

CYCLE - II

LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY (L.Th.)

General Co-ordinator: Rev. Dr. Bijoy Augustine Marottickal

1. Objectives

- i. to provide the students with an in-depth grasp of the subjects of their specialization
- ii. to provide the students with a comprehensive way of understanding theology through inter-disciplinary research
- iii. to help the students to acquire methodological skills through guided research

2. Specializations

The Theology Faculty offers Licentiate in Theology with the following courses of specialization:

- i. Licentiate in Systematic Theology
- ii. Licentiate in Moral Theology
- iii. Licentiate in Biblical Theology

3. Admission

3.1. Eligibility

The L.Th. Programme is open to the Catholics and non-Catholics, men and women. A student is enrolled for L.Th. Programme when the following requirements are fulfilled:

- i. The student should hold a Degree of Baccalaureate in Theology from an Ecclesiastical Faculty of Theology or an Institute Affiliated or Aggregated to the Faculty of Theology.
- ii. An applicant who has completed the regular five-year course in Theology which includes first two years of Philosophy in a Catholic Major Seminary and secured 60% aggregate marks in the examinations elsewhere which is

not a Faculty, is admitted with a qualifying examination to the Cycle II Programme considering the merit in each case.

- iii. The three-year diploma holders of theology are admitted to Cycle II without receiving the ecclesiastical degree of baccalaureate provided they attend the courses and examinations prescribed by the Faculty Council and submit a Thesis.
- iv. The student has to produce a letter of authorization/ permission from the concerned superior.
- v. The student may have proficiency in English language.
- vi. The students who do the Licentiate in Biblical Theology should have a basic knowledge of Greek and Hebrew languages, if not, they should do a basic course in those languages.

3.2. Registration

- i. To be registered to the L.Th. Programme, the candidate has to fill-in the application form provided by the Institute. The application form can be obtained from the Office at request.
- ii. The duly filled-in application form, attached with a passport-size photo, has to be submitted to the Office.
- iii. The filled-in application form has to be accompanied by the approval/no objection letter. In the case of any other Catholic applicant, a testimonial letter of the applicant's local Ordinary/Hierarch; in the case of a non-Catholic applicant, a letter of a higher ecclesiastical authority of the respective church/ecclesial community; in the case of lay candidates, Catholic or non-Catholic, application should be accompanied with a testimonial letter from a competent person acceptable to the Pontifical Institute of Theology, preferably a certificate from the parish priest attested by a higher ecclesiastical authority.

- iv. Photo-copies of all the relevant certificates, mark lists and documents of other studies accomplished have to be submitted at the time of registration.
- v. The students enrolled for the L.Th. Programme are expected to participate in every academic activity of the Institute.
- vi. The registration fees should be paid along with the application. The Student has to complete the course within five years from the day of registration. For additional years a fee of Rs. 1000.00 will be charged annually as fine. The registration will be cancelled if students fail to pay the fine.
- vii. Scholarship may be given only for the first two years. It may be given for the first three years in the case of students of Biblical Theology.

4. Organization

- i. Licentiate in Theology is offered in three branches: Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Biblical Theology.
- ii. The Courses in Licentiate in Theology consist of more profound study of selected subjects and a practice of deeper scientific research by students in the area of specialization.
- iii. The L.Th. programme is a four-semester course with 120 credits (1 credit = 25 study-hours which includes lecture hours, self-study, assignments and practical hours; 1 credit carries 20 marks). These credits are divided as follows: 42 credits for the Obligatory Subjects, 12 credits for Auxiliary Subjects, 12 credits for Interdisciplinary Common Subjects, 6 credits for Seminars, 4 credits for Research Papers, 6 credits for Tutorials, 6 credits for Field Studies, 6 credits for Languages, 3 credits for Methodology, 3 credits for Review of Literature, Conferences, Annual Lectures, Extension Lectures, 10 credits for Comprehensive viva voce, and 10 credits for Thesis and Defence.

