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Equipping Marketplace Christians

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# WELCOME TO HITHA

Theological Education with a Difference!

HYDERABAD INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND APOLOGETICS (HITHA) is the first of its kind in India, a theological institute with a difference. HITHA's approach reflects a paradigm shift to focus on the Christians in the Marketplace. To paraphrase Francis Schaeffer, if we are to impact any nation for Jesus Christ, we would have to affect the Seven Centres of Cultural Influence that are the pillars of any Society — Government, Commerce (Business), Education, Family, Religion, Arts and Entertainment, and Media.

Our aim is to train those in the 'body of Christ' with a special focus on Professionals working in the Marketplace (their respective workplaces), those interested in knowing the word of God more deeply, growing spiritually, being witnesses in the marketplace, and serving the Church in whatever way possible by using their grace/service/gifts.

Our students begin their journey starting from a foundational biblical-theological framework through which they interact with various philosophical, cultural, political, ethical, professional, academic, and other challenges they face in the world.

Hyderabad Institute of Theology and Apologetics (HITHA) aims at providing theological training relevant for the 21st Century with the academic distinctives of being:

1. Biblically Sound,
2. Contextually Relevant,
3. Academically Excellent,
4. Intellectually Stimulating,
5. Spiritually Enriching,
6. Financially Affordable, and
7. Undoubtedly World-Class.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL



Three people received a burden from the Lord to work for the fulfillment of God's vision for His Church and God brought them together. They shared this with a good number of concerned Christians in a series of consultations, each followed by prayer. Finally, this led to the founding of HITHA in July 2011. We have been striving to fulfill this vision for the last 10 years.

HITHA exists for the fulfillment of God's Vision for His Church (Eph. 4:12-13), which is "equipping the whole people of God for works of service or ministry." This is connected to the biblical teaching on "every member ministry" (1 Cor. 12) and "priesthood of all believers" (1 Peter 2:4-12). Our focus is primarily on equipping and empowering Christians in the Marketplace (Christians who are placed by God as His witnesses and ambassadors) and we take only twenty percent of students from the professional ministry stream. Our mission is to provide world-class theological and apologetics training at affordable costs and convenient timings so that Christians in the Marketplace might effectively integrate faith and vocation, live authentic Christian lives and be confident and winsome witnesses and fulfill their role in the edification of their churches.

HITHA is the first and only one of its kind. Other Bible Colleges and Seminaries train people for "professional ministry" – ministry in the Church or in the "full-time Christian ministry," like pastoral ministry and missionary work among unreached people who live in remote places and jungles. This is very much needed and should go on. But

HITHA trains and enabling God's people in the "concrete jungles" of our cities, because of the thinking that the Lord is not only interested in the tribals (7-10% of the population) who live out there in the jungles, but he is also equally interested in the "tribals" who live in 'the concrete jungles' of our cities (20-25%). The New 'Tribals/Tribes' include the different professionals. We have to Develop/Build Our Professionals to be effective Witnesses, by giving them a well-rounded and integrated training. Equipping Christians in the Marketplace is the key to success in fulfilling the great commission in our time and generation. Professionals witnessing and discharging their "missionary responsibility" as 'worker-priests' or 'priest-professionals' is absolutely necessary.

As you read through this PROSPECTUS, you will see that all we do at HITHA is an attempt to fulfil a great and unique vision and mission and you will find important information. We want to briefly introduce our qualified faculty, the various study programs, and provide you with details on admissions, fees, eligibility criteria, and modes of study. We are seeking to continue building on the solid foundation of 'sound', 'healthy', or 'good' biblical teaching for life and service in the Workplace and the local church. So, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of this vision and mission.

- Rev. Sudhakar Mondithoka



# THEOLOGICAL POSITION

What we believe (our Statement of Faith) – the following are the standard evangelical beliefs that are based on the Bible and the Creeds of Christendom and are commonly held by evangelical seminaries and churches across the globe and across denominations.

