

## **B. Miss. Degree Programme**

### **1. Nature of the B. Miss. Degree**

The Bachelor of Missiology (B.Miss.) degree programme is one of the theological programmes offered by the Senate of Serampore College (University). The B.Miss Degree course is designed to equip persons for essential functions and ministries of the Church as he/she engages in mission of Jesus Christ in the Indian/Asian context. It is an integrative study programme, making use of Biblical, Theological, Pastoral, Missiological, Religious, Cultural, Social, Linguistic and Communication Approaches, for preparing workers for the mission of God. The course seeks to facilitate personal, spiritual, academic, and missional formation of students.

The programme is intended to instill and cultivate good moral values and life-style in the lives of the students. Character building is also an essential part of theological education. The degree programme attempts to inculcate a sense of commitment and integrity in the students. The B.Miss degree programme is a missionary training programme for social and spiritual transformation of individual and society.

### **2. Objectives**

1. To develop a mature understanding of the Bible and Christian Faith;
2. To impart a wholistic understanding of the concept and practice of Mission;
3. To discern God's Mission in the contemporary context and to responsibly commit one's life to work for the same.
4. To equip students for effective leadership in God's mission by exposing to different missionary situations.

### **3. Admission Requirements for the BMiss. Degree**

- I.** A candidate at the time of admission to the B.Miss. degree course must satisfy one of the following conditions.

S/he should:

- a. have completed 18 years of age.
- b. have passed 10+2 (Higher Secondary/PU) Course with eligibility to enter a degree course of a recognized university.

Or

- c. have passed Class X and should have done two years of further study in a theological or secular institution and should have experience in Christian ministry or any public service.
- d. be a mature person who is at least 25 years of age and passed the "Mature Candidate Entrance Examination" of the Senate.

S/he should have passed HSLC, and is prevented by some special reason from pursuing his/her secular studies, and able to produce evidence to that effect. S/he should have been in full time vocation/ profession/ employment for two years.

(The Mature Candidate Entrance Examination will be conducted by the Senate. The candidates may write to the Registrar for details).

- e. have completed DipCS with English qualifying papers;
- f. have completed Dip BT with qualifying English paper

Affiliated colleges, however, may insist on additional requirements in terms of length of study, courses, practical training etc., within the stipulated limits.

#### **II. Entrance Test**

Colleges are expected to conduct an Entrance Test, for the admission of candidates, in the areas of Language (Regional/ English), Scripture Knowledge and General Knowledge.

#### **III. Interview**

Candidates will be expected to face a Personal Interview with the College concerned.

#### **IV. Remedial English**

Colleges should conduct courses in Remedial English for those who are weak in it.

No student shall be admitted to any course offered by the Senate of Serampore College (University) if he/she does not fulfill required stipulations of the Senate and does not have required qualification as per Senate norms.

Senate shall not be liable for any legal action if student is not registered due to his failure in qualifying clauses for the course.

#### **4. Point of Entry**

A candidate at the time of admission should have completed 18 years of age having passed the Entrance Test conducted by the College.

#### **5. Registration for the Course**

i. Application for registration must be made in the appropriate form obtainable from the Registrar and sent to the Registrar together with the registration fee as applicable. This must reach the Registrar as notified from time to time.

An applicant must provide:

- a. attested copies of academic certificates or certified copies of academic transcripts
- b. migration certificate from the university last attended/School leaving certificate
- c. certificate of birth or other acceptable evidence of date of birth
- d. a satisfactory certificate of character from his/her appropriate church authorities
- e. any additional information and references that may be considered desirable in support of his/her application.
- f. The registration fee must be sent by Demand Draft drawn in favor of "Senate of Serampore College" to reach the Registrar on or before the prescribed date.

ii. Application for registration which reaches the Registrar later than the due date may be received at the discretion of the Registrar, provided it reaches not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September of the same year on payment of a late registration fee as indicated.

iii. Registration of students pursuing concurrent academic programmes in other university/institutions shall be cancelled.

#### **6. Internal Studies**

The B.Miss degree course is available for internal (residential) study only through the institutions/colleges affiliated to the Senate of Serampore College (University).

