

Shepherd's College

Tokyo, Japan

Course Syllabus

Diploma In Missions [DIM]

The Diploma In Missions [DIM] program is designed for students who desire to serve as staff, pastor, church planter and/ or missionary. It is intended to equip the student with the foundational competencies that will enable him to serve effectively as a part of the church's pastoral staff, to lead the church, to do church plant and/ or missions focusing on Diaspora mission and church planting.

	Subjects	Units
1	Biblical Interpretation [Hermeneutics]	3
2	Biblical Communication [Homiletics]	3
3	New Testament Studies	3
4	Old Testament Studies 1	3
5	Old Testament Studies 2	3
6	Missiology	6
7	CPM Exposure	6

Pastoral Ministry Upgrade Programs

Shepherd's College offers **Pastoral Ministry Upgrade** programs on top of the *DIM* program. This is an advance program that builds upon the courses offered in the *DIM* program leading to the **Diploma In Pastoral Ministry**. It helps provide a strong theological foundation for those who plan to serve in the capacity as senior or associate pastors in the local church. **DPM** program is designed to provide you with an in-depth knowledge of the Bible, theology and practical leadership skills to equip others for ministry.

	Subjects	Units
1	Pastoral Theology	3
2	Christology	3
3	Pneumatology	3
4	Systematic Theology	3
5	Ecclesiology	3
6	Christian Apologetics	3

Leadership Certificate Programs

L.E.A.D. [Leadership Excellence Advance Development] Certificates

L.E.A.D. Modules are special leadership courses designed to give students the Biblical basis and components of leadership in the ministry. It will establish the truths that Leaders are Builders;

Leaders are Producers; Leaders Lead. This special track expects that students will be able to start a small group ministry at the end of this program.

Modules	Subjects	Units
ALG LT	Agape Life Group Leader Training	
L.E.A.D. 1	Builders	3
L.E.A.D. 2	Producers	3
L.E.A.D. 3	Leaders	3

Program Objectives

The student who completes the Missions and/or Pastoral Ministry major should:

1. Possess the foundational skills that would equip him to serve a congregation as pastor upon graduation.
2. Know the principles and dynamics that contribute to effective spiritual leadership.
3. Effectively study, understand and interpret Scripture.
4. Be able to formulate and deliver an expository message.
5. Realize the global mission of the Church and its implications for your life.
6. Be able to articulate a philosophy of pastoral ministry.
7. Be able to embark on mission and/or pioneer a church.
8. Realize and develop your God-given gifts and passions for use in ministry to the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Program Approaches

1. The Shepherd's College programs use the combination of on-site and distance education approaches in order to complete the equivalent hours required for each course offered. Readings and assignments supplement the on-site/ classroom lectures.
2. The Shepherd's College programs employ the development of Academic, Spiritual Discipline and Service.

Academic

Biblical Studies from Genesis to Revelation gives a chronological overview, background, distinctive and life application lessons of each book. Theology courses presents the major doctrines taught in the Scripture. Mission course focuses on Diaspora Mission and Church Planting.

Spiritual Discipline

Personal devotion is a key to spiritual growth and maturity. The discipline of spending time with God in the Bible and prayer is often the most treasured and valuable discipline acquired by the graduates of Shepherd's College. Student counseling is given to reinforce a wholesome experience.

Service

The student is required to be involved and to serve helping in the local church and community. Student retreat is required for all graduating students.

Requisites for the Full Credit Program:

DIM requires full credit of the Core Courses of 27 units offered in the DIM. Graduates will received a Diploma and Transcript of Record [TOR]. Outstanding students will receive awards.

DPM requires full credit of the Core Courses of the DIM in addition to the full program of 27 units offered in this program. Graduates will receive a Diploma and Transcript of Records. Outstanding students will receive awards.

Requisites for the Non-Full Credit Program:

1. Certificate In Missions [CIM]

CIM requires full program attendances, ministry reports and devotional reports. CIM is a semi-audit program.

2. Certificate Of Completion [COC]

COC requires full program attendance only. COC is an audit program.

Automatic Default

Students who are not able to meet the requirements of the program they enrolled into will be automatically transferred to the next lower program level. Example: When unable to meet the requirements of the DIM will be defaulted to CIM. When unable to meet the requirements of the CIM will be defaulted to COC.

Program Upgrade [Equivalency Grading]

Students can upgrade one level at a time from COC to CIM/ CPM to DIM/ DPM by completing the equivalency examinations and requirements for each program upgrade as follows:

- i. Registration Fee + Tuition Fee + Equivalency Grading Fee [2,000–yen per course].
- ii. Equivalency Exams, and/or, Paper

Description of Subjects

I. Diploma In Missions [DIM]

1. *Biblical Interpretation: Hermeneutics [HERM]*

This course will focus on the development of a systematic approach to the interpretation of Scripture. The various critical-interpretive systems and strategies will be considered. Special attention will be given to the historical-grammatical method. The predominant literary genres of the Bible will be examined and relevant principles of interpretation highlighted. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the original, intended meaning of Scripture in its canonical context as the basis upon which to prepare expositions and make appropriate contemporary applications.