## **GOD**

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, having limitless knowledge and sovereign power and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## **THE BIBLE**

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments (sixty six books), through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings (autographs), the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

## **HUMAN ORIGIN, CONDITION, AND DESTINY**

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by birth, nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can humans be rescued, reconciled, renewed, and restored.

## **JESUS CHRIST – THE PERSON**

We believe that Jesus Christ is God-incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person with two natures. Jesus Christ was conceived sinlessly through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, died and was

buried, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

### **JESUS CHRIST - THE WORK**

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His vicarious atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

### **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third divine person in the Holy Trinity, convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

### **THE CHURCH**

We believe that the true Church is comprised of all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone (generally in different local churches). They are united by the Holy Spirit in the one body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the Church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

### **CHRISTIAN LIVING**

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed and care for the environment. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all peoples, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.



## CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe in the personal, visible and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

## ETERNAL DESTINY

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the Christ-centered gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace.

### OUR VISION:

Our Vision is to Equip the Whole People of God for Effective Service in the Church and Society.

### OUR MISSION:

Our Mission is to educate Christian Professionals in the Marketplace with World-Class Theological and Apologetic Training for the Edification of the Body of Christ, Effective Integration of Faith and Vocation, and for Evangelism, the Impacting of the World/Marketplace for Christ.

### CORE VALUES

Soundness in Doctrine  
Strength in Character  
Scholarship in Academics  
Service to the Church and Society



The **Entablature** (the top curves), represents the Marketplace (in Greek *Agora*) that stands for Discussions and Debates. In Ancient Greece, it was one of the most important parts of a city, a central place for Artistic, Athletic, Spiritual, Philosophical and Political Life of the city. People assembled at the *Agora* to discuss all kinds of topics: business, politics, current events, or the nature of the universe and the divine. In Athens, it is at the *Agora* where democracy first came to life and provided a wonderful opportunity to examine the commercial, political, religious, and cultural life of one of the great cities of the ancient world. The 21st century *Agora* is the academic and professional workplace where ideas are shaped and culture-influencing trends are set - Universities, Colleges, Secretariats, MNCs, and so on.

The **Standing Cross going** into the *Agora*, signifies HITHA's Commitment to the Great Commission - reaching the Marketplace with the message of Christ Crucified and Risen.

The '**H**' stands for HITHA, commissioned with God's call as an institution that connects both the *Agora* and the Cross.

**Blue Colour:** It symbolizes Truth, Faith, Intelligence, Wisdom, and Heaven. It is often associated with depth and stability. It is considered beneficial to the mind and body.

**Yellow Colour:** It spiritually signifies the Healing Power of God, the Almighty. For us it represents the Word of God.

# HISTORY:

God laid the burden of equipping Christians in the Marketplace on the hearts of three persons (a couple and an individual) and brought them together to launch HYDERABAD INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND APOLOGETICS (HITHA). The Mondithokas, Sudhakar and Santha Kumari (Graduates of Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, California, USA) worked in the 'secular' fields for over a decade and served the professionals for more than two decades through UESI (Union of Evangelical Students of India) and RZIM (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries). God laid a burden in their hearts to equip Christian professionals by providing them with world-class theological and apologetic training at an affordable cost and convenient timings (while these professionals are working in their secular settings).

Dr. Augustine Pagolu, with a solid theological education and much experience of having served in UESI (Union of Evangelical Students of India in Andhra Pradesh ), SIBS (South India Biblical Seminary in Bangarapet), SAIACS (South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore), and BGST (Biblical Graduate School of Theology in Singapore) felt a similar need and was looking for partners in India with a similar burden and vision.

God brought together these three individuals mysteriously and guided them in consultation with many concerned Christians over a long period of time and the result was the launching of HITHA in July 2009. The God-given vision and mission of Equipping the Whole People of God for Works of Service, Focusing on Christians in the Marketplace/Professionals (Eph. 4: 11-13) and giving them World-class Theological and Apologetic Training at an Affordable Cost and Convenient Timings, is the *raison d'être* for HITHA.



