

Theological Seminary of the Union of Free Evangelical and Baptist Churches of Estonia (UFEBC)- applied higher education in theology	
1. Õppekava nimetus	<i>Vabakiriklik teoloogia ja juhtimine</i>
2. Curriculum name in English	<i>Free Church Theology and Leadership</i>
3. Higher education level	<i>Applied higher education</i>
4. Learning format	<i>Distance learning</i>
5. Education institution	<i>Theological Seminary of the Union of Free Evangelical and Baptist Churches of Estonia</i>
6. Size of the curriculum (ECTS)	<i>180 ECTS</i>
7. Nominal duration of studies	<i>3 years</i>
8. Curriculum group	<i>theology</i>
9. Curriculum code in EHIS	<i>5260117</i>
10. Language of study	<i>Estonian</i>
11. Other languages required for achieving the learning outcomes	<i>English (mid-level)</i>
12. Initial registration of the curriculum*	
13. The last date of confirmation for the curriculum in the learning institution*	<i>7.12.2021 UFEBC Board of elders</i>
14. Criteria for starting the program	<i>High school education</i>
15. Cross-curriculum modules ECTS)	<p><i>Free Church Theology and Leadership, 180 EAP</i></p> <p><i>Consists of the following modules:</i></p> <p><i>Free Church identity (28 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Bible and interpretation (30 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>The Image of God in Humanity and following Christ (21 EAP)</i></p> <p><i>Mission and commission (30 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>The gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church (33 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Elective courses 17 EAP</i></p> <p><i>Open electives 9 EAP</i></p> <p><i>Graduation theses 9 EAP</i></p>
16. Minor(s), other possible specializations in the curriculum, and their scope (ECTS)	-
17. Curriculum goals	<i>The aim (of the designers of) the curriculum is to train specialists with theological key competences. After graduation the student is able to work in the church context and in public sector and continue his/her studies on the Master's level.</i>
18. Curriculum learning outcomes	<p><i>Learning outcomes of the study programme. The student who completes the programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>has a systematic overview in their mother tongue and in one foreign language of the basic terms of theology, which they apply in describing and practising the Free Church tradition;</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knows and analyses the text of the Bible and the influence of its interpretations in religious traditions and in the life of individual Christians; • analyses the development of Free Church spirituality and tradition, in their uniqueness, in the context of theological understanding and congregational practice; • can analyse context and the target group of the specialisation and communicate the Christian message to them understandably; • applies relevant communication strategies and principles of team leadership in congregational practices and projects; • knows the basics of the specialisation area and plans self-development in it.
19. Title(s) of the diploma or academic degree(s) awarded upon graduation	<i>Bachelor of Humanities (Free Church Theology and Leadership Curriculum)</i>
F20. Documents given during graduation	<i>Diplom ja akadeemiline õiend, Diploma Supplement</i>
21. Curriculum structure brief description	<i>Five main modules 142 ECTS (of which is internship 29 ECTS), Elective module 17 ECTS (of which is internship 6 ECTS). One elective module 9 ECTS. Thesis module 9 ECTS.</i>
22. Options for completing the curriculum	<i>Core modules can be completed in different sequences. From the elective module, the student selects elective courses worth 17 ECTS. In the free elective module, the student can choose courses worth 9 ECTS from the curricula of other higher education institutions or apply for recognition of prior learning and experience.</i>
23. Conditions for Completing the Curriculum	<i>To complete the curriculum, the student must fulfill the required scope of the program, pass the mandatory courses and practical training, and successfully defend a thesis or final project.</i>
24. Additional Information	<i>einike.pilli@kogudused.ee or kus@kogudused.ee</i>