2. *Biblical Communication: Homiletics [HOMI]*

This course introduces the theological context and practical dynamics of preaching. The course centers on preparation methods, presentation skills and critical review tested in actual preaching by the students in the class sessions. Competencies include public speaking/proclamation, theological understanding and vocational readiness and coherent organization and convincing presentation.

3. *Old Testament Studies 1 and 2 [OTS 1 & 2]*

The Old Testament Studies is an overview of the Old Testament, tracing its teaching with respect to historical background and literary character.

OTS 1- *The Pentateuch, Joshua, Judges and Ruth*

OTS 2 - *1 Samuel to Malachi*

4. New Testament Studies [NTS]

New Testament Studies is an introduction to the authorship and contents of the books of the New Testament. Special attention will be given to important persons, places, events and the key concepts in the New Testament revelation.

5. Mission [MS]

Mission course covers the theology of missions with special focus on "Diaspora Mission" and Church Planting. The student will be exposed to a church-planting model and will create their own church planting blue print in view of a target community.

6. CPM Exposure

Students of DIM and CIM are required to complete the following:

- i. One-year ministry at an SCF Church Planting project.
- ii. One actual missions ministry [Student will have to pay for his expenses.]

II. Diploma In Pastoral Ministry [DPM]

1. Pastoral Theology [PT]

Pastoral Theology concerns with the application of the study of religion in the context of regular church ministry. This branch of theology seeks to give practical expression to the equipping of the clergyman in ministry.

2. Christology [CY]

The word "Christology" comes from two Greek words meaning "Christ / Messiah" and "word" - which combine to mean "the study of Christ." Christology is the study of the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

3. Pneumatology [PY]

The word Pneumatology comes from two Greek words which mean "wind, air, spirit" and "word" - combining to mean "the study of the Holy Spirit." Pneumatology is the study of God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity.

4. Systematic Theology [ST]

Systematic theology is the branch of theology that attempts to formulate and explain various areas of Christian theology in an orderly, rational and coherent of Christian faith and practice. Systematic theology attempts to organize the teachings of the Bible into categorical systems.

5. Ecclesiology [EC]

This course discusses the doctrine of the church as revealed in the Scriptures. It covers practical aspects of the church such as authority, government, functions and ministries of the church.

6. Christian Apologetics [CA]

The course will seek to formulate the rational basis for believing in Christian theism, with responses to objections and critiques of competing worldviews. Apologetics is the study of how to give reasons for our Christian hope (1 Pet. 3:15). The course has three parts:

1. Christian theory of knowledge
2. Historic and contemporary views of apologetic method
3. Topics in apologetics.

In the first part, we shall ask what Scripture says about human knowledge, particularly the process by which a non-Christian comes to know Christ. The second part will deal with the controversy over how to do apologetics, discussing representatives of different apologetic schools. The third part

will discuss issues under debate between Christians and non-Christians: the existence of God, the truth of Scripture, the problem of evil, the currents of modern and postmodern thought.

III. Grading System

Grade	Percentage	GPA [Grade Point Average]
A +	96 - 100	4.00
A	91 - 95	3.50
B +	86 - 90	3.00
B	80 - 85	2.50
C +	75 - 79	2.00
C	70 - 74	1.50
D	Dropped	Dropped
F	Failure	Failure

Financial Information

Fees

Item	Costs [In Japan Yen]
Registration Fee [Annual]	4000-
Tuition Fee [per unit]	2000-
Others:	
<i>Late Assignment</i>	1000-
<i>Late Enrollment</i>	1000-
<i>Late Tuition payment</i>	1000-
<i>Drop charge</i>	1000-
<i>Enrollment withdrawal</i>	2000-
<i>Printing, books, etc.</i>	At cost
Equivalency Grading Fee [Per Course]	2,000-
Graduation Expenses	At cost

Scholarships

Shepherd's College gives tuition scholarships and sponsorships to deserving students. Scholarships require academic excellence and active official membership status and recommendation from local churches. Scholarships apply to tuition fees only. Shepherd's College also helps find sponsorships to deserving students.

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Study Covenant

As a student of Shepherd's College, I promise to fulfill my responsibilities and meet all the requirements of my program. I submit myself to the regulations of Shepherd's College and to the authorities representing the institution. I will do my best always to present myself unto God in all my studies and ministries.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Mobile: _____

Email/ Phone mail address: _____ Birthday: _____

Church Membership: _____ Ministry: _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

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