

THE KING'S SCHOOL WEST RAND



PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACSI) COURSE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

This course is designed for teachers and parents who wish to develop an understanding of the Philosophy of Christian Education. It is a compulsory requirement study for all teaching staff at The King's School West Rand and is available to parents and the general public as correspondence education. The course has a recommended duration of 3 years, but subjects can be completed as stand-alone credits at the students' own pace. (For those working towards completing the course in order to obtain a Certificate, it is essential to bear in mind that credits expire after a period of 5 years.)

COURSE COMPOSITION

The Philosophy of Christian Education (ACSI) course consists of a lecture series, six subjects, a final examination and a reflection essay. The subjects can each be completed as stand-alone components. They are as follows:

SUBJECT	CREDITS
THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10
PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION	9
TO THOSE WHO TEACH IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	6
RECLAIMING THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	10
LOVE YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND	9
THE PATTERN OF GOD'S TRUTH	6

OUTLINE OF SUBJECT CONTENT (MODULE DESCRIPTION)

Each subject can be completed as a stand-alone component. Subjects are divided into modules as outlined below. Each module can also be completed as a stand-alone component and modules can be completed in any order according to the student's preference.

The following section provides a brief description of the content of each module.

THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (10 CREDITS)

Why Christian Schools?

1 Credit

This introductory module justifies the existence of Christian schools and how they are fundamentally different in all respects from secular schools.

The Myth of Religious Neutrality in Education

1 Credit

Deals with the concept of religious neutrality, a dominant principle underpinning modern-day education and its infiltration into Christians' thinking.

The Place of the Bible in the Christian School

1 Credit

This module considers how relevant and applicable the Bible is to all aspects of the Christian school.

The Integrity and Vision of the Christian School

1 Credit

Considers the importance of an educational confession and the consistency in which it is applied.

Responsibilities and Relationships in the Christian School

1 Credit

Helps parents and teachers to understand their Biblical role in education and how to improve their relationship with each other.

The Teacher as Mentor and Role Model

1 Credit

This module focuses on how the teacher emulates Jesus as a mentor for his students.

Foundations for Curriculum in the Christian School

1 Credit

You will understand the importance of curriculum and curriculum delivery that is consistent with the school's Christian philosophy.

Student evaluation in the Christian School

1 Credit

This module examines several methods of student evaluation and considers Biblical patterns for evaluation.

Resource selection in the Christian School

1 Credit

Helps teachers understand what is appropriate and what is not appropriate as a resource in the Christian school and why some 'Christian' resources are not suitable.

The Christian teacher in the Public School

1 Credit

Explains the role of the Christian teacher in the Public School and how they can be effective for the Kingdom of God.

RECLAIMING THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (10 CREDITS)

Understanding the Times

3 Credits

You will understand the dominant thinking patterns of our time, how they have developed and how they have influenced public opinion and education.

A Basic Christian Philosophy

3 Credits

This module will help you as a Christian teacher trained in a secular institution to move to a Biblical Worldview and reshape your teaching methods accordingly.

Content in Christian Schooling

2 Credits

Examines the content of curriculum in Christian schooling, how it reflects God and His nature and how it serves to increase students' worship of Him.

Methods in Christian Schooling**2 Credits**

This module helps Christian teachers to develop attributes that contribute to the meaningful growth of their students.

THE PATTERN OF GOD'S TRUTH (6 CREDITS)**Integration and the Truth****2 Credits**

This module examines the importance of the integration of Spiritual truth in the educational institution and why it has been only partly or poorly achieved in Christian schools.

The Teacher and the Truth**2 Credits**

Equips the Christian teacher to convey spiritual truth to students through every day's classroom programmes.

The subject and the Truth**1 Credit**

Deals with practical methodologies to achieve integration within the academic curriculum.

The Truth beyond the classroom**1 Credit**

This module provides guidelines for integration of spiritual truth into the Christian school's operations that are outside of the academic programme.

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION (9 CREDITS)**Conflicting Worldviews****1 Credit****Modern Educational Philosophies****1 Credit****Christian Purposes and Goals of Education****4 Credits****Curriculum: Concepts, contents and cogencies****1 Credit****Christian philosophy of relationships****1 Credit****Christian school education****1 Credit****TO THOSE WHO TEACH IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (6 CREDITS)****To those who teach in Christian Schools I****1 Credit****To those who teach in Christian Schools II****1 Credit****To those who teach in Christian Schools III****1 Credit****To those who teach in Christian Schools IV****1 Credit****To those who teach in Christian Schools V****1 Credit****To those who teach in Christian Schools VI****1 Credit****THE ROLE OF REASON IN THE LIFE OF THE SOUL (9 CREDITS)****A Biblical portrait of the mind****1 Credit****Spiritual Transformation****1 Credit****How to develop a mature Christian mind****1 Credit****How to develop a mature Christian mind II****1 Credit****Evangelism and the Christian mind****1 Credit****Apologetic reasoning and the Christian mind****1 Credit****Worship, fellowship and the Christian mind****1 Credit****Vocation and an integrated Christian Worldview****1 Credit****Recapturing the intellectual life in the church****1 Credit**