CURRICULUM MODULES, THEIR GOALS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Module: Free Church Identity (VKTJ.01)		Volume: 28 EAP
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module describes and analyses Free Church identity at the congregational level within a broader historical and cultural context.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interprets modern church life trends in Estonia and in the world in the light of the influences from history, knows the key texts, persons and topics; • describes the formation of the free church tradition and its characteristics in the ecumenical context; • analyses the impact of the church practices in society, distinguishes current problems and offers simple solutions; • analyses the logic of the formation of religious traditions, describes oneself as a part of the continuity and re-interpretation of tradition; • associates the sources and the content of free church identity with its practices. 	
Module grading*: module is graded based on courses		

Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.01.01.1	<i>The Main Issues in General Church History and Today</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.01.01.2	<i>Main Issues in Contemporary Theology</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.01.02	<i>Free Church History and Today</i>	4 ECTS
VKTJ.01.03	<i>Estonian Church and Cultural History</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.01.04	<i>The Free Church Tradition and Ecumenism</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.01.05	<i>The Teaching About the Church and the Teaching of the Church</i>	6 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module.

Module: Bible and Interpretation (VKTJ.02)		Volume: 30 EAP
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module is familiar with the Bible, interprets it based on hermeneutical principles, and relates its teachings to the contemporary context.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>knows the Bible and the context of its books;</i> • <i>knows the basic principles of exegesis and hermeneutics and can apply them to interpret the Bible;</i> • <i>can use the sources of information to interpret and teach the Bible according to the context of today;</i> • <i>analyses the impact of the Biblical text and interpretations on religious traditions and in the lives of individual Christians.</i> 	
Module grading* module is graded based on courses		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.02.01	<i>God, Creation and the Church (basic course on the Bible)</i>	9 ECTS
VKTJ.02.02	<i>The Bible and its Interpretation</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.02.03	<i>Biblical Hermeneutics</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.02.04	<i>Theology of the Bible</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.02.05	<i>Biblical Exegesis and Practice</i>	6 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module.

Module: The Image of God in Humanity and Following Christ (VKTJ.03)		Volume: 21 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module applies Christian spirituality practices and an ethical lifestyle in an informed and reasoned manner and plans personal development.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>recognizes and applies the main practices of Christian spirituality;</i> • <i>orientates in contemporary ethical discussion and presents ethical standpoints in a well-grounded way;</i> • <i>is able to plan and implement various forms of lifelong learning in the congregational environment, creatively applies learning skills;</i> • <i>analyses oneself with the help of a mentor and in the light of Christian practices, is planning one's life-long development.</i> 	
Module grading* module is graded based on courses		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.03.01	<i>Christian Spirituality and Practical Training in Spirituality</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.03.02	<i>Ethics</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.03.03	<i>Lifelong Learning in the Church</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.03.04	<i>Mentoring</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.07.01	<i>Research Practice</i>	3 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module.

Module: Mission and Commission (VKTJ.04)		Volume: 30 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module connects the concept of mission with cultural and religious contexts and adheres to the legal regulations of civil society.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>analyses the impact factors of free church mission concept and practice and argues for the most appropriate approaches in today's Estonian context;</i> • <i>interprets cultural events and provides a reasoned assessment of the most important phenomena based on a free church perspective;</i> • <i>distinguishes between the main world religions, analyses the influence of religion on individuals and groups of people;</i> • <i>analyses the opportunities for oneself and others to participate in civil society, based on a free church mindset;</i> • <i>knows and observes the legal regulations in the ministry and missionary practice.</i> 	
Module grading* module is graded based on courses		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.04.01	<i>The Theology and Practice of Missions</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.04.02	<i>World Religions</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.04.03	<i>Cultural Hermeneutics</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.04.04	<i>Practical Training in Leadership and in the Context of Mission Work</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.04.05	<i>Free Churches, Freedom of Religion and Society</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.04.06	<i>Social Proactivity in Christian Movements</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.04.07	<i>Legal Issues in Christian Ministry</i>	3 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module.

