

**No.: PMEB-1/Spl./02/2024-25**

**Date: 06-07-2024**

**NOTIFICATION**

Sub.: Minor modification in the syllabus of **M.A. (Theology)** course under Specialized Programs from the academic year 2023-24-reg.

- Ref.: 1. Decision of the BOS Meeting held on 12-02-2024.  
2. Decision of the Faculty of Arts meeting held on 18-06-2024.  
3. Decision of the Academic Council meeting held on 28-06-2024.

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The Board of Studies in **M.A. (Theology) (PG)** at its meeting held on 12-02-2024 has resolved and recommended the modification in the syllabus of **M.A. (Theology)** course under specialized/specified programs from the academic year 2024-25.

The Faculty of Arts and the Academic Council at their meetings held on 18-06-2024 and 28-06-2024 respectively, have also approved the above proposal and the same is hereby notified.

The modified syllabus of **M.A. (Theology)** course may be downloaded from the University website <https://uni-mysore.ac.in/PMEB/>.

**To,**

1. The Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore, Mysuru.
2. The Dean, Faculty of Arts, KIKS, Manasagangothri, Mysuru.
3. Prof. Valindin Rajendrakumar, DoS in Christianity, Manasagangothri, Mysuru.
4. The Director, South Asian Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, # M-50/A, 1<sup>st</sup> Phase, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.
5. The Deputy Registrar/ Superintendent, Examination Branch, UOM, Mysuru.
6. The PA to Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore, Mysuru.
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**Proceedings of Board of Studies Meeting (MA in Theology)**

**At South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, Mysuru.**

**Ref: P.M.E.B. -5/Spl-31/2022-23. Dated 02.01.2024.**

The meeting of the Board of Studies – MA in Theology (under Specialized Studies recognized by the University of Mysore) was held at SAIACS, Mysuru, on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Prof. Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, Chairman of the BoS Theology welcomed the members and appreciated the efforts of SAIACS in continuing to offer post graduate education in Theology.

The members of the BOS present were:

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| 1. Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, PhD, DoS in Christianity, UoM | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Prabhu Singh, PhD, Principal, SAIACS, Bangalore        | - | Member   |
| 3. Dr. G. John Daniel, PhD, Academic Dean, SAIACS, Bangalore  | - | Member   |
| 4. Dr. John Arun Kumar, PhD, SAIACS, Bangalore                | - | Member   |
| 5. Dr. Varughese John, PhD, SAIACS, Bangalore                 | - | Member   |
| 6. Dr. Varghese Thomas, PhD, SAIACS, Bangalore                | - | Member   |
| 7. Dr. M. Daniel, PhD, DoS in Philosophy, UoM                 | - | Member   |

The members of the BOS absent were:

1. Dr. John Arun Kumar



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## AGENDA

- A. Changes if any, recommendations, with regard to the courses of study, syllabi, textbooks, the scheme of exams, regulations etc. in PG courses etc. for the year 2024-25.
- B. Changes if any recommendations to the prescription of textbooks for the year 2024-25.
- C. Changes if any, recommendations of the New Educational system with regard to the courses of study in PG certificate courses etc. for the year 2024-25.
- D. Any other matter referred by the Chairman of the BOS.

### Proceedings and Resolutions:

#### 1) As regards to Agenda 'A'

The BOS focused on evaluating and proposing changes to the course offerings, syllabi, textbooks, and other academic regulations for the academic year 2024-25.

During this meeting, a key resolution was made regarding changes to the subject titles within the MA in Theology programme. It was noted that these changes are related only to the titles. The content, course requirements, and all other aspects pertinent to the courses will remain unchanged.

The BoS unanimously approved the proposal to revise course titles to better reflect the content and focus of each subject. These changes are as follows:

Sl. No	Current Title	QP Code	Proposed Title
1	Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care	89541	Introduction to Pastoral care and Counselling
2	An Exegetical Study of Select New Testament Texts	89532	Exegetical Study - Old Testament
3	A Critical Study of an Old Testament Book	89536	Exegetical Study - New Testament
4	Theology and Practise of Transformative Leadership	89525	Transformative Leadership
5	Counselling	89531	Psychotherapy and Mental Health

#### Course offering:

Additionally, the Board decided to replace the course "History of Christianity in India" (QP Code: 89551, Open Elective) with a new subject, "Theological Foundations of Family". This

change aims to better align the curriculum with contemporary theological challenges and the needs of our students and society. The rationale behind these modifications centers on providing a more focused and relevant educational experience for our students, particularly in addressing the evolving landscape of theological education and practice.

The proposed syllabi for these updated courses are attached with the proceedings for review and implementation.

Furthermore, the BoS decided to maintain the existing textbook prescriptions and educational systems for the upcoming academic year and approved a list of internal examiners, which is enclosed with the proceedings.

