

St Joseph Christian College
(Envisioning your future)

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College Handbook

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

1.1 SJCC AND THE CHURCH (Who we are)

SJCC is owned and operated by Christ Apostolic Church Great Britain and Europe. The college was founded by the church on the conviction that those who are called into the Christian ministry need biblical and theological education to meet the challenges of the society in which they serve. This conviction determines SJCC's identity and goal. Thus leadership preparation for church related ministries form the primary task of the college.

1.2 THE COLLEGE (Our Location)

St Joseph Christian College is located in SW London. It is accessible to major recreational centre by bus and underground. SJCC is about ten minutes drive to the city centres of attraction such as the Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and many more. It is surrounded by institutions such as Lambeth College and South Bank University. The location of the College in the city of London provides access to many library facilities.

1.3 MISSION STATEMENT (Our Mission)

To serve the church in training men and women who are called to serve in church and other related ministries, and to provide qualitative theological education which will equip students to think biblically, live godly and serve effectively in their respective communities.

1.4 WHY STUDYING AT SAINT JOSEPH? (Our Goal)

Saint Joseph is the right place for people seeking theological education with high degree of quality because we challenge our students to

1. be inquisitive
2. think clearly and communicate effectively
3. explore the arts, letters, and sciences within the context of a Christian point of view
4. develop competencies in their chosen fields of study
5. embrace a wholesome way of life
6. heed God's call to personal and moral integrity
7. nurture life in the spirit, and
8. affirm their faith commitment.

Whether you are a pastor, a church worker, or an active layperson, Saint Joseph offers courses of study to meet your ministerial and educational goals. The college also trains today's leaders for thoughtful ministry from a Christian perspective.

The courses are academic and practical. St Joseph faculty members teach in an interactive, concentrated format, giving students an opportunity to integrate the course material and to work with other students.

1.5 COLLEGE FACILITIES

The college occupies a large industrial complex. Inside the building is the sanctuary of Christ Apostolic Church Stockwell which is available to students for private devotions at certain hours during the academic session. There is also a computer room

where students can work on their college assignments and other IT related activities. The college continues to increase its library holdings on regular basis.

2. FACULTY

Our faculty members are dedicated to giving students a high-quality education, focusing on academic excellence while promoting a strong personal relationship with Christ. Because of this, lecturers strive to display a Christ-like character in teaching while being engaged in on-going ministry beyond normal teaching requirements. Faculty members are very accessible to students outside classes, offering many opportunities for further faculty/student interaction.

Asoso, Sunday B. (Philosophical Theology and Ministerial Studies)
PhD, Trinity International University, 2020

Bakare, Gideon. (Biblical and Theological Studies)
PhD, University of Birmingham, 2018

Kuyebi, Adewale A. (Church History, Theology, and Comparative Religions)
PhD, University of Manitoba, 2008

Oladokun, Simeon O. (Pastoral Counselling and Ministerial Studies)
PhD, Jacksonville Theological Seminary, 2020
DTh, University of Roehampton, (in progress)

Olaniyi, M. A. (Pentecostal Theology and Missions)
PhD, University of Birmingham, 2007

Tukasi, E. O. (Biblical Studies and Ministerial Studies)
PhD, King's College London, 2005

3. ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

3.1 Certificate in Ministerial Studies (One-Year)

This one-year program is designed for those who want to gain a general knowledge in theology and Christian ministry. While the graduates of this program may serve as lay persons in Christian ministries, it is not for those who are intending to take on ministerial position as lifelong career. Each student for certificate in Ministerial Studies must complete 120 credit units

3.2 Diploma in Ministerial Studies (Two-Year)

The aim of the two-year Diploma in Ministerial Studies is to equip people for a career in Christian ministries. Each student for Diploma in Ministerial Studies must complete 240 credit units

The college offers from time to time a weeklong seminar on selected issues which might be of interest to ministers and lay persons alike.

3.3 Entrance Requirements

1. Evidence of Christian conversion. It is part of the application process that applicant provides personal statement of faith, drawing particular attention to how they became Christian, their understanding of Jesus Christ, the implications of that experience in their daily living, and their understanding of the church.
2. Membership in a local church. Each applicant must have been a member in a local church for at least three years. No application is complete until a recommendation has been received from the applicant's minister confirming this membership requirement.
3. Ability to undertake a higher education course of this nature. Educational requirements for the college programmes vary depending on the qualification being sought by applicant. However, mature students (aged 23 and over) without minimal educational requirements will be considered.
4. Since all courses are taught in English, it is expected of each applicant to have a good command of English language not just in speaking, but also in listening and writing

4. MODULE DESCRIPTION

In order to be eligible for any award from the college, each student must complete the coursework and all assignments for the required modules. Failure to do so will earn the student a certificate of attendance provided that the student has met the minimum requirement for attendance.

4.1 Certificate in Ministerial Studies

All students enrolled in the certificate of Theology must complete the following modules with the total of 120 credits

BS101 Old Testament Introduction (20 credits)

A survey of the Old Testament in its historical and cultural context, in order to understand the general content of the Old Testament books (including the outstanding features and basic teachings). The aim is to appreciate the place of each book in God's total, progressive revelation and how to apply practical principles for contemporary Christian living.