# Hitha

## WHAT IS HITHA?

“HITHA” in many Indian languages means “good,” “healthy,” or “balanced. HITHA stands for biblical teaching that results in the health and well-being of Christians and the Church. We are committed to the task of equipping the “Church” and “Christians in the Marketplace” thereby fulfilling God’s vision for the Church found in Ephesians 4: 11-13.



HITHA equips people with sound, healthy and balanced teaching-training with tools for ministry. The Bible clearly reveals Jesus Christ as a good teacher and His teachings convicted people and transformed their lives. So, we aim at training

individuals with theologically sound teaching for transformation and relevant apologetics for the defense (in evangelism) and confirmation (in edification) of the Christian Faith (Phil. 1:7 and 16).

## WHY HITHA?

Most of the seminaries and Bible colleges prepare people for full-time Christian ministry (pastors, evangelists, cross-cultural missionaries, etc). This is needed. However, there remains a gap between the Church and the intellectuals, opinion makers of society which needs to be bridged. Therefore, we aim to bridge this gap by preparing people for “full-time Christian living” and “equipping Marketplace Christians” so that they might be effective witnesses to their colleagues and be



contributing members to the edifying ministry of their churches. We meet a definite need of bridging the gap between the Church and the Marketplace, the hub of opinion makers and cultural influencers. These are like new emerging “tribes” or “people groups” (who are in the Concrete Jungles of Our Cities) who can be reached by Christians who are already placed there by God to make a difference as His representatives and witnesses (or priest/priestess workers/professionals). Thus HITHA exists for the purpose of equipping the people of God for the Mission in the Marketplace.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:

HITHA’s training addresses the philosophies and theologies that have shaped and are shaping thought and action in the world today. To this end, it emphasises not only the acquisition of biblical-theological and apologetic knowledge, but also the learning of analytical, critical and integrative skills in interpreting the Scriptures rightly. This emphasis is reflected in the content of the courses, the teaching-learning methods used, the assessment exercises and everything else that goes into our programmes.

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.) - Old Testament, New Testament
- Master of Arts (M.A) – Theology and Apologetics
- Master of Arts (M.A) – Biblical Studies
- P.G. Diploma in Theological Studies (PGDTS)
- P.G. Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS)
- Bachelor of Theology (B.Th)
- Diploma of Theology (Dip.Th/G.Th.)
- Certificate of Theology (C.Th)
- Certificate of Ministry (C.Min)



## OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMMES OFFERED AT HITHA

| <b>P. G. DIPLOMA<br/>(M.A.-1)</b>  | <b>Master of Arts<br/>(M.A.-2)</b>   | <b>Master of Divinity<br/>(M.Div.)</b>  |
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| <b>PGDTS</b>   | <b>M. A.<br/>THEOLOGICAL<br/>STUDIES</b>   | <b>M.Div.<br/>THEOLOGICAL<br/>STUDIES</b>   |
| PGDTS is a 30 -credit hour programme aimed at providing students with a foundational understanding of the basics of Christian faith, life, growth, ministry and missions.          | The course is a 60 -credit hour programme aimed at providing students with a foundational understanding of historical Christian faith and defending the same in a pluralistic society. | M.Div. is a 90 -credit hour programme enabling the students to take their subject learning into advanced levels. Students will explore specialized areas like pastoral counselling, ethics, world religions, apologetics and contextual studies, etc. |
| <b>PGDBS</b>   | <b>M. A.<br/>Biblical Studies</b>  | <b>M.Div.<br/>Biblical Studies</b>  |
| This programme is a 30-credit hour programme aimed at providing students with a deeper understanding of the Bible and preparing them for effective involvement in church ministry. | The programme is a 60 -credit hour program aimed at providing students with deeper understanding of the Bible along with the basic understanding of Hebrew and Greek.                  | This programme is a 90 -credit hour program aimed at providing students a deeper understanding of biblical languages, and exegesis of some key biblical texts in Greek and Hebrew.  |
| <b>CREDIT HOURS - 30</b>   | <b>CREDIT HOURS - 60</b>   | <b>CREDIT HOURS - 90</b>  |