2) As regards the agenda 'B' the Board unanimously decided to continue the existing system for the year of 2024 -25.

3) As regards the agenda 'C'

The members of the Board of Studies (BoS) discussed with the Chairman the possibility of introducing new subjects such as Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity, Post Graduate Diploma in Theology, and Post Graduate Certificate in Theology. The Chairman affirmed that this opportunity exists and SAIACS can proceed with the due process of application, following the guidelines established by the University of Mysore.

4) As regards the agenda 'D' the Board unanimously decided on additional issues raised by the institution.

a) List of internal examiners.

#### **List of internal examiners:**

The list of examiners was unanimously approved by the Board, and same is enclosed with the proceedings.

All members present at the meeting duly affixed their signatures to the requisitions made, endorsing the decisions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks extended to Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, the Chairman of the Board of Studies in Theology.



Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, PhD  
BoS Chairman – DoS in Christianity

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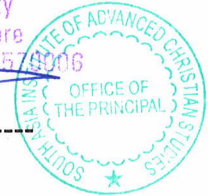
The members of the BOS present were:

1. Dr. Valindin Rajendra Kumar, PhD, DoS in Christianity, UoM



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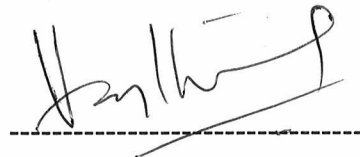
3. Dr. G. John Daniel, PhD, Academic Dean SAIACS, Mysuru




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## THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF FAMILY

University Code:

SAIACS Code :

### Course Description

This course explores the theological and biblical underpinnings of the family unit, examining its origins, purpose, and evolving dynamics within a Christian context. It deals with the scriptural narratives that shape the understanding of family, the roles and identities within it, and the Christian response to contemporary issues surrounding gender and familial structures. The course integrates theological, ethical, and sociological perspectives to provide a holistic view of the family as a fundamental institution in society and the church.

### Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

#### 1. Cognitive

- Articulate a comprehensive understanding of the biblical and theological foundations of the family.
- Analyze the scriptural narratives and theological doctrines that define family, marriage, and relational dynamics.
- Critically examine the contemporary challenges and changes in family structures and gender roles from a theological perspective.

#### 2. Affective

- Develop a deeper appreciation for the biblical view of family and its significance in personal and communal faith.
- Cultivate empathy and a nuanced understanding of diverse family experiences and gender identities within Christian communities.

#### 3. Behavioral

- Apply theological insights into practical contexts, contributing to constructive discussions on family and gender issues in church and society.
- Demonstrate the ability to engage with complex family dynamics in pastoral and ministerial settings with sensitivity and theological acumen.

### Textbooks

1. "The Family: A Christian Perspective on the Contemporary Home" by Jack O. Balswick and Judith K. Balswick. This book provides a thorough examination of family life from a Christian perspective, addressing vital issues such as marriage dynamics, parenting approaches, and broader family relationships. It integrates theological insights with practical guidance, making it a valuable resource for understanding and navigating the complexities of modern family life in light of Christian values and teachings.

2. "God, Marriage, and Family: Rebuilding the Biblical Foundation" by Andreas J. Köstenberger and David W. Jones. This book offers an extensive scriptural exploration of the foundations of marriage and family. Covering topics such as sexuality, divorce, and the roles within the family, it delves into what the Bible says about these critical aspects of life. The authors aim to provide a solid Biblical grounding for understanding and living out family and marital relationships.
3. "The Body: A Theological and Exegetical Exploration" by Craig S. Keener. This work presents a detailed theological and exegetical study on the concept of 'the body' in the Bible. While not exclusively focused on family, it provides valuable insights into how the body is viewed in scripture, which is foundational to understanding topics like gender roles, sexuality, and personal identity within the context of both the individual and family life. Keener's analysis contributes to a more holistic understanding of the physical and spiritual aspects of personhood in Christian theology.

## **Course Outline**

### **Unit 1: Biblical and Theological Foundations of Family**

1. Introduction to Family Theology
2. The Origins and Purpose of Family in Scripture
3. Marriage in Biblical Perspective
4. Children and Parenthood in the Bible

### **Unit 2: Gender Roles and Identity in Family**

1. Traditional Gender Roles in Scripture
2. Contemporary Gender Issues and Theological Responses
3. Gender Equality and Christian Ethics

### **Unit 3: Ethical and Pastoral Considerations in Family Dynamics**

1. Family Ethics and Christian Living
2. Challenges to the Traditional Family Model
3. Pastoral Care and Family Dynamics
4. Nurturing Healthy Christian Families

### **Unit 4: Contemporary Issues and Future of Family in Theological Perspective**

1. Technology, Culture, and Family
2. Diverse Family Structures and Christian Ministry
3. The Future of Family in Christian Theology



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