed to give students a basic theological overview and ministry skills. The Associate is a 2– year course done over 2 and a half years. The course is self–contained and therefore an end in itself. This degree programme is offered in conjunction with Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary, who will award the qualification

Admission Requirements:

A desire to grow in the Lord and the knowledge of His Word. Applicants need to be in some form of leadership in their church. Applicants requires a Grade 12 national certificate (High School Certificate).

Graduation Requirements:

ASSOCIATE: Twenty Courses / All courses are compulsory.

Course Requirements:

ASSOCIATE: 60 Credit Hours

Accreditation for one course: 3 Credits

- 15 Credits – Old Testament.
- 18 Credits – New Testament.
- 12 Credits – Doctrinal Studies.
- 15 Credits – Related Skills and Ministry Preparation.

Accreditation for one course: 3 Credits

- 1 Credit = 15 x 45/60 minute Classroom Lectures.
- 1 Credit = Studying the Textbook and related materials.

Completing 2 written Assignments (min.1500 words each/min. 5 books in Bibliography) and 1 Class Assignment and other related reading projects

- 1 Credit = 2 hour Examination.

Curriculum Outline:

OLD TESTAMENT

- Old Testament Survey 1
- Old Testament Survey 2
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Genesis
- Old Testament – Book of Joshua
- Old Testament – Book of Proverbs

NEW TESTAMENT

- New Testament Survey 1
- New Testament Survey 2
- New Testament Survey 3
- New Testament Exegesis – Gospel of John
- New Testament Exegesis – Letter to the Romans
- New Testament Exegesis – Hebrews

DOCTRINAL STUDIES:

- Systematic Theology A – God and The Word
- Systematic Theology B – Redemption
- Christian Ethics
- Stewardship

SKILLS AND MINISTRY PREPARATION:

- Evangelism
- Missions: Reaching Muslims
- Missions: Church Planting
- Pastoral Care
- Spiritual Reformation

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.)

Basic Description:

This premier programme of the HOA Seminaries is designed to further train Pastors and Church leaders in the areas of teaching, preaching and related ministry skills. The B.Th. is a 4– year course, done over 5 years.

This degree programme is offered in conjunction with Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary, who will award the qualification.

Entrance Qualification:

A High or Secondary School completion Certificate or equivalent. Study credits from other institutions will also be taken into account. Applicants with less will be considered on merit if over 23 years of age who have been recognized as called of God. For possible credits for previous Theological studies a student can write a special exam to determine qualification for credits.

Graduation Requirements:

Forty Courses / All courses are compulsory

Course Requirements: 120 Credit Hours

- 24 Credits – Old Testament.
- 42 Credits – New Testament.
- 24 Credits – Doctrinal Studies.
- 30 Credits – Related Skills and Ministry Preparation.

Accreditation for one course: 3 Credits

- 1 Credit = 15 x 45/60 minute Classroom Lectures.
- 1 Credit = Studying the Textbook and related materials.

Completing 2 written Assignments (min.1500 words each/min. 5 books in Bibliography) and 1 Class Assignment and other related reading projects

- 1 Credit = 2 hour Examination.

Curriculum Outline:

OLD TESTAMENT:

- Old Testament Survey 1
- Old Testament Survey 2
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Genesis
- Old Testament – Book of Joshua
- Old Testament – Book of Proverbs
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Ruth
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Nehemiah
- Old Testament Exegesis – Book of Isaiah

NEW TESTAMENT:

- New Testament Survey 1
- New Testament Survey 2
- New Testament Survey 3
- New Testament Exegesis – Gospel of John
- New Testament Exegesis – Letter to the Romans
- New Testament Exegesis – Hebrews
- New Testament Exegesis – Gospel of Mark
- New Testament Exegesis – Ephesians
- New Testament Exegesis – Colossians/ Philemon
- New Testament Exegesis – James
- New Testament Exegesis – 1 Peter
- New Testament Exegesis – Philippians
- New Testament Exegesis – 1, 2 & 3 John
- New Testament Exegesis – 1 Timothy & Titus

DOCTRINAL STUDIES:

- Systematic Theology A – God and The Word
- Systematic Theology B – Redemption
- Christian Ethics
- Stewardship
- Systematic Theology C – Christology and Pneumatology
- Systematic Theology D – Eschatology Ecclesiology

- Systematic Theology E – Eschatology, Creation, Angels and Demons
- Apologetics

SKILLS AND MINISTRY PREPARATION:

- Evangelism
- Missions: Reaching Muslims
- Missions: Church Planting
- Pastoral Care
- Spiritual Reformation
- Hermeneutics & Homiletics 1
- Hermeneutics & Homiletics 2
- Leadership
- Church History
- Conflict Resolution

Master of Theology (M.Th.)

Basic Description:

This challenging Post Graduate, 3-year degree programme of the HOA Seminary, is designed to further equip the capable student with teaching gifts. The Master's degree courses are dealt with at an advanced level to that of the Bachelor's studies. The major purpose of this programme is to produce theologically trained spiritual leadership for the Church.