- iv. The student has to write a guided scientific Research Paper in the form of a mini licentiate thesis under the guidance of a professor in theology faculty about ten pages excluding the bibliography as a part of developing his/her licentiate thesis (4 Credits)
- v. The student gets 6 credits for Tutorials, which are generally in the form of discussions – a paper presented at D.Th / L.Th Research Scholars' Seminar (2 credits), Two Zacharias memorial lectures (1 Credit each), Two extension lectures (1 Credit each)
- vi. The student has to do a Field Study (theological project) – undertake a project, with the help of his or her thesis guide, either in the form of an exposure or a survey or field study which may enable him or her to deepen the research work by making applicable it in one's own life and in the life of the Church as a whole (6 Credits).
- vii. The student has to learn two foreign languages (3 Credits each)
- viii. The student has to review three theological books and attend a colloquium conducted by KCBC or attend in any other theological conferences conducted by any catholic faculty (3 Credits)
- ix. If a student joints for the L.Th. programme in Biblical Theology, he or she may undergo a Propaedeutic year in which language courses (Biblical Greek I and II, Biblical Hebrew I and II and modern languages) and introductory courses are offered.
- x. The students select their courses in consultation with the Co-ordinator of the L.Th. programme.
- xi. The student will not be allowed to do more than 60 credits in the first year (in the first two semesters).

xii. All the students are expected to participate in the D.Th./ L.Th. Research Seminar conducted every semester.

5. Examinations

- i. The student shall do the examination in individual courses according to the prescribed schedule and mode.
- ii. The student can present himself/herself for the final comprehensive oral examination only after completing all the examinations and other requirements.
- iii. For the final comprehensive oral examination, the candidate submits 18 topics from the subjects covered during the programme. The Dean of Theology chooses 10 topics out of the list and 3 Professors examine the student on the chosen topics for 10 minutes each.
- iv. The topic for Thesis of the Licentiate is chosen at the beginning of the III semester. The Guide of Thesis is chosen by the student and approved by the Faculty Council. Three copies of the schema (10 to 15 pages) shall be submitted to the office. For preparing the schema, the student shall follow *Research Methodology: Guidelines for Scientific Writing*, Part I, Chapter 6.
- v. The scrutiny of the proposals of the schema for the Thesis of the Licentiate is approved by the Faculty Council or a Commission appointed by the Dean.
- vi. A panel of two Scrutinizers for schema appointed by the Faculty Council or a Commission appointed by the Dean approves the schema as per the suggestions given to them.
- vii. If the thesis is not submitted in 2 years from the date of approval, the process has to be repeated and the new approval is to be sought from the Faculty Council.
- viii. L.Th. Thesis should have not less than 100 pages. It has to be in printed form. For writing the thesis, the student shall follow the typographic guidelines given in *Research Methodology: Guidelines for Scientific Writing*, Part II.

- ix. A student submits the Thesis of the Licentiate for approval, to the Faculty Council through the L.Th. Co-ordinator with the recommendation of the Guide of the Thesis. Three copies of the Thesis shall be submitted to the office for approval.
- x. A panel of two Readers appointed by the Faculty Council or a Commission appointed by the Dean approves the Thesis as per the suggestions given to them and recommends to the Faculty Council for the final approval. Once the Thesis is accepted by the Faculty Council, the Dean takes necessary action for the defence.
- xi. The Thesis shall be defended before a panel of examiners appointed by the Faculty Council. Four copies of the Thesis shall be submitted to the office for defence.
- xii. The L.Th. defence is conducted with the following procedures: The candidate is given 20 minutes to expose the material. The guide examines him/her for 20 minutes, which is followed by the examinations of first reader for 15 minutes and the second reader for 10 minutes. Finally, the public may also be given 5 minutes for questions and clarifications.
- xiii. The Thesis carries hundred marks in all: Eighty percent for the written work and twenty percent for the defence.
- xiv. The Degree of Licentiate in Theology (L.Th.) is conferred on students who complete successfully the courses of four semesters of specialization in Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, or Biblical Theology. They have to pass all the examinations including the comprehensive viva voce with 50% marks as well as the presentation of a Thesis of 100 pages defended publicly. Besides, they have to fulfil all other requirements of the Cycle II. Total marks of the examinations are decided as per the system that 1 credit carries 20 marks.
- xv. Certificate of Licentiate Degree in Theology will be issued only after the verification of the aforesaid norms and conditions.