#### **7. Medium of Instruction**

The medium of study and examination for the degree course is English or any regional language as approved by the Senate.

Regional languages, as recognized, are as follows: Hindi, Bengali, Odiya, Telgu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Santhali, Mizo and Ao.

#### **8. Duration of Study**

The length of the B.Miss. Degree Course is three years. The maximum time allowed to complete all the requirements would be five years from the date of registration.

#### **9. Courses**

- a. The programme shall consist of a total of 21 courses including Dissertation or project work.
- b. Where there are half courses (2 credit courses), they shall be counted along with other similar courses to constitute one full paper having a total of 50 class hours.
- c. Those who write Dissertation/ project shall be exempted from Two/one courses.

- d. Those who will opt for classical language shall be exempted from one four credit course.
- e. The courses recommended for study may be seen in Part III: Curriculum

Each course could be taught and studied through class lectures, library reading, seminars and consultations. Practical work/exposure shall be part of the teaching and training programme. Candidates will be expected to write an examination at the end of each semester. Fieldwork/Exposure/Education programme shall be given credit.

#### 10. Scheme for the Courses at the B.Miss. Level

	Semester I	Semester II
I Year -	4	3
II Year -	3	4
III Year -	4	3

Field Education: 4 credits

#### 11. Study Schedule

- i. Senate stipulates that each course should be of 50 hour duration;
- ii. One clock hour is considered to be the duration of class; enough time should be provided for discussion and interaction.
- iii. The schedule for the students is
 

Class studies	4 class hours per day	20 hours/week
Library	4 class hours	
Practical/Exposure work	2 class hours	
Worship/Pastoral etc	2 class hours	
- iv. The academic year is generally scheduled for 40 weeks
 

Two semesters	18+18 approx.	36 weeks
Examinations	10 days each/sem.	3 weeks/yr
- v. Maximum study load of a students 12 courses/year
- vi. The requirement is 21 courses with credit for two courses assigned to practical exposure for the BMiss..

#### 12. Dissertation/Project

A candidate may be permitted to write a Dissertation/project for the completion of the required courses. S/he should submit the Dissertation/ project proposal on a prescribed form to the college faculty for approval before the end of the academic year in the second year. The following conditions are to be observed regarding submission of a Dissertation/ project:

- i. Only those students, securing an average of B in the first three semesters shall be allowed to write dissertation/Project.
- ii. The Dissertation/ project should be written in English/Regional Language, as approved by the Senate.
- iii. The candidate should submit to the Senate his/her Dissertation/project proposal along with the name of the advisor by 15<sup>th</sup> April, through the Principal of the college for approval. The candidate will be expected to identify the resources and submit them along with the title.
- iv. The Dissertation/project must be typewritten on paper of uniform size (preferably 8.5" x 11") and bound in hard covers.
- v. Three copies of the Dissertation/project must be submitted to the college as prescribed before the end of his/her final Course Examination/ the academic session
- vi. The Dissertation/project must be written in accordance with the guidelines given and published by the Senate.

- vii. The length of the Dissertation shall be not less than 8,000 words and not more than 10,000 words. The length of the project will be determined by the faculty of the college.
- viii. The Dissertation/project submitted for examination will remain the property of the Senate/College.
- ix. A candidate may be permitted to write 2 papers (8 credit courses) in lieu of Dissertation; and 4 credit courses in lieu of a project.
- x. The Dissertation/project will be evaluated for 200/100 marks.
- xi. The Dissertation/project may commence from the second semester of the second year and should be over by the end of the second semester of the final year. Students should be exempted from 8/4 credit courses in the final year for Dissertation/ project related studies.
- xii. The candidate is expected to follow the research manuals prescribed below:  
 Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term papers, Theses and Dissertations* (6<sup>th</sup> ed. Revised by John Grossman and Alice Bennett, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1996)  
 Hunter P. Mabry, *A Manual for Researchers and Writers* (7<sup>th</sup> reprint, Bangalore: BTE-SSC, 2010)

**13. Plagiarism** (copying, illegal use of others work, breach of copyright etc.)

Independent research and writing play a vital part in the course requirements, examinations, Dissertation and project. Students, therefore, should be aware of the strong sanctions against plagiarism. If proven, a charge of plagiarism could result in an automatic F in the course and possible expulsion/cancellation of registration. If anyone has any questions or doubts about what plagiarism entails or how to properly acknowledge source materials and the works of others, be sure to consult the faculty concerned.