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| <p><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible that will help them provide basic level leadership in lay ministry, para-church and church settings.</p> | <p><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible, desiring to learn basic biblical language tools, have a firm grasp of the historical Christian faith and be equipped to represent the Christian faith in a viable way in their respective circumstances.</p> | <p><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible, desiring to apply basic biblical language tools, have a firm grasp of the historical Christian faith and be equipped to represent and defend the Christian faith in a viable way in their respective circumstances.</p> |
| <p><b>WHAT IS IN PGDTS?</b></p> <p>Theological Research, Hermeneutics, Foundations of OT, NT, Systematic Theology, Missions, Apologetics, and Spiritual Formation</p>                           | <p><b>WHAT IS IN M.A. (TS)?</b></p> <p>All the subjects in PGDTS and specialized studies in Systematic Theology and Apologetics.</p>   | <p><b>WHAT IS IN M.DIV (TS)?</b></p> <p>All the courses of M.A. (TS) and specialized in Apologetics to other religions (Hinduism, Islam etc.,).</p>   |
| <p><b>WHAT IS IN PGDBS?</b></p> <p>Theological Research, Hermeneutics, Foundations of OT, NT, Systematic Theology, Missions, and detailed study of some of the biblical books.</p>              | <p><b>WHAT IS IN M.A. (BS)?</b></p> <p>All the subjects in PGDTS and specialized studies in Pentateuch/ Wisdom Literature / Major, Minor Prophets and Life of Christ/ Pauline Letters.</p>   | <p><b>WHAT IS IN M.DIV (BS)?</b></p> <p>All the subjects in the M.A. (BS) and specialized studies in exegesis of some biblical books.</p>   |

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| <b>HOW LONG IS IT?</b><br>1 year (Full time)<br>2 years (Part time)  | <b>HOW LONG IS IT?</b><br>2 years (Full Time)<br>4 years (Part Time)   | <b>HOW LONG IS IT?</b><br>3 years (Full time)<br>5 years (Part Time)  |
| <b>REQUIREMENTS</b><br>Successful completion of a Bachelor level degree from any recognized University or any equivalent theological studies.<br><br><i>Note: The minimum average grade for graduation is B or (GPA of 2.8).</i> | <b>REQUIREMENTS</b><br>Successful completion of one year PG Diploma/M.A.-1.<br><br><i>Note: The minimum average grade for graduation is B or (GPA of 2.8).</i> | <b>REQUIREMENTS</b><br>Successful completion of M.A.-2<br><br><i>Note: The minimum average grade for graduation is B or (GPA of 2.8).</i> |
| <b>WHAT'S NEXT?</b><br>The M.A-2   | <b>WHAT'S NEXT?</b><br>The M.Div.  | <b>WHAT'S NEXT?</b><br>The M.Th.  |

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

At the undergraduate level, HITHA offers four programmes at the basic level:

- Certificate of Theology (C.Th)
- Diploma of Theology (Dip. Th/G.Th)
- Diploma and Certificate in Women's Ministry
- Bachelor of Theology (B.Th)

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Certificate<br/>of Theology<br/>or Women's<br/>Ministry</b></p> <p>(C.Th.) = B.Th I year</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diploma of<br/>Theology<br/>or Women's<br/>Ministry</b></p> <p>(Dip.Th/G.Th) =<br/>B.Th II year</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bachelor of<br/>Theology</b></p> <p>(B.Th III year)</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>C.Th is a 36 -credit hour program aimed at providing students with a foundational understanding of the basics of Christian faith, life, growth, ministry and missions.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>Dip.Th/G.Th is a 72 -credit hour program aimed at providing students with a foundational understanding of the theological, historical &amp; spiritual legacy of the Church.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>B.Th is a 108 -credit hour program designed primarily to qualify graduates to function as leaders or ministers and preparing themselves for teaching and preaching ministry in the church.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CREDIT HOURS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">36</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CREDIT HOURS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">72</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CREDIT HOURS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">108</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians interested in understanding the Christian faith and ministry, and who are interested in involving actively in church ministry.</p>                        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians interested in a holistic understanding of their faith, leading study groups and actively involved in different ministries of the church.</p>                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHO IS IT FOR?</b></p> <p>Christians interested in developing an integrated biblical worldview for effective service in the Church and also the society.</p>   |