6. Grading System

90-100 %	High Distinction (<i>Summa cum laude</i>)
80-89 %	Distinction (<i>Magna cum laude</i>)
70-79 %	First Class (<i>cum Laude</i>)
60-69 %	Second Class (<i>Bene Probatus</i>)
50-59%	Third Class (<i>Probatus</i>)

7. Venue of the Class and Attendance

The classes will be organized in the classroom of the Central Administrative Office as well as in both Campuses. Students are expected to attend all lectures without neglect, carry out all prescribed academic assignments and participate in the regular activities of the Institute. For any period of absence, the L.Th. Co-ordinator or Dean of Studies is to be informed beforehand. Those who are absent in more than one third of expected attendances will have to repeat the course.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY FOR LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

I. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (LST)

Co-ordinator: Rev. Dr Thattacherry Antony (Manoj John)

1. Obligatory Subjects in Systematic Theology (OST)

(Any 14 subjects: 42 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OST 01	Theology of Grace in the Context of Ecumenism	3
OST 02	Postmodernism and Religion	3
OST 03	Christology in the Asian Context	3
OST 04	Theology of Ministry and Leadership in the Church	3
OST 05	Jesus' Humanity: Credibility for Human Transcendence	3
OST 06	Origin and Theological Development of the Nicene Creed	3

OST 07	Eucharist: Fons et Culmen of the Nuptial Love of Christ The Spouse Spouse	3
OST 08	Newman: Doctrinal Development & Liturgy	3
OST 09	The Doctrine of the Person of Christ	3
OST 10	Classical Christology	3
OST 11	Between Tradition and Modernity: Challenges and Tensions in Theology	3
OST 12	Political Theology	3
OST 13	Contemporary Issues in Sacramental Theology	3
OST 14	Theology of Aesthetics of Hans Urs von Balthasar	3
OST 15	Anthropological Pneumatology	3
OST 16	Theology of Interreligious Dialogue	3
OST 17	Perichoresis Love of Trinity as a Focus of Christian Living	3

2. Auxiliary Subjects in Systematic Theology (AST)

(Any 4 subjects: 12 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
AST 01	Hindu-Christian Hermeneutics	3
AST 02	Biblical Models in Ecclesiology	3
AST 03	Theology of Love	3
AST 04	The Development of Christian Theology	3
AST 05	Church as the Mystery of Communion	3
AST 06	Catholic Theology of Religions	3
AST 07	The History and Development of Theology	3
AST 08	Ecotheology	3

3. Interdisciplinary Common Subjects (IST)

(Any 4 subjects: 12 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
IST 01	Word Proclaimed and Celebrated in the Liturgy	3
IST 02	Business Ethics	3
IST 03	Eco Friendly Human Life	3
IST 04	Development of Theology in the Post Patristic Period	3
IST 05	The Pastoral Vision of Pope Francis	3
IST 06	Marriage is a Vocation to Communion of Persons	3
IST 07	Social Concern in Luke	3
IST 08	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Pastoral Canonical Issues	3
IST 09	Ecological Ethics	3
IST 10	Marian Theology in the Context of Ecumenical Dialogue	3

4. Seminars in Systematic Theology (SST)

(Any 2 subjects: 6 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
SST 01	Theology of Dialogue in a Multi-religious Context	3
SST 02	Synodal Approaches in Theologizing	3
SST 03	Dalit Theology	3
SST 04	Theological Dimensions of Women Movements	3