**14. Academic System**

The academic year for the BMiss degree course is from June to April.

All affiliated colleges will uniformly follow semester system during the academic year. This will help colleges arrange student-staff exchange programmes and accept credits for the courses completed.

**15. Examination and Evaluation**

Examination and evaluation are conducted by the Senate/Colleges as per procedures and rules laid down by the Senate.

- i. The Annual Examinations for the BMiss course, under the Senate, are normally held during March-April each year. College Examination shall, however, be conducted at the end of each semester.
- ii. Each paper, unless otherwise stated, is of three hours' duration and covers the subject matter indicated in the syllabus.
- iii. After registration, application for admission to the examination must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Registrar and should reach the same on or before the time prescribed by the Senate. The examination fee, as indicated below, should also be sent to the Registrar, Senate of Serampore College on or before the prescribed date.
- iv. All the Senate/College examinations for the BMiss degree shall normally be evaluated by two examiners. The Senate will not entertain requests for re-evaluation of any script and/or permit re-examination for improvement of grade.
- v. A candidate should give an undertaking at the time of registration that s/he will abide by all the rules and regulations of the Senate of Serampore College as applicable to the Bachelor of Missiology degree including the decisions of the Senate and its Academic Council.
- vi. A candidate for the B.Miss degree will normally appear for the course examination each year according to the sequence given.

- vii. Candidate will not receive credit unless s/he appears and passes in at least 50% of the courses at each sitting.
- viii. A candidate may appear for any referred paper in addition to the papers studied provided he/she does not appear for courses equivalent to 9 full courses (36 credits) in any year. This rule may not apply to those who have less than five course papers to complete the degree programme.
- ix. Colleges will follow the norms and procedures of the Senate in conducting and evaluating scripts for the college examinations.
- x. Practical Work/Field Education will also be credited.

#### **16. Total number of papers and their class-wise and proportional divisions**

Candidates will be allowed to register for not more than 12 courses per academic year.

Each course will have a credit of 50 class hours. Papers can, however, be divided into half and full courses, i.e. 30 or 50 hours. If a module system is used, the credits for each should be clearly spelt out.

Dissertation/project writing is not compulsory. However, the Faculty may grant permission to certain candidates, who maintain B grade in the first three semesters, to write a Dissertation/project. Such persons shall be exempted from a stipulated number of courses in lieu of Dissertation/project.

#### **17. Centre for Examinations**

Normally the Serampore College and its affiliated Colleges are centres for examinations. A candidate applying for permission to take his/her examination at another affiliated College, must obtain prior consent of the Principal and submit it along with his/her Examination Entry Form to the Registrar. He/she shall pay the prescribed fee as per rule.

#### **18. Late application for Senate Examinations**

An application made under Section 15 which reaches the Registrar later than the specified date may be received at the Registrar's discretion, provided the application is received not later than the time prescribed. Such application, if accepted, is subject to the payment of a late examination entry fee as prescribed.

#### **19. Withdrawal or Absence from Examination**

A candidate who withdraws from the Senate/College examination or who fails to take the examination, for which he/she has been registered, forfeits the examination fee paid. Under no circumstances will the examination fee be refunded.

#### **20. Extension of Time**

Extension of time for the completion of the degree may be granted by the Academic Council of the Senate in very exceptional circumstances only, such as illness at the time of the examination. Application for such extension will only be considered if it is received within one month after the examination is over together with a certificate from a qualified medical officer.

#### **21. Re-registration**

If the period of registration of a candidate has expired, he/she can avail the opportunity for re-registration as per rules.

Following rules shall be applied:

- i. As a policy, not more than 50% of the courses completed should be given credit.
- ii. Only students, who have completed at least 50% of the residential study, if applicable, shall be given credit for the courses completed.

