

## **BACHELOR OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES (B.C.S)**

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

A candidate at the time of admission to the BCS degree course shall fulfil the following requirements:

- ❖ A holder of Bachelor Degree from a recognised University
- ❖ A candidate should have passed 10th class and cleared matured candidate exam (as per the existing policy of the Senate) with 2 years of ministerial work experience.
- ❖ A candidate should have passed Dip.C.S. or Dip.BT with 2 years of ministerial work experience.

### REGISTRATION

The academic year for the B.C.S. course is January to December. A candidate is expected to send the “Online Registration” form by 15<sup>th</sup> October every year prior to commencing the study. The Hard copy of the Registration Form should be submitted to the Dean, SCEPTRE Office, Kolkata along with the following Documents within 31<sup>st</sup> October. The last submission of filled in application form with late fee is on or before 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Registration Form should be submitted along with the following documents.

- ❖ Academic certificates or mark sheet copies of academic qualification
- ❖ Certificate of birth registration or other acceptable evidence of date of birth and the candidate must be ready to supply additional information and references that may be considered desirable in support of his/her application.
- ❖ Church membership certificate
- ❖ The candidate shall give in writing that he/she is not doing any course under any university/institution at the same time
- ❖ The Registration fee must be sent by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the “Senate of Serampore College” payable at Kolkata
- ❖ Application submitted without any of the above will be rejected
- ❖ Non attendance of BCS 1st year contact seminar will leads to cancelation of registration

### MEDIUM OF STUDY AND EXAMINATION:

The medium of study and examination shall be English, or any other vernacular language approved by the Senate.

### CONTACT SEMINAR: (Compulsory for all the Four Year)

Contact seminar shall be arranged once in a year before the exams as it will be more convenient to the candidates. The Affiliated Colleges and the exam centres can conduct the contact seminars as approved by the Senate of Serampore College. Certificates will be issued at the end of the contact seminar which will be used as a proof for attending the contact seminar.

### DURATION:

The length of BCS degree course is four years starting from January to December. Validity of the registration shall be for seven years. Dip.C.S. Diploma holders will join BCS 3rd year as an upgrader. The validity of registration of Dip.C.S. upgrader shall be four years.

### EXAMINATION:

- ❖ The Annual Examination will be conducted by Senate of Serampore College during October/November of each year.
- ❖ Serampore College, all affiliated Colleges, SCEPTRE and approved Examination Centres are centres for the Senate examinations. All candidates are normally expected to take their examination at one of these centres.
- ❖ Each paper is of three hours. The maximum marks for each paper is hundred and covers the subject matter indicated in the syllabus.
- ❖ The student can write minimum six paper and maximum twelve papers.
- ❖ A candidate (direct under the Senate) applying for permission to write the examination at an affiliated College or approved Exam Centre must obtain prior permission from the Principal or Head of the institution.
- ❖ Four Contact Seminars (1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year and 4th year) must be attended. Without attendance Contact Seminar certificate, Senate will not allow the candidates to write the Exam. Fees must be paid accordingly.
- ❖ Online Examination Entry Form must be done on or before 15<sup>th</sup> May. The hard copy of the Examination entry form along with the consent letter of the Principal/head must reach the office of the SCEPTRE, Kolkata on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May and with late fee 15<sup>th</sup> June each year.

- ❖ If a candidate wishes to write the Senate examination overseas, he/she should seek prior permission from the Registrar by sending a request and a letter from the Superintendent of Examination before 15th July of the year of examination. The Senate shall determine the Local Centre and an additional fee to be paid in such cases.
- ❖ All the Senate examinations for the B.C.S Studies shall normally be evaluated by two examiners.
- ❖ The candidate shall apply for re-evaluation of any answer script within ten days from the date of announcement of the results.

## CURRICULUM

### **BCS Regular – 4 years**

i) Direct candidates : (Registered directly with the Senate)

The programme will consist of a total 24 courses of which 15 shall be Required and 9 Optional and all papers will be Senate Examined.

ii) Through Affiliated Colleges

The programme will consist of a total of 24 courses of which 15 shall be required papers as Senate Examined and 9 Optional papers examined by the College.

### **Area A: Biblical Cluster**

Required Papers: (4)

BC001 Understanding the Old Testament (content, history, critical study)

BC002 Study of Prophetic Movement with Special Reference to Isaiah 42 - 55

BC003 Understanding the New Testament (content, history, critical study)

BC004 Study of the Gospels with special Reference to Selected Texts: Matthew, Mark & Luke (Matt 5-7; Mark 10; Luke 4 & 11)

Optional Papers: (Select any two; one each from OT and NT)

(OT)

BC005 Formation of a Nation: Study of Pentateuch

BC006 Pre-monarchy Period: Study of the Book of Judges

BC007 Study of Wisdom Literature with Special Reference to the Book of Proverbs

(NT)

BC008 Study of Epistle to the Romans

BC009 Study of Epistle to the Hebrews

BC010 Study of Pastoral Epistles

BC011 Introduction to Interpretation of the Bible

### **Area B: Theology Cluster**

Required Papers: (4)

