



**CHURCH ON THE ROCK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**GLOBAL ONLINE**  
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## **Church On The Rock Theological Seminary- Global Online (COTRTS - GO)**

COTRTS Global is initiated to give a specialized theological education for pastors, missionaries, evangelists, Christian workers, professionals, lay people, and anyone interested in theological training but do not have time and access to the residential program. The goal is to equip the body of Christ for the work of God in their respective context.

### **COTR-GO Program Objectives**

The purpose of this mode of theological education is:

- To give biblical and theological exposure and knowledge to both clergy, laity and professionals to be a better witness both in the Church/Mission context and in the market/public space.
- To prepare lay people to be assistants to the full time Christian workers and in the ministry of the Church, Christian institutions, and Christian organizations.
- To prepare/equip the potential learners in the knowledge of Holy Scriptures in applying them more relevantly in the contemporary context.
- To educate the target group to serve both the church and the society.

### **COTR-GO Training Programs**

Bachelor of Theology	– 3 ½ Years	
Master of Divinity (Regular)	– 3 ½ years	
Master of Divinity (B.Th. Upgraders)	– 2 ½ years	
Master of Arts	- 2 ½ years	/

The language of instruction is English

The training programs are for the Pastors, missionaries, evangelists, professionals any Christian workers, laity and working people interested in theological studies.

### **Entry requirements:**

**B.Th.** +2 or its equivalent or mature candidates with a minimum of 10 years ministry experience with SSC or its equivalent. Mature candidates (above the age of 25) should write three qualifying exams to prove their competency to do B. Th.

M.Div. (General) - Any degree from a recognized university or its equivalent or mature candidates with a minimum of 10 years ministry experience with +2 or its equivalent. Mature candidates (above the age of 30) should write three qualifying exams to prove their competency to do M. Div.

**M.Div. (Upgraders)** – B.Th. from ATA/Serampore or any recognized College with B grade and above.

**M.A.** – graduates from recognized university

### **Academic Requirements**

B.Th. – 36 Courses

M.Div. (Regular) – 30 Courses

M.Div. (Upgraders) – 20 Courses

M.A. – 20 courses

A student after registration into the program will complete the 20 hours of lectures for each course. The lectures are recorded. Students can access at their own free time.

For each lecture, there will be a follow up assignment and that need to be submitted.

Syllabus, reading materials and assignments would be provided to the students as a follow up to do the course.

The total hour of study per subject is 120 learning hours for M. Div./M.A. and 90 learning hours for B. Th. The course would include reading, writing papers, assignments and each subject will have some ministry components.

The exam will be Open Book Exam pattern. Those who fail to acquire 40 percent (pass) will have to retake the exam. Those who fail in retake must redo the course.

Each student should find a Mentor (living nearby) with M.Div./B.D. degree from ATA/Serampore University qualification (if possible, M.Th.) to discuss the subject matters and ministry/spiritual formation. A qualified and experienced pastor would be more than sufficient with needed theological qualification.

Student should complete all the course requirements such as assignments, field reports and exams to complete the course.

### **Course Requirement**

For each subject, the course requirements are

- class work 80% consisting of
  - ❖ 3 assignments,
  - ❖ 3 reading reports/book reviews,
  - ❖ 10-12 quizzes,
  - ❖ 1 term paper
- Final Open Book Exam 20 %

## **Admission Process**

COTRTS-GO accepts students of all races, color, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, denomination, and status without any discrimination.

In keeping with the above philosophy, we give due regard to the following:

- The applicant must be a born again and baptized Christian and a member in good standing with his/her church with a commitment to discipleship.
- The applicant feels the call to God's service wherever they are placed in the full-time ministry or secular/marketplace.
- The candidate must be able to do his/her studies in the English.

## **Documents Required for Admission**

The duly filled application must be uploaded along with the followings:

- Self - attested copies of all academic records.
- A one full-page (A4 size) testimony in English, in candidates own handwriting.
- Financial undertaking form.