Subjects: 72 credits

Research Papers: 4 credits

Tutorials: 6 credits

Field Studies: 6 credits

Languages: 6 credits

Methodology: 3 credits

Reviews, Conferences, Annual Lectures, Extension Lectures: 3 credits

Comprehensive Viva voce Examination: 10 credits

Thesis and Defence: 10 credits

Total credits: 120

II. MORAL THEOLOGY (LMT)

Co-ordinator: Rev. Prof. Augustine Joseph Chennattu

1. Obligatory Subjects in Moral Theology (OMT)

(Any 14 subjects: 42 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
OMT 01	Milestones in the History of Moral Theology	3
OMT 02	Special Questions in Moral Theology	3
OMT 03	Dignity of Human Life in the Post-modern Society	3
OMT 04	Inviolability of Marriage	3
OMT 05	Man and Woman He Created them	3
OMT 06	Theology of the Body	3
OMT 07	Sexual Integrity in Marital Life	3
OMT 08	Family in a Synodal Context	3
OMT 09	Justice and Peace	3
OMT 10	Ethics of Genetic Engineering	3
OMT 11	Stem Cell Research and its Moral Implications	3
OMT 12	Artificial Intelligence and its Impact on Humanity	3
OMT 13	End of Life Care	3
OMT 14	Physician-assisted Suicide and Living Will	3
OMT 15	Legitimate Defence and Just War	3
OMT 16	Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy of Morality	3
OMT 17	Privatisation and Objection of Conscience	3

2. Auxiliary Subjects in Moral Theology (AMT)

(Any 4 subjects: 12 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
AMT 01	Formation of Conscience in an Age of Moral Strangers	3
AMT 02	Violation of Life	3
AMT 03	Theology of Love	3



AMT 04	Virtues and Commandments	3
AMT 05	Ownership in the Modern Social Context	3
AMT 06	Cardinal Virtues and Cardinal Vices	3
AMT 07	Corruptions in the Society	3
AMT 08	Eco-theology	3

3. Interdisciplinary Common Subjects (IMT)

(Any 4 subjects: 12 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
IMT 01	Word Proclaimed and Celebrated in the Liturgy	3
IMT 02	Business Ethics	3
IMT 03	Eco Friendly Human Life	3
IMT 04	Development of Theology in the Post Patristic Period	3
IMT 05	The Pastoral Vision of Pope Francis	3
IMT 06	Marriage is a Vocation to Communion of Persons	3
IMT 07	Social Concern in Luke	3
IMT 08	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Pastoral Canonical Issues	3
IMT 09	Ecological Ethics	3
IMT 10	Marian Theology in the Context of Ecumenical Dialogue	3

4. Seminars in Moral Theology (SMT)

(Any 2 subjects: 6 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
SMT 01	Fratelli Tutti	3
SMT 02	Laudato si and Laudate Deum	3
SMT 03	Relevance of DoCat	3
SMT 04	Moral implications of LGBTQAI+	3

Subjects: 72 credits

Research Papers: 4 credits

Tutorials: 6 credits

Field Studies: 6 credits

Languages: 6 credits

Methodology: 3 credits

Reviews, Conferences, Annual Lectures, Extension Lectures: 3 credits

Comprehensive Viva voce Examination: 10 credits

Thesis and Defence: 10 credits

Total credits: 120

III. BIBLICAL THEOLOGY (LBT)

Co-ordinator: Rev. Dr Maria Micheal Felix

1. Obligatory Languages in Biblical Theology (OBL)

(2 *Propaedeutic Language courses with no credit*)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
1 OBL 01	Biblical Greek I	
1 OBL 02	Biblical Hebrew I	

(6 *Language courses: 18 credits*)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
1 OBL 03	Biblical Greek II	3
1 OBL 04	Biblical Hebrew II	3
1 OBL 05	Modern Language – German I	3
1 OBL 06	Modern Language – Italian I	3
1 OBL 07	Modern Language – German II	3
1 OBL 08	Modern Language – Italian II	3

