

ST. MARY'S MAJOR SEMINARY GGABA
(AFFILIATED INSTITUTION TO MAKERERE UNIVERSITY)

Background

St. Mary's National Major Seminary Ggaba, henceforth to be referred to as National Seminary Ggaba, has been an Affiliated Institution of Makerere University since 1989, offering a Bachelor of Divinity of Makerere University to qualifying candidates. In 1997, however, a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Philosophical Studies of Makerere University

was approved for Katigondo National Major Seminary and Alokolum National Seminary which have since been affiliated to Makerere University. This has necessitated a reworking of the programmes in National Seminary Ggaba, which receives its candidates that will already have done the Bachelor of Arts from Katigondo and Alokolum that will already have done the Bachelor of Arts.

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The M.A (Religious and Theological Studies) programme is based on the felt need for the development of research capability of students who study Theology and Religious Studies in Uganda. Religion touches matters of ultimate concern in our daily lives and our future. The Ugandan society, however, is experiencing certain changes in education, social development and communication. The Pastor will therefore have to play a relevant role in such a society. He will also need skills of research and ecumenism so as to offer a way out of some situations of division, poverty and ignorance.

Furthermore not all the finalists of National Seminary Ggaba look after rural Parishes. Some are called upon to teach in institutions of higher learning or to occupy administrative posts. The MA in Religious and Theological Studies programme aims, therefore, at offering advanced training for those who will be called to teach and administer schools and other institutions. This should contribute to improving the country's human resource base in education and development.

The principle is that students should be given more and not less. An MA would offer more than the Bachelor of Divinity degree formerly offered.

Objectives of the Programme

The general objective is to train competent human resource in religion and administration to manage the challenges of a fast changing society.

The programmes are also intended to enable the student acquire the skills of research which should make him inclined to approach his work and mission in a methodological way.

Regulations

The general regulations and statutes governing postgraduate programmes of Makerere University shall apply.

Structure

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree programme shall last one year of Lectures and another year of Research.

Layout of Courses

The candidate will do 5 courses, 4 Core and 1 Elective in each semester of the first year.

	Semester I Core Courses	CU
MTS 6111	Research Methodology	3
MTS 6112	Scriptural Interpretation	3
MTS 6113	Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry	3
MTS 6114	Selected texts in the Pentateuch	3
Electives		
MTS 6115	Inter-religious Dialogue	3
MTS 6116	Church and State	3
MTS 6117	History of Christianity in Uganda	3
MTS 6118	Theology and Gender Issues	3
MTS 6119	Contemporary Theologies	3
MTS 6210	The Social Teaching of the Church	3
4 Core Courses and 1 Elective per semester:		
	Total Course Units at end of first semester	15