

Theological Seminary of the Union of Free Evangelical and Baptist Churches of Estonia (UFEBCE)- master's studies	
1. Õppekava nimetus	<i>Teoloogia ja ühiskond</i>
2. Curriculum name in English	<i>Theology and Society</i>
3. Higher education level	<i>Master's studies</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>120 ECTS</i>
7. Nominal duration of studies	<i>2 years</i>
8. Curriculum group	<i>theology</i>
9. Curriculum code in EHIS	<i>228362</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 UFEBCE Board of elders</i>
14. Criteria for starting the program	<i>Anyone with an applied higher education degree or a bachelor's degree who successfully passes the admission interview and test is eligible to enroll. Additionally, a prerequisite for admission is proficiency in English at a minimum B2 level.</i>
15. Cross-curriculum modules ECTS)	<i>Theology and Society, 120 EAP</i> <i>Consists of the following modules:</i> <i>Bible and Society (36 ECTS)</i> <i>Theology and Identity (20 ECTS)</i> <i>Communication and Leadership (24 EAP)</i> <i>Creativity Module (10 ECTS)</i> <i>Elective Module (10 ECTS)</i> <i>Master's Thesis 20 EAP</i>
16. Minor(s), other possible specializations in the curriculum, and their scope (ECTS)	-
17. Curriculum goals	<i>The aim of the curriculum designers is to prepare specialists equipped with competencies for a missiological life in society and for building up the congregation. Completing the curriculum enables graduates to work in both ecclesiastical and public spheres and to pursue further studies in doctoral programs.</i>
18. Curriculum learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes of the study programme. The student who completes the programme is able to...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>reflect on their personal as well as their fellowship's spirituality in dialogue with the development of the Christian church, the Bible, cultural and religious history;</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>apply hermeneutical methods to study the Bible in the Free Church context and establish its missional message within their community;</i> • <i>analyse the processes taking place within church and society through the lens of Biblical teaching and propose justified innovative solutions to urgent problems;</i> • <i>engage with various factions and conduct discipleship in a way that increases trust between the church and society;</i> • <i>analyse and creatively build upon the collected data to answer the theological questions raised in their master's thesis.</i>
19. Title(s) of the diploma or academic degree(s) awarded upon graduation	<i>Master of Humanities (Theology and Society Curriculum)</i>
20. Documents given during graduation	<i>Diploma with Supplement</i>
21. Curriculum structure brief description	<i>Four core modules totaling 90 ECTS (including 10 ECTS for practical training) Elective module: 10 ECTS Master's thesis module: 20 ECTS</i>
22. Options for completing the curriculum	<i>Core module courses can be completed in any order. Within the elective module, students can choose courses worth up to 10 ECTS from other universities or from their own institution's bachelor's programs. Additionally, students may apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for knowledge and skills acquired elsewhere, including abroad and through practical 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 and successfully defend a thesis or project.</i>
24. Additional Information	<i>einike.pilli@kogudused.ee or, kus@kogudused.ee</i>

CURRICULUM MODULES, THEIR GOALS, AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Module: Bible and Society (TÜ.01)		Volume: 36 ETCS
Goals	<i>After completing the module, the student interprets the Bible, connecting it with congregational practice and addressing societal issues.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>knows the story of the Bible and is able to analyse the meaning of its parts as well as the whole from the point of view of the church and societal life;</i> • <i>is able to interpret the Bible using the main methods of hermeneutics and exegesis as well as translate their research into a clear message;</i> • <i>can analyse the processes taking place within church and society through the lens of Biblical teaching and propose steps to increase trust within their church and society as a whole;</i> • <i>is able to formulate the big question of ethics and mission while discerning their mutual connections and using the Bible to answer those questions;</i> • <i>analyse the difference between various religious identities and experiences, find the commonalities between them and connect those insights with sociological data on religion.</i> 	
Module assessment* is conducted on a course-by-course basis and additionally integrated through problem-based evaluation in studios.		

Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
TÜ.01.01	<i>Theological Hermeneutics and Practical Exegesis</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.02	<i>How do Christians Read the Old Testament?</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.03	<i>What is the Bible?</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.01.04	<i>Preaching and Teaching the New Testament</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.05	<i>Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.06	<i>Questions of Contemporary Mission</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.07	<i>Christian Ethics in a Changing World</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.01.08	<i>Intercultural Dialogue</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.01.09	<i>Psychology of Religion</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.01.10	<i>Sociology of Religion</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.01.11	<i>Practice: From Hermeneutics to Message</i>	4 ECTS

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

Module: Theology and Identity (TÜ.02)		Volume: 20 ECTS
Goals	<i>After completing the module, the student relates spirituality and religious identity to the understandings of other cultures, eras, and religions.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>knows the key problems of theology and their development throughout the history of the church;</i> • <i>is able to analyse their personal and communal spirituality through the lens of Free Church theology;</i> • <i>is able to participate in the dialogue between the Christian tradition and other religions and cultures;</i> • <i>is able to analyse societal and church processes through the lens of the Bible and church practice bringing forth the most relevant themes;</i> • <i>promotes a lifestyle of discipleship embodying the missional message within their community.</i> 	
Module assessment* is conducted on a course-by-course basis and additionally integrated through problem-based evaluation in studios.		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
TÜ.02.01	<i>Introduction to the Study of Theology</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.02.02	<i>Christ Centered Discipleship</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.02.03	<i>Historical Theology</i>	6 ECTS
TÜ.02.04	<i>Free Church Spirituality in the Context of Ecumenism and Secular Society</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.02.05	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.02.06	<i>Hot Topics in Theology</i>	2 ECTS

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

Module: Communication and Leadership (TÜ.03)		Volume: 24 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module communicates supportively and clearly in various environments and applies best practices in leadership.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>knows how to engage various factions, disciple people, build and develop teams as well as lead a church or some other vision-centred organisation in a mission-conscious way;</i> • <i>is aware of and ready to employ various communication and development supporting techniques in church, media and everyday environment;</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicates the Bible in a clear and audience conscious way within various Estonian and English-speaking church and learning environments; • knows the central themes of Christian counselling and is able to employ the relevant counselling methods in their life and work environment; • understands the language of art and media and is able to communicate the Christian message through them. 	
Module assessment* is conducted on a course-by-course basis and additionally integrated through problem-based evaluation in studios.		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
TÜ.03.01	<i>Mission-Conscious Leadership and the Synergy of Talents</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.03.02	<i>Vision-Focused Church</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.03.03	<i>Public Speaking and Preaching</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.03.04	<i>Methods and Themes of Christian Counselling</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.03.05	<i>Psychology of Communication Skills</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.03.06	<i>Internet Age Media</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.03.07	<i>Methods For Supporting Growth</i>	4 ECTS
TÜ.03.08	<i>The Language and Dialogue of Art</i>	2 ECTS

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

Module: Creativity Module (TÜ.04)		Volume: 10 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed the module analyzes data and their own activities, applying them to improve practical contexts.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflects upon their spirituality in a context-conscious way and discerns the potential for growth; • knows basic tools and concepts of data collection and analyses; • knows how to plan, organise and analyse their life, master's apprenticeship and ongoing projects; • makes the relevant connections between the teachings of the church, the Bible and contemporary societal problems; is able to propose well-justified creative solutions to the arising challenges; 	
Module grading* Assessment of the learning outcomes is done for both individual subjects as well as the workshop as a whole.		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
TÜ.04.01	<i>Self- and Project Management</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.04.02	<i>Sociological Literacy</i>	2 ECTS
TÜ.04.03	<i>Master's Apprenticeship</i>	6 ECTS

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

Module: Elective Module (TÜ.05)		Volume: 10 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has completed an elective course has a deeper understanding of a specific field of theology.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<i>Learning outcomes. The student who completes the module</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a deeper understanding of some area of theology which is relevant for their master's thesis; • knows how to connect what they learned through the module with other freely chosen subjects. 	
Module grading* Assessment of the learning outcomes is done on the basis of individual subjects.		

Selection Principles: There are no prerequisite courses for selecting the module (with the possibility to study elective courses alongside the bachelor's program).

Module: Master's Dissertation (TÜ.06)		Volume: 20 ECTS
Goals	<i>A student who has submitted and defended their master's thesis or master's project is thoroughly and analytically familiar with a topic in the field of theology and society.</i>	
Learning outcomes	<p><i>Learning outcomes. After completion of the module, the student</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Analyses the points of overlap of theology and context and the problems, which rise up there;</i> • <i>Can plan, lead and analyse the dissertation work as a process;</i> • <i>makes the relevant connections between the teachings of the church, the Bible and contemporary societal problems; is able to propose well-justified and creative solutions to some of the arising questions;</i> • <i>Analyses and builds upon the collected data to answer the theological questions raised in the dissertation;</i> • <i>Expresses oneself clearly on the oral defence of the dissertation, explaining the work done, using the competences, acquired through the study program.</i> 	
Module grading* Assessment of the learning outcomes is based on the written dissertation and oral defence event.		
Courses		
Code*	Course name	Volume
TÜ.06.01	<i>Master's thesis or project</i>	20 ECTS