

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MODULES

"Taught" Modules

Old Testament Survey — A course that overviews the story of God's dealings with His people and provides a framework with which to "think through" the Old Testament.

New Testament Survey — A look at the sweep of New Testament history, the life of Jesus, the harmony of the Gospels, and an overview of each book not separately covered.

Acts — A verse-by-verse study, with emphasis on the unfolding spread of the message, the establishment of the Church, and the implications for us today.

Romans — A verse-by-verse study of the great book of the message of salvation, including the "Gospel to Christians".

Pastoral Epistles — A verse-by-verse study of the books of 1 Timothy, Titus, and 2 Timothy, which are packed with practical instruction on Church life and organisation.

Gifts and Ministries — A detailed look at the various strands of spiritual gifts in the Bible, with the opportunity to identify our own gifts, together with New Testament ministries, including the five-fold ministry.

Bible Doctrines — An overview of the major doctrines of the Bible, seeking, without diluting, to make the words and concepts of theology "user-friendly".

Spiritual Dynamics — Against the background of the principles and issues of authority, submission and rebellion, this is a look at grace, faith, prayer, authority and power, the anointing, moving in the Spirit, and how these things fit together.

Evangelism — This wide-ranging and motivational course includes: the Gospel of the Kingdom; words, works and Kingdom demonstration; practically sharing our faith; and answering common objections to the message. Practical information on dealing with cults and false religions will also be included.

The Church — An examination of the whole subject of the apostolic Church: its basis, its history, its structure, its dynamic, its purpose, its future. This module is the antidote for religion!

Worship and Devotional Life — Looking at worship Biblically and practically, as activity and as life, seeking to develop our intimacy with God. The course includes an emphasis on personal devotion. Also included are sessions on leading worship.

Family Relations — Starting with the individual in relationship to God, this course works through courtship, engagement, marriage and parenting, bringing Biblical principles to bear in practical situations. A Biblical view of marriage, divorce and remarriage is included.

Principles of Leadership — An inspirational and practical course focused on imparting leadership tools, sharpening leadership skills, raising leadership awareness and increasing leadership effectiveness. The importance of character, integrity and servanthood is stressed.

Healing Training — This module combines a Biblical overview of the subject of healing with practicalities of healing ministry. A model is presented to get participants started praying for the sick.

Preaching School — This is a practical course intended to inspire and encourage sound Biblical preaching and teaching, developing individuals in their preaching gift and ability. The course will benefit existing preachers as well as those called upon to teach or share from the Bible in smaller settings.

"Supervised" Modules

Five selected from up to eleven (and perhaps more)

Doctrine Forum (1 module) — Personal study and guided group discussion on matters of theology over a number of weeks.

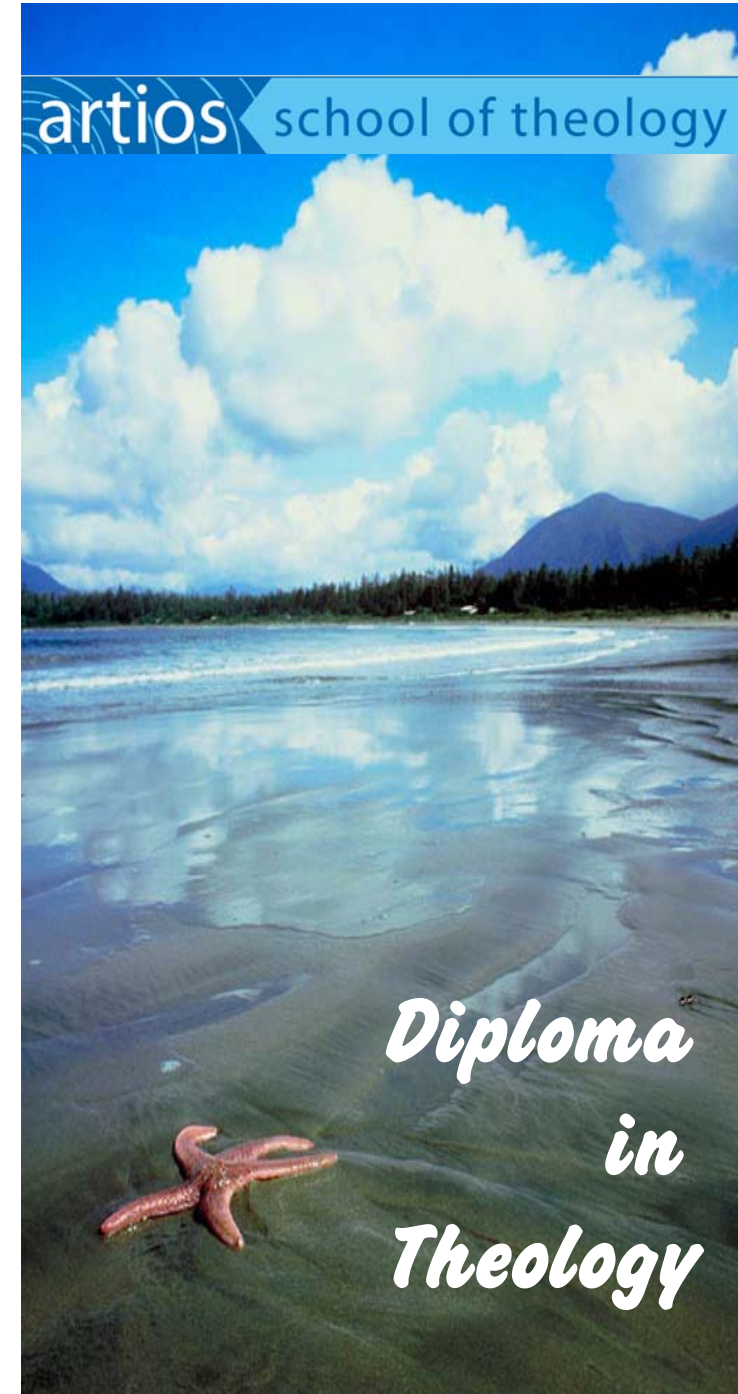
Reading Project (1 or 2 modules) — Reading books from a prescribed reading list, with an appropriate schedule of writing reviews or answering study guide questions.