This degree programme is offered in association with Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary, who will award the qualification.

Entrance Qualification:

A Bachelor of Theology degree from HOA Seminary/JBTS or an equivalent degree from a recognized and acceptable theological institution. In general, study credits such as theological diplomas from other institutions will not be taken into account.

Graduation Requirements:

Eight Courses and a Thesis / All compulsory

Course Requirements: 36 Credit Hours

- 6 Credits – Old Testament.
- 6 Credits – New Testament.
- 6 Credits – Doctrinal Studies.
- 6 Credits – Related Skills and Ministry Preparation.
- 12 Credits – Thesis

Accreditation for one course: 3 Credits

- 1 Credit: 18 hours of Class Lectures/Seminar/Research Reading.
- 1 Credit: Study of the Textbook and related materials – 2 hour Examination.
- 1 Credit: Complete 3 typed Assignments (min 4000 words each/ min.10 books in Bibliography) and other related reading projects.
- Thesis: 75–100 researched pages as per the basic requirements

Curriculum Outline:

OLD TESTAMENT:

- The Pentateuch
- Psalms and Wisdom Literature

NEW TESTAMENT

- The Synoptic Gospels
- Prison Epistles Preached

DOCTRINAL STUDIES:

- Prophets & Prophecies of the Bible
- New Testament Theology

MINISTRY PREPARATION:

- Contemporary Christian Ethics
- Basic Bible counselling Skills

THESIS

- A Thesis in a related field. The topic must be submitted with a detailed outline before approval will be given and subsequent research and writing can begin.
- The normal criteria for submitting a thesis will be expected.
Paper size required – Letter; Margins–Top 1inch, Bottom– 1inch, Left–1inch, Right–1inch; Fonts and size–Arial/11 or Times New Roman/12; Page numbering; Typed with 1.5 spacing; Outline and table of Contents; Bibliography of min. 30 books; Length min 75 pages/max 100 pages.

The Curriculum of the 3 Courses would meet the needs of students ministering anywhere in the world, but particularly so with regards to the African continent. The standard of teaching and content offered compares favourably with any reputable institution of higher education

Accreditation

JBTS/HOAS has full accreditation of the study courses offered and is certified by the ACCREDITING COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL, BEEBE, ARKANSAS, U.S.A. Chartered by the State of Florida, Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary is a degree granting member of Florida Council of Private Colleges, Inc. (FCPC which represents its private, faith based, postsecondary educational institution members before any individual, private or government educational organization. The FCPC is an educational association that provides experienced, educational, quality peer review of the following: academic curriculum, course development, faculty, campus operations, catalogues, brochures, advertisements, application forms, financial information, distance learning process, and students' records and transcripts to FCPC standards. Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary is exempt of licensure and exempt of the jurisdiction of purview of the Commission of Independent Education (CIE), Florida Board of Education (FBE) in accordance with Chapter 1005.06, of the Statues of the State of Florida. Per item F.S. 1105.06(1) (f) we may operate without governmental oversight if we meet the requisites describe in the statues. We also believe that Christian vocational educational institutions have a Constitutional right to establish their own curricula per their doctrinal convictions.



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Distance learning has become an integral part of the African educational system. It means that those who are unable to attend Seminary on a full-time basis are still able to complete tertiary theological education. Hands on Africa therefore offers open and distance learning in order to help to equip pastors and spiritual leaders for effective ministry.

Admission Information

Students are admitted to Hands on Africa Seminary/Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary only after proper application and approval. Application forms may be obtained from via e-mail (Contact Details). Applicants who are not high school graduates may submit high school equivalency diplomas from the Department of Education of their particular country.

Letter of Reference

Students are to furnish letters of reference showing acceptable credentials in Christian character, commitment to ministry, emotional and spiritual maturity, and financial responsibility.

Transfer Student

Students who have completed courses in other institutions of higher learning will not receive credits toward the B.Th. or M.Th. degrees at the HOA Seminaries.

If a student decides to transfer credits from HOA Seminary/JBT Seminary it will be at the discretion of the college or seminary to which they transfer as to whether they will accept credits from HOA Seminary/JBT Seminary.

Attendance of Lectures

Students will assemble twice yearly for a 7 day reinforcement session.

The relevant and prescribed courses (Associate/B.Th. /M.Th.) for which students have enrolled will be addressed at each reinforcement session. The hours of the school will be 7.00 am to 5.30 pm daily. It is the policy of the HOA Seminaries that students are required to attend all lectures. Only in exceptional circumstances will a Learner be permitted to absent themselves from lectures.

At each Campus semester, written examinations of courses taken the preceding semester will take place. The relevant textbook will need to have been studied prior to the commencement of the reinforcement session. Lecturers will have tutorials with the students both together and separately as needs be to confirm their understanding of the textbook materials and general subject matter.

Studies and Assignments

All students receive instruction that will guide them through the particular course of study. They will then be required to study and complete the required written Assignments on topics related to each course in question during the following months until the next reinforcement session. On submission the assignments will be marked and returned to the students. It is vitally important for all students to note that each course has set and compulsory requirements.