- iii. Only those who have completed second and third years of study shall be granted credits up to 50% of the courses completed.
- iv. Credits shall first be given only to those courses in which the student has received a minimum of B-
- v. Those who have completed the residential requirements, wherever applicable, shall be exempted from further residential requirements. However, the Colleges shall arrange two short courses of three weeks each, twice a year for these students, on the advice of the Faculty, as per the need of each case.

**22. Pass and failure in examinations**

A candidate who fails in any paper or papers is regarded as being "referred" in such paper or papers, and is permitted to offer himself/herself for re-examination in that paper or those papers, or in any other paper or papers that may be substituted in accordance with the Regulations, provided that he/she is able to complete the requirements of the Degree within the time allowed. Any change in the papers already taken but referred must be applied before July 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

If a student is referred in 50% of the courses offered in a year, s/he shall be referred in all the papers and shall not be promoted to higher class.

**23. Standard of pass and class (same as universities)**

The pass mark for each paper in the examination of B.D degree course is 40%.

The final grading of candidates will be as follows:

First Class,	Second Class,	Third class,	Failure
A+ (80% and above)	B+ (65%)	C+ (50%)	D (30%)
A (75%)	B (60%)	C (45%)	E (20%)
A- (70%)	B- (55%)	C- (40%)	F (10%)

**24. Results, Marks and Transcript of Record**

- a. Notification of the results of the Senate examinations with grades obtained will be sent to the affiliated colleges/candidates by the Registrar.
- b. A Transcript of Record giving a candidate's complete record of courses and marks may be obtained on application to the Registrar on payment of a required fee.

**25. Prizes**

The Senate awards prizes to students who obtain distinctions in Senate examinations. There are a few prizes which are instituted by institutions/individuals/families. Prizes and Awards are given in almost every branch of studies and are given at the annual Convocation of Serampore College (University).

**26. Fees**

The details of fees can be obtained from the Senate/colleges

Registration Fee.....	400/-
Late Registration Fee.....	200/-
Re-registration fee.....	1500/-
Examination Fee (per paper).....	250/-
Centre Fee .....	100/-
Marks Fee.....	100/-
Late Examination Fee .....	200/-
Transcript Fee.....	250/-
Graduation fee.....	100/-
In-absentia Fee.....	500/-

Migration Certificate ..... 200/-

**N.B.:**

- (i) The Senate reserves the right to change the fees.
- (ii) Fees once paid are not refundable.
- (iii) All fees must be sent by Demand Draft in favor of the “Senate of Serampore College” to the Registrar.

**27. Important Dates**

Last date for registration	July 31
Registration with late fee	August 31
Last date for submission of Examination Entry form	October 15
Examination Entry Form (with late fee)	October 31
Annual Examination	March-April

**28. Relationship of B.Miss degree course to BD/BCS**

Any student who qualifies for the BMiss degree can pursue the BD or BCS degree course.

**29. Convocation of Serampore College (University)**

The Convocation of the Senate of Serampore College (University) is conducted by the Council of Serampore College, and held annually, generally in the first week of February. Every student who has qualified for the degree is expected to attend the Convocation to receive his/her degree in person from the Master of Serampore College.

Candidates who have been granted the degree *in absentia* should apply to the Registrar for the degree through their affiliated colleges sending the *in absentia* fee by Demand Draft in favor of the Senate of Serampore College.

**30. Date of Validity of Regulations**

Regulations relating to the Bachelor of Missiology (B.Miss.) and examinations, as detailed above, is effective from 2013 academic year.

**31. Correspondence**

All communications should be addressed to the Registrar, Senate of Serampore College, Serampore. 712201, Dist. Hooghly, West Bengal. INDIA.