2. Obligatory Subjects in Biblical Theology (OBT)

(Any 14 subjects: 42 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
2 OBT 01	The Letter to the Hebrews: A Rhetorical Analysis	3
2 OBT 02	Fulfilment Quotations in St. Matthew	3
2 OBT 03	Theology of the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke	3
2 OBT 04	The Christian Missionary Speeches in Acts	3
2 OBT 05	Social Themes in Luke-Acts	3
2 OBT 06	Life in the Spirit according to Romans 5 - 8	3
2 OBT 07	Rhetorical Analysis of Galatians	3
2 OBT 08	The Suffering Messiah in the Markan Gospel	3
2 OBT 09	Prophets and Social Justice	3
2 OBT 10	Theology of the Psalter	3
2 OBT 11	Passion Narrative in the Gospel of John	3
2 OBT 12	The Theology of Covenant	3
2 OBT 13	Death of Christ of in Paul's Letters	3
2 OBT 14	Sermon on the Mount	3
2 OBT 15	The Theology of Mission in the Synoptic Gospels	3
2 OBT 16	Moses' First Address (Deut 1 - 4)	3
2 OBT 17	The First Letter to Timothy	3
2 OBT 18	The Theology of Presence in the Book of Exodus	3
2 OBT 19	Johannine Literature	3
2 OBT 20	Five Discourses in the Gospel of Mathew	3

2. Auxiliary Subjects in Biblical Theology (ABT)

(Any 2 subjects: 6 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
ABT 01	Biblical Culture of the Old Testament	3
ABT 02	Biblical Culture of the New Testament	3
ABT 03	Sabbath in Jewish and Christian Traditions	3
ABT 04	Exegetical Methods and Tools	3
ABT 05	Selected Psalms	3
ABT 06	Household Codes in the NT	3
ABT 07	Revelation and Messages to the Churches	3
ABT 08	Interpretation of the Bible in the Church	3

3. Inter-disciplinary common subjects (IBT)

(Any 4 courses: 12 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
IBT 01	Word Proclaimed and Celebrated in the Liturgy	3
IBT 02	Business Ethics	3
IBT 03	Eco Friendly Human Life	3
IBT 04	Development of Theology in the Post Patristic Period	3
IBT 05	The Pastoral Vision of Pope Francis	3
IBT 06	Marriage is a Vocation to Communion of Persons	3
IBT 07	Social Concern in Luke	3
IBT 08	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Pastoral Canonical Issues	3
IBT 09	Ecological Ethics	3
IBT 10	Mission in the Old Testament	3

4. Seminars in Biblical Theology (SBT)
(Any 2 subjects: 6 credits)

CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS
SBT 01	The Parables of Jesus	3
SBT 02	Household and House Church in the Early Christianity	3
SBT 03	Selected Texts from John	3
SBT 04	Kingdom of God in the Old Testament	3

Subjects: 84 credits

Research Papers: 4 credits

Tutorials: 6 credits

Methodology: 3 credits

Reviews, Conferences, Annual Lectures, Extension Lectures: 3 credits

Comprehensive Viva voce Examination: 10 credits

Thesis and Defence: 10 credits

Total credits: 120

Subject Distribution in I & II Semesters of 2025-26

Sl.No.	CODE	SUBJECTS
1	OMT 09	Justice and Peace
2	2 OBT 11	Passion Narratives in the Gospel of John
3	1 OBL 05	German 1
4	OMT 06	Theology of the Body
5	IMT 10, IBT 10	Marian Theology in the Context of Ecumenical Dialogue
6	OST 16	Theology of Interreligious Dialogue
7	AST 05	Spirituality of Communion
8		Research Methodology
9	OST 06	Origin and Theological Development of the Nicene Creed
10	IMT 01, IBT 01	Word Proclaimed and Celebrated in the Liturgy

11	IMT 08, IBT 08	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Pastoral Canonical Issues
12	1 OBL 01	Biblical Greek 1
13	2 OBT 18	The Theology of Presence in the Book of Exodus
14	2 OBT 12	The Theology of Covenant
15	1 OBL 03	Biblical Greek II
16	AMT 04	Virtues and Commandments
17	OMT 03	Dignity of Human Life in the Post-modern Society
18	OMT 01	Milestones in the History of Moral Theology
19	AMT 02	Violation of Life
20	2 OBT 19	Johannine Literature
21	1 OBL 07	German II
22	OMT 07	Sexual Integrity in Marital Life
23	2 OBT 01	The Letter to the Hebrews: A Rhetorical Analysis
24	SMT 02, SBT 01	Seminars: <i>Laudato Si</i> and <i>Laudato Deum</i> The Parables of Jesus