Students need to understand that even if the average of the requirements submitted exceeds the pass mark, they will fail the course if all requirements have not been satisfactorily submitted.

Course requirements will include:

Examinations Research assignments Set readings

Course requirements may include:

Personal interviews Practical work Spiritual activities

If a learner is absent from more than a stipulated number of lectures, they will fail the given course.

Submission of Assignments

1. The due date for the assignments is non-negotiable, under all circumstances.
2. Assignments must be submitted on first day of reinforcement session.
3. Late submission of assignments will result in penalties.
4. Master of Theology students will need to e-mail their first copy of each Assignment to the lecturer and wait for relevant corrective comments before submitting their final typed assignment for marking.

Writing of Examinations

Examinations for courses will have to be written during reinforcement sessions on the date and time as indicated on the communicated examination timetable.

Course Pass Mark

The pass mark for a course shall be 60%, 70% to can transfer, which is determined on the basis of the marks obtained for the set requirements of the course.

Marking criteria – The total of 100% is made up of the following:

	Associate	B.Th.	M.Th.
Examination–	60%	60%	25%
Assignment 1	20%	20%	25%
Assignment 2	20%	20%	25%
Assignment 3			25%

Work Load

Students do 2 – 4 courses per semester and should plan to give three to four hours per day for study and preparation during the months between reinforcement sessions.

Library

Available to our students is a digital library with roughly 290 related books to their field of study. These are made freely available to all new students at their first reinforcement session of their first semester. Additional to this students also received additional notes and related material from lecturers as needed to add them in their education.

Church Involvement

Due to the nature of the studies offered there would be an expectation from the HOA Seminaries that student's be involved in regular ministry activities. Certain practical requirements will assume this.

Important Facts

1. Students enrolling for the Bachelor or Master of Theology will be subject to a HOA Seminary interview on completion of their first year of studies to determine whether they have the capability to carry on studying the course.
2. Please note that certain courses have been allocated for examination in the relevant semester. These subjects may only be written at the time allocated. If you fail an examination or you do not write for any reason, the subject is only offered again the following year or at a later date.

FEES STRUCTURE

Hands on Africa is a mission ministry called by God to serve predominantly in Christ's Church in Africa and we therefore offers higher education at a fee rate that is mainly sponsored by individual donors. Since 2000 till currently we are able to manage to offer highly reduced fee rates to all students and are committed to do so as long as gratis services of the Lecturers and the sacrificial sponsorship of God's people continues.

Associate and Bachelor Students:

Semester enrolment fee will be announced on previous reinforcement session or on enquiry. One time Registration fee will be due at registration during first semester and will be applied for graduation administration costs and supplying new students with a USB flash drive containing a digital library of roughly 290 related books. Semester fee includes meals for students during reinforcement sessions.

Master of Theology Students:

Course Fee is divided into 4 equal semester payments and is available on enquiry.

Graduation fee:

Graduation fee will be announced as soon as possible after results are made known. This will varies from country to country and graduation to graduation.

Student Card:

Student cards are produced for students at a small fee.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“ “ At the time I joined HOA, I was a Pastor but not saved. During the first Semester as Dr. Andre was lecturing, I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and since then my spiritual life has grown. The joy I have right now is unspeakable. To the kingdom of God, since 2013, I have managed to plant 9 churches and my ministry has grown spiritually as well as numerically. ” ”

– Moses Masola, 2019 Graduate.

“ “ This school is powerful to my life and my life is not the same. Even my church members are seeing change day by day because of good staff I got there. My intention is to have more and more skills of winning lost souls. HoA is a powerful tool. ” ”

– Amos Dickson, 2019 Graduate.

“ “ I am seeing a blessing for being enrolled at the Hands on Africa Theological Seminary, where I am adequately learning, while working for a living. My personal interaction is a great opportunity for learning, where I am grasping some useful knowledge and insights through interaction and interfacing. ” ”

– Andrew Mulenga, Current student.

“ “ I thank God for the wonderful time and life changing school that God put through Hands on Africa. I am really a changed person in my spiritual life because of this Bible school, my family too is healthy because I received Christ while at HOA school. ” ”

– Raphael Iwalani, Current student.

“ “ Now I have more time for prayer, reflecting and writing as advised in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. I am able to teach. This involves explanation and application as taught in 1 Timothy 3:2–7. The church is emulating my new lifestyle as a result we are winning more souls. Attendance has increased from fifty to two hundred on average. ” ”

– Luwis German, Current student.

“ “ I am encouraged and continue to commit myself to the HoA vision. The ways of the Lord are unsearchable indeed. The eight years of study with Hands on Africa have impacted my life in a radical way. The words "His last command, our first concern" have informed and shaped my ministry focus. Hands on Africa has transformed my ministry very significantly! It's a historical privilege and an honor to be involved in the HoA vision. ” ”

– Kennedy Kamanga – Master Graduate – Current lecturer Degree

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