## **Admission of Transfer Students**

Following criteria will be observed in admitting transfer students:

- Required academic qualifications pertaining to the course applied.
- Official transcript of the academic performance from the previous institution.
- Recommendation, and Confidential reports, from the Pastor of the local church.
- A special character certificate and "No Objection Certificate" from the head of the institution last studied.

## **Fee Structure**

- B.Th. for 1 Subject Rs.4000
- M.Div. for 1 subject Rs.6000
- M.Div. Upgraders for 1 subject Rs.6000
- M.A. for 1 subject Rs.6000

## **Uniqueness of the Program**

- This program is to encourage Pastors, Professionals, Christian workers and interested Laities by equipping them with a substantiate, academic as well as mission-oriented courses so that it will help them to engage within the Indian Church more effectively.
- This is not a correspondence course, rather equivalent to regular, recognized, and academic degrees.
- Students will be provided with a compendium (compiled materials from books

and articles) and textbooks for each subject that can be downloaded from COTRTS- GO web site

- Academic activities and the courses are inbuilt with special emphasis on Spiritual formation, ministry skill development, practical dimension and mission focus.

### **COURSES OFFERED TO BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

##### **OTC111 - OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY**

This course surveys the historical settings, themes, content and purpose of the books of the Old Testament. The course is designed to articulate the overall theme and aim of each book.

##### **OTC122 - PENTATEUCH**

This course introduces the background, formation and theological content of the first five books of the Bible.

##### **OTC133 - OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS**

This course introduces the prophets and their role, the nature of prophecy in the Old Testament, prophetic institution, theology and their relevance to the church in India.

##### **OTE114 - HISTORY OF ISRAEL**

This course introduces the origin, development and major events of the nation of Israel until the birth of Jesus Christ. A careful description of the history of Israel and an in-depth study method is used to bring the events recorded in the Bible to relate with the present and fulfill the need of the society by understanding the responsibility of the chosen generation.

##### **OTE125 - POETICAL BOOKS AND WISDOM LITERATURE**

This course introduces the nature of Hebrew Poetry, wisdom tradition and theological content of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastical, Song of Solomon and Lamentations. It can be a guideline to get into the deeper understanding of wisdom books and the right usage of the teaching when applied.

##### **OTE126 - HISTORICAL BOOKS**

This course introduces the background of formation, settlement, kings, division, captivity and return of the nation of Israel. The course also highlights the relation between God and Israel and how God's plan unfolded in the history of Israel.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

##### **NTC211 - NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

This course surveys the historical setting, theme, content, and purpose of the books of the New Testament. Specific application from each book is made relevant to the spiritual life.

##### **NTC212 - LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST**

This course is designed to introduce the learner to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The course deals with the life and ministry of Jesus portrayed by the evangelists.

#### NTE223 - PAULINE EPISTLES – I

This course surveys all the Epistles of Paul except the Pastoral Epistles, It introduces their background, issues and theological content. It also involves textual study on selected passages. Specific application from each epistle is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life, as well as to the use of these epistles in various ministry situations.

#### NTE224 - PRELIMINARY GREEK

This course is an introduction to NT Greek vocabulary, grammatical forms, and sentence structure that would the students to read, write and exegete Biblical passages to determine the original meaning.

#### NTE225 - SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

This course introduces the development of the formation, literary types, structure, textual problems and contents of Mathew, Mark, and Luke. It will also include the detailed study of its major themes, forms and structure, issues and textual problems of the gospels.

#### NTE236 - PAULINE EPISTLES – II

This course will specially deal in detail with Romans and Galatians with special emphasis on the theological themes addressed within. It will also deal with the Pastoral epistles in consideration of the pastoral guidelines addressed in tune with the Indian context.

#### NTE217 - ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

This course introduces the historical and theological themes in the book of Acts. It covers the background, development and the ministry of the apostles and the early church.

### DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

#### TEC321 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY-I

This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with Scripture, God, Creation, Angels and Human beings.

#### TEC332 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY-II

This course is an introductory study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human beings, Holy Spirit and salvation from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

#### TEC333 - CHRISTIAN ETHICS

This course examines moral codes, divine commandments, and legal prescriptions, which explores the theological vision of the Christian community which expresses itself in specific

intentions, practices, values and how Christian communities can grow in moral discernment.