Writing Project (1 or 2 modules) — A major piece of researched writing on an agreed topic or topics. Clear guidelines and assessment criteria will be given.

Media Project (1 or 2 modules) — A project involving communication in some medium other than writing. The detail must be agreed and the planned project accepted as one that will qualify in advance.

Missions Trip (2 modules) — A missions trip lasting a number of days (normally a week) as part of a team. A given missions trip must first be accepted as suitable for the purpose, and thereafter the report on the mission and the individual's involvement will determine the award.

Current Ministry Experience (1 or 2 modules) — An award may be made on the basis of current ministry, for those already in this place.



BACKGROUND

There are two principal aspects of training for ministry, namely the academic or classroom aspect and the practical experience aspect. Both are essential.

The common pattern in our day has been: leave the local church in which the call was received and go to college for a number of years, emerge "qualified", seek the right situation, and gradually assimilate practical church experience, learning "the things they didn't teach me at college".

Obviously this method can work, but it is an imported worldly model. We believe there is a better way.

Broadly, we seek to combine the "classroom" and the "practical experience" together in the context of a local church, with the following two guiding principles:

1. It should be possible to do this training without giving up employment.
2. It should be possible to do the "classroom" training without temporarily giving up positions of service within the church.

With this in mind, we are running a Diploma course that is modular in style and covers the "classroom" aspect.

WHO IS RUNNING THE COURSE?

Artios School of Theology, which is part of Artios Ministries, a teaching ministry committed to the proclamation of the Word of God, the provision of Biblical education and ministry training, and the promotion of sound doctrine and good practice in the Church of Jesus Christ. For more information on Artios Ministries, see www.artios.org.

HOW IS IT STRUCTURED?

This is a modular course of 20 modules. A module is 20 hours of classroom teaching, or its deemed equivalent. Of the 20 modules, 15 will be "taught", and the other 5 "supervised", taken by a variety of means drawn from: special discussion class, reading project, writing project, missions trip, an assessment of current ministry experience.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The full Diploma course will take three years to complete.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Each year will consist of four 8-week modules, each module consisting of eight Monday evenings, from 7.30 until 10.00 p.m.. These will be supplemented each year by a single module taught intensively (in a "summer school" format) arranged to suit the students, making a total of fifteen modules over three years. The full Diploma course includes another five *supervised* modules, and these will take extra time depending upon their selection.

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE COVERED?

There are three subject divisions of the *taught* modules, namely Bible, Theology, and Practical Ministry. Each division has five associated modules. Although some slight variations are possible, the intended fifteen modules are:

Old Testament Survey
New Testament Survey

Acts

Romans

Pastoral Epistles

Gifts and Ministries

Bible Doctrines

Spiritual Dynamics

Evangelism

The Church

Worship and Devotional Life

Family Relations

Principles of Leadership

Healing Training

Preaching School

Brief module descriptions are given below. In addition, for the full Diploma, five *supervised* modules will be selected from the available list, also below.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The full Diploma course is for those who sense a call to ministry or greater service within a local church. However, each module is self-contained, and it is perfectly possible just to take a module or two, even on an interest basis. The course is also suitable for those already in ministry, perhaps as a refresher, and those in ministry are particularly encouraged to apply.

WHAT WILL IT LEAD TO?

Successful completion of the whole School (20 modules) will lead to a *Diploma in Theology*, issued by Artios School of Theology. Of the *taught* modules, any 6 successfully completed could lead to a *Certificate of Bible Knowledge*, and any 12 to an *Advanced Certificate of Bible Knowledge*. Both Certificates are issued by Artios School of Theology.

HOW WILL IT BE ASSESSED?

All the modules will be assessed. For the *taught* modules, testing will be criterion-referenced and based on a short answer format (not an essay format). For most of these, a final grade will be given (*A, B, C*, etc.), though a few will simply be assessed "module completed". The *supervised* modules will be assessed as appropriate for each.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The charge for each module is at present set at £50 for an individual or £95 for a married couple taking the module together. Those accepted for the full Diploma course will normally make payments by standing order at a rate of £20 per month over the 36 months, or £38 per month for a married couple. These fees include all notes and teaching materials. Please note that costs associated with *supervised* modules (e.g. missions trip) are not included, and are additional for those to whom they apply.

WHEN WILL IT START?

The modules are already running in Dunfermline. Check the web site for details.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the enclosed application form, and return to the address stated. We will then contact you with more information. Do not send any money at this stage. (If the application form is missing, please request another.)

I STILL HAVE A QUESTION...

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