Module: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church (VKTJ.05)		Volume: 33 EAP
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module connects the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's gifts with the activities and leadership of the church and applies their gift in practice.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>relates the interaction of gifts and forms of work of the Holy Spirit with the work of the church;</i> • <i>knows the logic and specificity of the church as a functioning organization in comparison with secular organizations and is able to manage the basic processes;</i> • <i>knows and implements effective communication techniques in preaching, leading worship and devotion, based on free church theology;</i> • <i>implements learned knowledge in the context of leading community, church life and missionary work and analyses the process.</i> 	
Module grading* module is graded based on courses		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.05.01	<i>The Theology and Practice of Worship</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.05.02	<i>Homiletics</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.05.03	<i>Pastoral Care</i>	6 ECTS
VKTJ.05.04	<i>Gift-Based Teamwork and Leadership</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.05.05	<i>Leading the Church</i>	6 ECTS

VKTJ.05.06.1	<i>Practical Training in Church Ministry I (Pastoral care)</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.05.06.2	<i>Practical Training in Church Ministry II (Homiletics)</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.05.06.3	<i>Practical Training in Church Ministry III (Media)</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.05.07	<i>Christian Media</i>	3 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module.

Module: Elective Module (VKTJ.06)		Volume: 17 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the elective is more deeply familiar with a specific area of their gifts and calling.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. After completion of the module, the student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>uses a foreign language for the understanding of the basic definitions and basic texts of religious theology and in practical work for self-expression at least B2 language-user level;</i> • <i>understands the basic concepts of philosophy and argues logically in both written texts and oral speech;</i> • <i>knows the key skills of communication and applies them in the area of their congregational work.</i> 	
Grading*		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.06.01	<i>Foreign Language</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.02	<i>Pastoral care of People with Special needs</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.03	<i>Psychology of Communication</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.04	<i>Exposition of the book of Revelation</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.05	<i>Family counselling</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.06	<i>Advanced Hermeneutics</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.07	<i>Change management and conflict resolution</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.08	<i>Youth Culture and Youth Work in the Church</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.09	<i>Supporting the Spiritual Development of Children and Young People</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.10	<i>Biblical Greek</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.11	<i>Biblical Hebrew</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.12	<i>Exposition of a New Testament Letter</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.13	<i>Exposition of an Old Testament Prophetic Book</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.14	<i>Special Seminar on the Gospels</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.15	<i>Apologetics</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.16	<i>Theology and practice of Worship</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.17	<i>The Basic Course for Church Planting</i>	5 ECTS
VKTJ.06.18	<i>Elective practical training</i>	5 ECTS
VKTJ.06.19	<i>Introduction to Studies and Academic Writing</i>	2 ECTS
VKTJ.06.20	<i>Chaplain basic course</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.21	<i>Preserving Nature Biblically and Practically</i>	3 ECTS
VKTJ.06.22	<i>Discipleship</i>	3 ECTS

Selection Principles: No prerequisite courses are required to choose a module. The student selects elective courses totaling 17 ECTS from the elective module.

Module: Open Electives (VKTJ.08)		Volume: 9 EAP
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the elective courses has developed in the area of interest to them.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. After completion of the module, the student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>is more knowledgeable and skilled in the freely chosen areas.</i> 	
Module grading* module is graded based on courses		

Graduation thesis module (VKTJ.07)		Volume 9 EAP
Goals	<i>The student who has submitted and defended their thesis is thoroughly and analytically familiar with a topic within the field of free church theology and leadership.</i>	
Learning Outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. After completion of the graduation thesis, the student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>chooses an actual theological or managerial problem and uses research or practical project methodology to solve it;</i> • <i>is able to analyse professional literature, collect empirical data or carry out a practical project, create links between theory and practice and formulate substantiated conclusions and recommendations;</i> • <i>writes the thesis in accordance with the seminary's academic writing guidelines;</i> • <i>in oral defence, expresses oneself in a clear and understandable way, and explains one's graduation theses using the knowledge achieved by completing the curriculum.</i> 	
Grading*	The outcome of the thesis is based on the written research paper or completed project and its defense.	
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
VKTJ.07.02	<i>Graduation Thesis</i>	9 ECTS