## CURRICULUM

### 1. Course Contents (Branches and Papers)

	Code	Course description	Nature	exam
1	751	Study Methods	N/C	
2	752	Introduction to Mission Studies	O	
		<b>Br.I The Bible: Biblical grounding and orientation for Mission</b>		
3	753	General Introduction to the Bible (It will be a study of the formation, inspiration, authority, canonization, structure, survey of the content, interpretation of the Bible]	O	
4	754	Missiological insights from the History of Israel [Events and themes in the history of Israel as people of God elected for doing God's mission-their success and failures]	R	
5	755	Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ : A thematic study	R	S
6	756	Missiological insights from the History of the New Testament [Missionary activities of the church in the N.T. focusing on the mission and methods of the Apostles and others, emphasizing missionary activities and Method of St. Paul]	O	S
7	757	Biblical Language - Greek/Hebrew (Optional) [Grammar, Syntax and vocabaulary]	O	
8	758	Understanding Christian Faith [it will be a study of major Christian doctrines]	R	S
9	759	Contemporary Trends and Issues in Christian theology [It will introduce theological trends and issues in the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries]	R	
10	760	Introduction to Christian Ethics in the context of Mission)	O	S
11	761	Theological Response/Christian Response to Other Faiths [It will study how other religions have been theological responded to in different traditions with a view of developing relevant and viable theological-missional response to other religions]	O	
		<b>Branch III Mission, History and Ecumenics</b>		
12	762	Introduction to Missiology [it will include definitions of key terms, concepts, historical evolution of missiology as a distinct discipline, formative factors, its methodology, major issues in missiology today]	R	
13	763	Contemporary Missiological Issues since the 20 <sup>th</sup> century [Issues And Trends in Mission since 'the crisis in mission' the middle of 20 <sup>th</sup> century-development and new frontiers in mission; influential mission thinkers]	R	S



14	764	Mission Strategies: Education, Medical and Social Activism [History, Rationale and Role of Education in mission and basic teaching methods and principles]	O	
15	765	History of Christian Mission upto 17 <sup>th</sup> century [General survey of the history of missionary activities, models of mission and various issues involving in it]	R	S
16	766	Christian Martyrdom and Mission (Optional) [The Life and witness, and events of martyrdom of Christian martyrs across the centuries and the effects with the theology of martyrdom, legacy and challenges for us today]	O	
17	767	Missionary Movements in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries [Historical study of missionary movements – Pietism, Revival Movements, Evangelistical awakening etc]	O	S
18	768	A Study of Mission Societies and Boards (Optional) [ A study of the formative history, Principles, organizational set up, working principles, mission theory and practices of mission agencies, societies and boards – international, national and regional: interdenominational, denominational and para-church]	O	
19	769	Principles and Practice of Mission of Select Missionaries (Optional) [Missionary methods of selected missionary in history – their varied approaches to mission to respond to their missionary call]	O	
20	770	History of Christianity in India with Special Reference to specific region: a. North-east India [The advent and growth of Christianity in NEI and issues in it]	O	
21	771	Ecumenical Movements [Ecumenical movement in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century-analyzing the history of ecumenical interactions and themes and issues evolved in the course of the interactions among the various ecclesiastical and theological traditions]]	R	
22	772	Evangelism, Church Planting and Growth [Concepts and Methods of Evangelism and Church Planting]	O	
		<b>Branch IV Religion and Society</b>		
23	773	Understanding Major Religions from Missiological Perspectives [Trying to understands the teachings and practice of major religions with a view of doing mission among them]	R	S
24	774	Christian Mission in the Context of Modern Religious and Secular Movements [A study various religious and secular movements in India, basic philosophy and method of operations of the movements, missionary methods of other religions, Socio-Political Issues, Legal Issues etc)	R	
25	775	Understanding Indian Society from the Perspective of	O	

		Doing Mission with Marginalized People [to introduce Indian social and religious system, particularly caste stratification system, economic system, political system – nature and basics features of Indian society and to understand the condition and evolve a viable ways and means of mission with the disadvantage people]		
		<b>Branch V Mission and Communication</b>		
26	776	Theory and Practice of Linguistic [language learning skills]	O	
27	777	Media and Communication in Mission [History of and contemporary use of media in Christian mission, exploration of meaningful; and effective use of media in mission and theories of communication especially in an inter-cultural situation]	R	S
28	778	Cultural Anthropology and Mission [A study of concepts, meaning and components of human culture and their importance in Christian mission for effective communication and dealing human being through culture]	R	
29	779	English/ any Regional languages (optional)	O	
		<b>Branch VI Pastoral Missiology</b>		
30	780	Introduction to Christian Ministry in the context of Mission [introduction to various dimensions of Christian ministry with due emphasis on care and counseling and lifestyle of a missionary]	R	S
31	781	Church Organization and Administration [basic issues in church organization and administration, different types of functioning of the church, accounting, leadership skills, management etc.]	O	
32	782	Worship and Preaching [origin, Principles and practice of worship and preaching: developing skills in leading worship and constructing order of worship, indigenization, developing skills of preaching]	R	
		<b>Branch VII Practical Work</b>		
		Field Education (First Year)	R	
		Field Education (Second Year)	R	
		Field Education (Third Year)	R	

