

A Description of the educational Programme of Baccalaureate of Christian Psychology at Tbilisi Theological Academy and Seminary

The Baccalaureate programme of Christian Psychology is conducted by 5 academic members of the staff and 34 invited teachers.

The number of credits is 262, in each semester students have to accumulate 33 credits, on average. Each academic year consists of 65 credits.

The requirements for the admittance to the Baccalaureate programme are:

The recommendation letter of the Spiritual Father;

A certificate verifying the acquisition of general secondary education;

Gaining the scores above the lower margin at the National Examination in the Georgian Language and Literature;

Internal Examinations are assigned in the following subjects:

Foundations of the Christian Teaching (oral);

History of Georgia (oral);

Foreign Languages (a test – English (A2), Russian (A2), German (A2), French (A2) or Modern Greek (A2).

The lower margin of the internal examinations is 52 scores; the upper margin is 100 scores. The quota of the students' admittance is 35.

The educational course encompasses hours for lectures and seminars with multiple methods and activities: a method of independent work at the book; discussions and debates; preparation for the seminars/colloquiums of each semester and giving reports in them; a method of explanation and elucidation; writing of a report; semester/final examinations.

The Students' achievements are assessed according to a system of 100 scores which unifies mid-term assessments, scores gained in colloquiums and seminars, the total of the attendance at the lectures and the scores of final assessments (in order to be admitted to the examinations, the students must accumulate 11 scores). The educational course comprises practical work, specifically, in the second semester of the fourth year, the students do internship at Tbilisi Public Nursery School No. 6.

The first year comprises 68 credits. The core of the workload is humanities, Modern Georgian and Academic Writing in order to enable the students to improve their culture of speech and writing. The following subjects will be taken: The Holy Scripture (The New Testament and The Old Testament), History of Georgia, History of Georgian Literature and Foundations of Psychology.

The second year comprises 70 credits, the core of the workload is humanities and theological subjects; The students will take the text of the Holy Scriptures (The Old Testament and The New testament), also, History of the Church of Georgia, Old Georgian and History of World Literature.

Also, the students will acquire knowledge of theoretical foundations of Social Psychology. They will learn the theoretical basis of methods used in various researches in Psychology and skills and habits necessary in conducting them. They will participate in minor researches.

The third course consists of 68 credits. The students are given the basic education in the history of the development of Psychology and its main fields, also, knowledge of the structure of a human being's cognitive processes and perception.

On the basis of knowledge acquired in the specifics and tasks of educational psychology, they will be prepared to cognize the significance of theories of development and learning in the field of educational psychology. Apart from it, the objective of the course is to equip the students with the knowledge of history of the Church and, along with it, study the dogmas of the Orthodox Church.

The IV year consists of 56 credits. On the basis of the knowledge of Christian Psychology and Psychology of an Individual, the students will be able to compare and explain the main concepts and rules of the Psychology of an Individual, reason out purely psychological issues through the Christian perspective and the standpoint of the faith. Also, on the basis of the applied analysis of behaviour and inclusive education, the students will be able to explain external and internal determinants of an individual's behaviour and their classification. They will study the skills and habits for using technique which is to be employed while working with pupils requiring a special treatment. The students will familiarize themselves with theories of an individual's formation and development, of the theories giving explanation to their normal and pathological behavior.

Upon their graduation from Tbilisi Theological Seminary, the graduates are entitled to work as teachers of theological subjects if they are given recommendation to work in this field. They will have relevant qualification to work as assistants of a psychologist at educational institutions, be involved in planning of the process of learning/teaching and draw up a plan for individual work with persons requiring special treatment, plan and carry out psychological research with the supervision of the researcher. They will have general skills and habits for conducting tests and enquiries and will be prepared to continue studies on the next stage.

The Baccalaureate Programme of Christian Psychology

2014-2019

Semester I

#	Subject	credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The Old Testament I	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament I	5	3 hours
3.	Foreign Languages I	5	4 hours
4.	Modern Georgian I	5	3 hours
5.	History of Georgia I	5	3 hours
6.	History of Old Georgian Literature I	5	3 hours
Total		total 30	16 hours

Semester II

#	Subjects	credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The Old Testament II	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament II	5	3 hours
3.	Foreign Languages II	5	4 hours
4.	Academic Writing	3	2 hours
5.	Foundations of Psychology	5	3 hours
6.	History of Old Georgian Literature II	5	3 hours
7.	Modern Georgian II	5	3 hours
8.	History of Georgia II	5	3 hours
Total		total 38	24 hours

Semester III

#	Subjects	Credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The Old Testament III	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament III	5	3 hours
3.	Foreign Languages III	5	4 hours
4.	Old Georgian I	5	3 hours
5.	Methods of Psychological Research	5	3 hours
6.	Social Psychology	5	3 hours

7.	History of the Church of Georgia I	5	3 hours
Total		Total 35	22 hours

Semester IV

#	Subjects	Credits	Credits by hours
1.	The Old Testament IV	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament IV	5	3 hours
3.	Foreign Languages IV	5	4 hours
4.	History of the Church of Georgia II	5	3 hours
5.	Practical Psychology	5	3 hours
6.	Old Georgian II	5	3 hours
7.	History of World Literature	5	3 hours
Total		Total 35	22 hours

Semester V

#	Subjects	Credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The Old Testament V	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament V	5	3 hours
3.	Study of Religions	5	3 hours
4.	History of the Church	5	3 hours
5.	Modern Branches in Psychology	5	3 hours
6.	Christian Pedagogics I	5	3 hours
7.	Christian Anthropology I	3	2 hours
Total		Total 33	20 hours

Semester VI

#	Subjects	Credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The Old Testament VI	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament VI	5	3 hours
3.	Psychology of Development	5	3 hours
4.	Psychology	5	3 hours
5.	Christian Pedagogics II	5	3 hours
6.	Dogmatic Theology	5	3 hours
7.	Cognitive Psychology	5	3 hours

Total	Total 35	21 hours
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Semester VII

#	Subjects	Credits	Hours by weeks
1.	The New testament VII	5	3 hours
2.	Christian Psychology I	3	2 hours
3.	Personal Psychology	5	3 hours
4.	Psychology of Education	5	4 hours
5.	Philosophy	5	4 hours
6.	Applied Analysis of Behaviour	5	3 hours
Total		Total 28	19 hours

Semester VIII

#	Subjects	Credits	Hours by weeks
1.	Psychology of Personal Dispositions	5	3 hours
2.	The New Testament VIII	5	3 hours
3.	Inclusive Education	5	3 hours
4.	Christian Psychology II	3	2 hours
5.	Pathopsychology	5	3 hours
6 .	Patristics	5	4 hours
Total		Total 28	18 hours

In total: 262 credits.