BC012 Introduction to Christian Theology

BC013 Ethical Issues in Contemporary World

BC014 Understanding Society in South Asia

BC015 Origin and Development of Feminist Theology

Optional Papers: (Select any two)

BC016 Contextual Theologies: Methodologies from the Margins

BC017 Christian Doctrines in the Early Church

BC018 Ecological Issues in Contemporary World: Problems and Prospects

BC019 Gender Justice

### **Area C: History and Mission Cluster**

Required Papers: (2)

BC020 Reformation and Social Change (1500-present)

BC021 Study of Modern Missionary Movement and Social Change

Optional Papers: (Select any one)

BC022 History of Christianity during Early Period (1-600)

BC023 History of Christianity during Medieval Period (700-1400)

BC024 Study of Ecumenical Movement

## **Area D: Religion Cluster**

Required Papers: (2)

BC025 Outlines of Major Religious Traditions

BC026 Christian Responses to Inter-Faith Relations

Optional Papers: (Select any one)

BC027 Detailed Study of Hinduism

BC028 Basic Features of Primal Religions

BC029 Islamic Religious Traditions

## **Area E: Ministry Cluster**

Required Papers: (3)

BC030 Introduction to Christian Ministry

BC031 Introduction to Counseling

BC032 Worship and Preaching

Optional Papers: (3)

BC033 Introduction to Communication

BC034 Christian Education and Social Change

BC035 Media and Social Issues

BC036 Towards Understanding Inclusive Communities

BC037 Understanding of Marriage and Family Counseling

BC038 Introduction to Homiletics

**Christian Ministry and Contemporary Issues: (Select any one)**

BC039 Ecology

BC040 Migration

BC041 Globalization

BC042 Communalism and Fundamentalism

BC043 Familial Relationships

BC044 Human Sexuality and Related Issues

## **Dip.C.S. to BCS Up-grader - 2 years**

The following conditions shall be applied in cases of students who have passed in Dip.C.S. and would like to pursue BCS studies from the academic year 2019. The candidates who have successfully completed Dip.C.S. shall be required to do 2 years of BCS studies as up-grader.

(a) Direct candidates: (Registered directly with the Senate)

The programme will consist of a total of 12 courses of which 7 shall be Required and 5 Optional and all papers will be Senate Examined.

(b) Through Affiliated Colleges

The programme will consist of a total of 12 courses of which 7 shall be Senate required and 5 papers are College Optional.

### Third Year (4+3)

#### Required

#### **Biblical Cluster**

BC004 Study of the Gospels with Special Reference to Selected Texts: Matthew (Matt 5-7), Mark (Mark 10) & Luke (Luke 4 & 11)

#### **Theological Cluster**

BC014 Understanding Society in South Asia

#### **History and Mission Cluster**

BC021 Study of Modern Missionary Movement and Social Change

#### **Ministry Cluster**

BC031 Introduction to Counseling

#### Optional

#### **Biblical Cluster (Any one)**

BC008 Study of Epistle to the Romans  
BC009 Study of Epistle to the Hebrews  
BC010 Study of Pastoral Epistles  
BC011 Introduction to Interpretation of the Bible

#### **Theology Cluster (Any One)**

BC018 Ecological issues in Contemporary World: Problems and Prospects  
BC019 Gender Justice

#### **Ministry Cluster (Any one)**

BC033 Introduction to Communication  
BC035 Media and Social Issues

Fourth Year (3+2)

Required

**Theology cluster**

BC013	Ethical Issues in Contemporary World
BC015	Origin and Development of Feminist Theology

**Religions Cluster**

BC026	Christian Responses to Inter-Faith Relations
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Optional

**Ministry Cluster (Any Two)**

(a) BC034	Christian Education and Social Change
	Or
BC038	Introduction to Homiletics
(b) BC036	Towards Understanding Inclusive Communities
	Or

**Christian Ministry and Contemporary Issues: (Select One)**

BC039	Ecology
BC040	Migration
BC041	Globaliazation
BC042	Communalism and Fundamentalism
BC043	Familial Relationships
BC044	Human Sexuality and Related Issues

General Optional

Non credited but optional B. D. Qualifying Senate papers which can be offered any time during BCS studies if students have not passed during Dip. C. S. Studies

BOS11	English – 1
BOS12	English - 11

**N.B.:-**

- i. The Senate reserves the right to change the fees as and when found necessary
- ii. Fee once paid is not refundable.
- iii. All fees must be sent by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the following:

For **Registration** demand draft - “**Senate of Serampore College**”, payable at Kolkata.

For **Examination** demand draft - “**Registrar, Senate of Serampore College**”, payable at Serampore/Kolkata

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

All communications concerning Registration shall be addressed to:

To

The DEAN, SCEPTRE

SHRACHI Centre

74 B, A.J.C. Bose Road

Kolkata – 700016

West Bengal

Phone: 22177868, 40061805

Email: deansceptre@gmail.com

And all communication concerning Examination shall be address to:

To

The Registrar

Senate of Serampore College

P.O. Serampore – 712201

Dist. Hooghly

West Bengal

Phone: 26622692, 26520432

Email: registrarsenate@yahoo.in