#### TEC343 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

This course introduces the basic principles, methods and models of Biblical interpretation to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

#### TEE335 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY – III

This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with doctrines of the Holy Spirit and Eschatology.

#### TEE336 - APOLOGETICS

This course is an introductory study of the rational defense of the Christian faith-commitments and response to various objections. This course helps the students to analyze the challenges to Christian faith and reasons which led to growth of apologetic literatures.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

##### HC411 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY – I

This course is an introduction to the History of Christianity from its inception to the medieval period. It covers the major events, councils and movements. It helps the students to analyze how the events affected the course of church history.

##### HC422 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity in India from its emergence and development within the socio-political and cultural context. The course aims to highlight the genesis of Christianity in India and in the latter stages how Christianity and Colonization went hand-in-hand.

##### HCE433 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY – II

This course is a basic study of the History of Christianity from the Great Schism 1054 to the Present. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of Church through her interaction with different cultures and traditions. It covers the major events, reformation, Evangelical movements, ecumenical councils and modern developments.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

##### CMC511 - EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

This is a foundational course examining the meaning, role and function of Educational ministry of the church. The goal, objectives, and the foundational disciplines, which contribute to the formation of Christian education theory and practice, will be studied with the aim of equipping the students with the necessary resources to design a relevant and balanced Education ministry of the church.

##### CMC522 - PREACHING AND WORSHIP

This course is to learn the theology and practice of the preaching ministry. The approach will emphasize both the art of sermon preparation and the place of preaching in the ministry. It also covers the skills of preparing and conducting worship in the church.

#### CMC533 - LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

This Course covers the basic subjects related to the church administration and leadership, its government function and its different realm of ministry with special reference to the Indian context. Students are to evaluate their own leadership potential by identifying personal strength and weaknesses. Interpersonal dynamics inherent to leadership such as communication conflict management, problem solving, and delegation and motivating are discussed.

#### CMC534 - PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

This course provides pastoral formation and introduces ministries of pastoral care. Emphasis placed upon the minister's healing role with the people in crisis and the biblical and theological foundation of pastoral care, a definition of counseling and counseling theory and practice, and counselor's relationship to the counselee and various counseling skills will be considered.

#### CME535 - PASTORAL THEOLOGY

This course is an introduction to the theology of pastoral ministry from a biblical perspective. This course covers the major essentials of pastoral ministry with reference to its office, function and responsibilities.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MISSION

#### MIC611 - INTRODUCTION TO MISSION AND EVANGELISM

This course gives the student an introduction to mission and evangelism in the life of the Church. Special attention will be given to practical application and to creative approaches to mission and evangelism that will effectively relate with the context.

#### MIC622 - PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH PLANTING AND DEVELOPMENT

It is an analytical study of the biblical and cultural principles involved in the church planting and Church growth, combined with theological convictions, sociological principles and spiritual insights for the expansion and the development of the church.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

#### RPC721- MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

This course is a study of the origin, development, beliefs and practices of the major religions in the world. This course helps the students to witness Jesus Christ in the religious pluralistic context of India.

#### RPC732 - CONTEMPORARY INDIAN MOVEMENTS



This course focuses on the major religious, social, cultural and secular movements in India and their development during the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. This course enables the students to effectively do the mission in the Indian society.

#### GENERAL DEPARTMENT

#### GDC811 - SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This Course introduces the learner to the Biblical understanding of spirituality. It covers basic Christian convictions, discipleship, moral principles, character formation, and mannerisms.

#### GDC812 - STUDY METHODS

This course introduces the methods and teachings involved in reading, understanding, writing and researching academic papers. This course offers the opportunity to have a practical understanding about the academic exercises.

#### GDC819 - ENGLISH

This Course is designed to enhance the student's skills to think, read and write and communicate effectively with others.

#### GDE825 - INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOSTALISM

This course is brief study of the History, expansion, theology, contribution and challenges of the Pentecostal movement with special focus on India.

#### GDE828 - INDIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

This course introduces the students to the understanding of Indian culture and social structures. It exposes them to the awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens and leaders of the church.