BS102 New Testament Introduction (20 Credits)

A survey of the New Testament in its historical and cultural context, (including the intertestamental period?) in order to gain a knowledge of the life of Christ, the establishment of the church and the teachings concerning the believer's faith and practice.

TH101 Introduction to Christian Doctrines (20 credits)

An introductory-level module that explores the form, sources, and methods of theological discourse, followed by systematic highlights of major Christian doctrines (e.g. God, Person of Christ, Salvation, Eschatology, etc.). The approach places the doctrines and theology of the church in historical settings that have implications for theology today.

TH102 Bible and the World (10 credits)

A Christian evangelical perspective on ethics as a necessary means of engaging with the global context. The key aim is to enable students integrate biblical principles to contemporary issues such as bioethics, gender relations, marriage and divorce, sexual orientations, race, social care and health, the phenomenon of globalisation, science, technology and media, etc.

CH101 Church History (20 credits)

An Exploration of the history of the church with special emphasis on the establishment from Pentecost through to the modern era. It covers key people and events used of God throughout history to bolster His church; also, it covers key negative events that affected the development of the church throughout history. The goal is to be acquainted with the early formative periods of Christian history and be challenged to discern how Christian heritage integrates with contemporary life-settings and experiences.

MS101 Ministerial Ethics (10 credits)

An examination of the moral dimensions of the Christian ministry and the moral issues facing ministers in their day-to-day work. Attention is given to the minister's personal, professional, and collegial relationships and moral responsibilities.

MS102 Spiritual Formation (10 credits)

Focuses on deepening love for God and others through the practice of spiritual disciplines, spiritual retreats, personal reflections, and communal worship. This course is geared towards teaching the transformational process of how to become like Jesus, how to facilitate spiritual growth and discernment, how to hear God's voice, and how to guide others to learn the same as a Spiritual guide.

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BS201 Principles of Biblical Interpretation (10 credits)

A study of the principles of the literal-grammatical system of biblical interpretation, with the application of those principles to representative passages and to a synthesis of entire books. Issues related to intended meaning, literary design, biblical theology

and the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament will receive particular attention.

BS202 Old Testament Theology (10 credits)

A discussion of various theological perspectives on such prominent themes in the Old Testament revelation as creation, anthropology, sin, covenant, sacrifice and law. The course takes an integrative and practical approach to the biblical theology of the Hebrew Bible with special attention to its application to current issues in society and the mission of the Church.

BS203 New Testament Theology (10 credits)

The course focuses on major themes in the New Testament such as Christology, pneumatology, ecclesiology and eschatology. It also introduces students to notable scholarly opinions on these themes. The goal is to help students develop a coherent approach in their understanding of New Testament themes with special attention on the implications of such themes on the mission of the church in the world.

TH201 Attributes and Works of God (10 credits)

An exploration of the divine perfections and their relations to creation, redemption, suffering and evil, miracles etc.

TH202 Christology (10 credits)

This course will consider the person and work of Jesus the Christ, both as he has been appropriated by the church's Tradition and as he has been considered in the light of contemporary questions of meaning. The goal is to equip students to consider and articulate the enduring and universal relevance of Jesus to the contemporary cultural situation. Specific emphases will be directed toward the scriptural basis for Christology, its relevance the nature of salvation. Finally, the experiences of radical religious pluralism and of mass human suffering today will be brought to bear upon traditional Christological claims.

TH203 Theology of Prayer (10 credits)

This course explores the meaning, practice, and language of prayer with practical applications for worship, spiritual warfare, pastoral care, and personal enrichment.

MS201 Homiletics (20 credits)

Introduces the student to the theological context and practical dynamics of preaching. This beginning course centres on preparation methods, presentation skills and critical review tested in actual preaching by the students in the class sessions. Competencies include public speaking/proclamation, coherent organization and convincing presentation, theological understanding and vocational readiness.

MS202 Principle of Church Administration (10 credits)

Concepts of leadership applied to the organization of the local church, with special emphasis given to the work and relationships of the pastor and church staff, and to the administrative structure and functions of the church.

MS203 Theology of Missions (10 credits)

This is the study of the theological foundations of mission. It examines both the Old and New Testaments, including Israel's responsibility to the nations, the mandates of Jesus Christ, and Pauline missiology. The course also considers the contemporary

issues of ecumenism, syncretism, and universalism, as well as the emerging theologies of indigenous churches in diverse cultures.

MS204 Pastoral Care and Counselling (10 credits)

This course demonstrates the foundational principles of pastoral care and counselling as part of community-based service. The goals include: distinguishing the unique ministries of pastoral/spiritual care, pastoral counselling, and spiritual direction and community counselling, and articulating one's own pastoral focus in light of the following themes: holistic attention to self-care; personal, communal, and organizational-graced history; and commitment to advocacy.

GS201 Christianity & Other Religions (10 credits)

The course offers a comparative introduction to world religions, especially Judaism, and African Traditional Religion and Islam. Specific terms of comparison include: nature of Scriptures, theological traditions, patterns of worship and ritual, forms of religious author.