## **C. Th - Certificate Course in Christian Ministry**

**(20 credits) with Emphasis on Women's Ministry.**

This is aimed at those who had no opportunity to go through university/college level education. This is normally a terminal program, but exceptional candidates might be given a chance to go for a PGDTS or PGDBS. However, those who do the Diploma in Women's ministry can go to the next level.

### **Requirements for Admission**

ELIGIBILITY: All our programs are meant for university graduates except for the Bachelor in Theology (B.Th) and Certificate Programmes. In this sense, it is basically a graduate institute. So, all aspiring candidates must have an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a recognized university/seminary/college. They must have fairly good knowledge of English, because all instruction is in English and because our programs involve academic rigor and writing essays for most of the courses except for languages like Hebrew and Greek. In the exams, we do not expect students to merely reproduce information learned in the classes, but require them to read academic books and journals and reflect on them, so that they might demonstrate independent and critical thinking in their assignments and exams.

However, we do like to offer a basic programme for adult learners who have no formal education or had no opportunity to go through a university/college level education, but have a passion for God's Word and his ministry (under the mature students category).

All our programmes will be offered as 'part-time' programmes for working professionals, and 'full-time' for those who wish to complete them on a definite time frame.

For Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) the candidate must have completed +2/ Polytechnic (Diploma)/Equivalent Theological Studies.

For M.A. Programmes all aspiring candidates must have an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a **recognized university or college or seminary or Bible college (ATA/ Serampore)** or a PGDTS/BS. They must have a fairly good knowledge of English, because all instruction is in English and all the academic work is done in English.





## EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

| PROGRAMME                          | DURATION IN YRS | MAXIMUM DURATION YRS | ELIGIBILITY                  | CREDIT HOURS | FEE FOR ONE CREDIT HOUR | TOTAL PROGRAM FEE in Rupees |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M.Div.                             | 3               | 6                    | B.Th/ Any Recognised Degree  | 90           | 2000                    | 1,80,000                    |
| M.A.                               | 2               | 5                    | B.Th/Any Recognised Degree   | 60           | 2000                    | 1,20,000                    |
| PG DIPLOMA                         | 1               | 2                    | B.Th/Any Recognised Degree   | 30           | 2000                    | 60,000                      |
| PG C.Min (Women, Youth, Children ) | 6 mont          | 1                    | B.Th/Any Recognised Degree   | 20           | 2000                    | 40,000                      |
| B.Th                               | 3               | 5                    | +2 (Inter) or any equivalent | 108          | 1000                    | 1,08,000                    |
| Dip.Th                             | 2               | 3                    | 10th Pass                    | 72           | 1000                    | 72,000                      |
| C. Th                              | 1               | 2                    | 10th Pass                    | 36           | 1000                    | 36,000                      |

*Note: Students can avail the facility to pay the fees in 3 instalments (total programme fee).*

## **MODES OF PAYMENT:**

Either Cash, Cheque, DD or Bank Transfer -  
Account Details: HITHA Educational and Charitable Trust  
AC No:30961428677, SBI, Red Hills Branch, Hyderabad; IFSC  
Code: SBIN0002790)

## **CLASSES AND CREDIT HOURS:**

A course value is measured in terms of the number of credit hours. A credit hour is a measuring unit of the number of class (or lecture) hours and the number of hours students spend doing the required assignments per week studying a given subject. Typically a subject may be assigned 1, 1.5, 2, 3, or 4 credits depending on the scope and purpose of study. For an undergraduate degree, basic courses may have 2 or 3 credits. In a Master's degree, most courses are either 3 or 4 credits.