#### GDE833 – BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

This course introduces the archeological findings in the Bible lands, in relation to the times, people, culture and customs to supplement biblical truths. This course is designed in such a way that the students will be able to have an intellectual quest to learn and develop the skill to explain the bible according to its basic settings and make it more relevant to their society and community.

#### GDE834 - DANIEL AND REVELATION

This course introduces the background and content of the books of Daniel and Revelation and their relevance to the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by employing the comparative study method.

#### GDE837 - MARRIAGE FAMILY AND MINISTRY

This course introduces Christian understanding of marriage, family life and its implications to the

ministry. It deals with the biblical understanding of marriage and ministry which is purely based on biblical foundation and above the cultural and social set up of various communities in the world. This also gives teachings which will clear difficult questions and transform the society with high moral components of biblical ethics.

## **COURSES OFFERED TO MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF DIVINITY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT**

#### **OTC111 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE- I**

This course is a critical introduction of the OT, which covers historical background, formation, canonization, transmission of the texts and Biblical criticisms.

#### **OTC123 - PRELIMINARY HEBREW**

This course is an introduction to Hebrew vocabulary, grammatical forms and sentence structure that would help the students to read, write and exegete biblical passages to determine the original meaning.

#### **OTC132: OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY**

This course is an advanced study of the theology of each book of the Old Testament

### **DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT NTC211 - INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE – II**

This course is a detailed analysis of the Historical, literary, political, economical, cultural & topographical settings of the New Testament, its origin and development. It enables the students to analyze the text in its context by rightly identifying the background hence be effective in communicating the same in the community that he/she ministers.

#### **NTC212 - PRELIMINARY GREEK**

This course is an introduction to NT Greek vocabulary, grammatical forms, and sentence structure that would help the students to read, write and exegete biblical passages to determine the original meaning.

#### **NTC232 - NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY**

This course is an advanced study of the Historical development of the New Testament Theology, interpretive methods, principal themes, and the concept of Christ as the central person.

### **DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND ETHICS**

#### **TEC311 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY – I**

This course is an advanced study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Scripture, God and Creation from Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

#### **TEC323 - CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

This course is an advanced study of the principles and practice of Christian ethics from contemporary perspectives. It deals with Ethical Issues, options, case studies and selected theologians.

#### TEC324 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

This course is an advanced study of the Historical development, principles, methods, models of Biblical interpretation. It also deals with contemporary developments in Biblical interpretations to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

#### TEC332 - PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of Christ from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives. It focuses on the evaluation of Mission, Ministry, Teaching, Presentation, Rejection and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### TEC335 - THEOLOGIES IN THE ASIAN CONTEXT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INDIA

This course is an advanced study of the major theological developments in various Asian Contexts. It is designed to make the students analyze the various contexts that led to the development of different understandings about God.

#### TEE321 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY – II

This course is an advanced study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human beings, sin and salvation from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives. It edifies the student towards and intra and extra Biblical approach so as to confirm the truth revealed through witness derived from Human science and experience.

#### TEE323 - CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

This course is an advanced study of the rational defense of the Christian faith-commitments and response to various objections. Special focus has been played on a variety of Christian evidence that support the claims of the church from Biblical, Historical, theological, philosophical and pragmatic perspectives.

#### TEE332 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

This course is an advanced study of the person and work of Christ from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives and the major themes of Christian Theology related to the future events, systematically from historical, philosophical and contemporary perspective.

#### TEE333 - THEOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This course covers various aspects of Theology of the Holy Spirit in relation to the church and the development of doctrine. It also focuses on the latest development regarding the doctrine of Holy Spirit and to see its importance and relevance for the mission of the church today.

### TEE336 - INDIAN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

This course introduces the learner to the significant theological contributions made in India. It covers the contributions of some of the Indian Renaissance leaders and Christian thinkers.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY HCC411 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity from its inception to the modern period. It helps the student to understand the beginnings and development of Christianity, its literature, polity and the personalities/events which were cardinal to the emergence of the Church as a living organism. It covers the major events, councils and movements.

### HCC422 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity in India from its emergence and development within the socio-political, religious and cultural context.