**(14 required + 7 optional + Practical Work including short course in first aid. There is one non-credit compulsory course)**

## 2. Scheme of the BMiss Courses

**FIRST YEAR**

	<b>First Semester</b>			<b>Second Semester</b>	
753	General Introduction to the Bible or ...	College	758	Understanding Christian Faith	Senate
751	Study Methods	College	765	History of Christian Mission	Senate
752	Introduction to Mission Studies or ...	College	780	Introduction to Christian Ministry	Senate
762	Introduction to Missiology	College	773	Understanding Major Religions from Missiological Perspective	Senate
	English	College		Hindi	College
	4+1			4+1	

**SECOND YEAR**

	<b>First Semester</b>			<b>Second Semester</b>	
776	Theory and Practice of Linguistics or ...	College	777	Media and Communication in Mission	Senate
778	Cultural Anthropology and Mission	College	767	Missionary Movements in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and the 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries	Senate
771	Ecumenical Movement	College	755	Mission and Ministry of Jesus	Senate
774	Christian Mission in the Context of Modern Religious and Secular Movement	College	760	Introduction to Christian Ethics	Senate
	4			4	

**THIRD YEAR**

	<b>First Semester</b>			<b>Second Semester</b>	
754	Missiological insights from the History of Israel	College	763	Contemporary Missiological Issues Since the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Senate
781	Church organization and Administration or ...	College	756	Missiological insights from the History of the New Testament	Senate
759	Contemporary Trends and Issues in Christian Theology	College	768	A Study of Mission Society and Boards or ...	College
782	Worship and Preaching	College	770	History of Christianity India with special reference to region or ...	College
	4			4	

**3. Field Education**

Field education (practical work) shall be an integral part of ministerial training; it will require at least six months of field work during the entire periods of study. Faculty and students will be actively involved in the field work. Two kinds of field education are envisaged: concurrent and intensive. As far as the concurrent field education is concerned, besides the regular weekly practical ministry programme, candidates may be required to have meaningful practical exposure and reflection in relation to some of the subjects they study during the academic year. The Boards of Study/College

Faculty shall recommend appropriate field education and exposure programmes in their respective disciplines. The intensive field education shall be meaningfully worked out by different colleges.

Field education shall be given credit, not merely in terms of number of hours, but in terms of the different kinds of practical work done: rural, urban, church-related, inter-faith, social action/reform movements, etc. As far as intensive field education is concerned, it should be of the length of 20 days for each year. Such intensive practical work could be conducted between the semester break, or during the winter (Christmas) vacation, or during the summer vacation (after the annual examination).

Out of the 20 days set aside for intensive field work, about 25% to 33% of the days would be given to orientation (introductory theoretical inputs, such as , research on the mission fields to understand the context of mission, etc.), and concluding reflection segments.

As far evaluation of the entire field education work for the year is concerned, 25% of the marks should be set aside concurrent practical work and 75% for intensive practical work. Out of 75% for the intensive practical work, 25% should be given for the reflective report written by the student and 50% for the actual practical work done. The mode of evaluation of the field education would be decided by each college.

The kind of intensive field education that can be suggested is as follows:

First Year	To be decided by each college.
Second year	Rural field education
Third year	Urban field education

It is suggested that the Dean of field education and faculty member-in-charge of each team spend a reasonable time with the students in their field placements.

The manner of reporting on the intensive field education programme (whether it would be an inter-disciplinary colloquium, or group reporting, or individual reflective and critical reports etc.) is left to the discretion of the college.