Thus a 1.5 credit hour course requires 15-22 lecture hours (50 minutes each) and 30-44 hours of student work and it may be studied in one session of two hours per week for 8-11 weeks. In other words, a person taking a 1.5 credit hour course will need to attend classes once a week for 8-11 weeks, and a person taking a 3 credit course would attend classes once a week for 16 weeks (or twice a week for 8 weeks).

If someone likes to take two courses simultaneously, such a person will need to attend classes twice a week for the number of weeks assigned for each course.

Typically, working professionals will be able to take a maximum of two courses simultaneously depending upon their ability



and time available at hand. Any one who takes up to 9 credits or more in a semester would be considered a full-time student.

### **MODES OF STUDY:**

One of the distinctive features of HITHA is our attempt to adapt the flexible modes of study keeping in view the fact that our students are adult learners. There are three modes of study:

1. Regular – This includes Class lectures with tutorials where appropriate. There will be Semester modules, short-intensive and weekend classes. Also, participation in Seminars, Open Forums, Discussion Groups (Apologia, Theologia, Biblica, Sundoulos) will carry weight.

2. Independent Study – This is primarily self-directed study under the supervision of a faculty member. Lectures may be in audio or visual format. A grader is assigned for each private/independent study course. Students are allowed, within reason, to set their own time frame and pace of study. We allow this only with students who have proven capacity to study independently.

3. Blended Learning – As in the case of Group Tutorials, students will listen to recorded lectures before class. In addition, they will also work on tutorial assignments and participate in collaborative discussions through an On-line Learning Management System. Tutorial sessions will be an occasion for not only discussions on the lecture and tutorial materials, but also engagement in case studies.



### **ACCREDITATION:**

After functioning for 4 years continuously from 2009, HITHA applied for accreditation with ATA (Asia Theological Association), the Evangelical Accrediting Body in Asia with a chapter in India. After the Team from ATA visited us for Evaluation in June 2014, we were granted Associate Membership (first stage of accreditation)



or Candidacy to Membership status. Sometime soon (later part of 2019), we will go through the final stage of the accreditation process (you can visit the ATA website and find HITHA listed there).

### **ACADEMIC YEAR/SEMESTER/TRIMESTER:**

Our academic year would follow the pattern of a normal school academic year in order to coincide our holidays with the schedule of the schools so that parents and working professionals would be able to spend their time with their families and children. Thus, an academic year will be divided into two semesters - that is June to October and November to April. But aspiring students can join courses at any time of the year provided one joins from the start date of a given course. Although the semester begins in June or November not all courses begin on the same day. Depending on the availability of lecturers and the classrooms the courses start within a week or two from the beginning of the semester.



### **APPLICATION FORMS:**

The application and other related forms can be downloaded from the website or can be obtained from the office. Below are the details:  
Website: <http://hitha.org/>

1. HITHA Application Front Page (for you)
2. HITHA Application Form
3. Academic Reference Form
4. Pastoral Reference Form

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

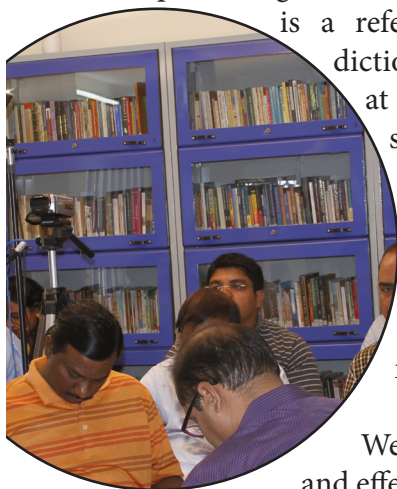
HITHA upholds the highest standards of academic and moral integrity with reference to the writing of essays, examinations and course assignments. In particular, we do not tolerate plagiarism (the unacknowledged citation of ideas and phrases from another source). A student who does not maintain the Institute's standard of academic integrity will be subject to discipline and possible dismissal.

## TEACHING-LEARNING APPROACH

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