### HCE423 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

This course covers the historical development of Christian theology. Since History and theology are related disciplines without listening to history it is difficult to formulate a theology for today. From history only we can understand the theological thinking of the different periods and the articulation of various thinkers. This course gives us the information of the developments in theological thinking from Patristic period to modern times.

### HCE424 - HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY II

This course is an advanced study of the History of Christianity from the reformation period to the present. It covers the major events, reformation, Evangelical movements, ecumenical councils and modern developments

### HCE434 - HISTORY OF EVANGELICAL MOVEMENTS

This course covers the development of the history of the evangelical movements in the global context till the Ecumenical era.

### DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CMC521: PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

This course is an advanced study of the skills, theory and practice of the ministry of pastoral care and counseling. The course is designed to visit classical Christian roots as a resource for counsel, teaching, exegesis, and the work of ministry.

### CMC532: PASTORAL THEOLOGY

This course is an advanced study of pastoral theology from biblical and contemporary perspectives. It also deals with the essentials, methods, functions and responsibilities of pastoral theology.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MISSIOLOGY MIC612 - COMMUNICATIONS

This course is an advanced study of theories, methods and skills of communication. It deals with interpersonal and mass – communication and how to use current successful communication approaches to get out our message.

#### MIC621 - MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

This course presupposing that mission and evangelism are an essential function of the church, intends to focus upon the socio-cultural structures, issues of contextualization, practical application and creative approaches to missions.

#### MIE624 - CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This is a course given attention to foreign cultures with an attempt to understand other peoples in their contexts. It will provide tools for more effective intercultural communications as well as giving us a mirror in which to see ourselves more clearly. One key assumption of this course is that we absorb cultural concepts more effectively through exposure to ethnographic as well as actual fieldwork.

#### MIE625 - BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSION

An investigation of the Biblical and theological basis for world missions as evidenced in both the old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the nature and purpose of God, the operation of the trinity, and the mission of Israel and the church to the nations of the world. Great missionary texts in their context are studied to establish the meaning and purpose of missions, the universal lostness of man without Christ, the spirit's role in sending the missionary, and the authority of scripture in mission philosophy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY RPC711 - SURVEY OF WORLD RELIGIONS

This course is an advanced study of the history, developments, beliefs, practices and traditions of the religions of the world. It also helps the student to understand the life of the founder and the traditions that led to the emergence of the particular religion.

#### RPC732 - MODERN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MOVEMENTS

This course is an advanced analysis of the major religious, social, cultural and secular movements in India and their development during the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. This course enables the students to rightly understand the theological aberrations occurring in and around the immediate society

to rightly engage with the community saturated with such beliefs.

#### GENERAL DEPARTMENT

##### GDE716 - UNDERSTANDING INDIAN SOCIETY

This course is to enable the students to understand the vital issues and problems of Indian society and to help them to serve God and people in a meaningful way. The course enables the student to rightly engage with the Indian society as he/she ministers.

##### GDE717 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This course introduces the learner to the methods of reading, understanding, writing and doing research. The course also equips the student how to find the resources and organize the material accordingly.

##### GDE723 - LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

This course will help the students to enhance their skills to become effective leaders as they learn to properly invest their potential on proper identification of their personal skills. Interpersonal skills, teamwork through proper synergy of abilities in the Body, problem identification and diagnosis, good rapport and apt communication will be dealt and emphasized.

##### GDE726 - HOMILETICS

This Course designed to focus special attention upon theology and practice of the preaching ministry. The study will emphasize both the preparation of a preacher and the art of sermon preparation. The focus is upon the structure and delivery of sermons. Learning occurs through basic theory and skills as well as through listening to oral and written responses to sermons preached in the class.

##### GDE734 - FAMILY, CHILDREN AND CARE

This course is a study of marriage, sexual partnership, parenting children and Christian home from biblical perspective. The course also focuses on how a minister can balance with his ministry and his home.

##### GDE739 - DANIEL AND REVELATION

This course introduces the background and content of the books of Daniel and Revelation and their relevance to the church in the 21st century by employing the comparative study method.

