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2.0 THE MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

2.1 Academic Regulations for the MA in Biblical and Theological Studies

2.1.1 Admission Requirements for the Programme

The MA in biblical and Theological Studies is an academic programme designed to meet the needs of theologians, religion teachers, and pastors, who wish to deepen their knowledge of Scripture, theology and history. In addition to the general requirements of the University for admission into Master's programmes, Master of Religion applicants must:

- (i) Have a first degree in Theology, with at least 72 credit hours of theology courses.
- (ii) Have a minimum grade point average of 3:00 on a 4.0 point scale.
- (iii) Applicants to the MABTS need to demonstrate their proficiency in Hebrew and Greek Grammar by means of presenting a recent transcript (not older than 3 years) or by challenging exams. If an applicant does not fulfill this requirement, he or she will take Hebrew and Greek Grammars as bridging courses.
- (iv) Direct entry applicants are expected to submit recommendation letter from the faculty of their previous university. Employed applicants shall provide a recommendation letter from the employing organization.

2.3 Title of the programme offered: MA in Biblical and Theological Studies

2.3.1 Preamble

The Adventist University of Africa has been established as a graduate school supported by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to develop leaders in a number of critical areas for the Church and for society. Unprecedented changes face the continent, and indeed the whole world. Such changes require a academic approach to ministry and scholarship. AUA's mandate is to develop theologians and religion teachers that will guide the Church in its mission in the 21st Century.

Rationale

The MA in Biblical and Theological Studies has been designed to assist theologians, pastors

and other ministry workers in developing expertise in the area of Scripture, theology, and church history. With the challenges brought about by local and global changes and transformations on the continent, ministry in all its areas now requires specialized training. The programme offers three majors, namely Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages and Theological-Historical Studies. These three majors reflect areas of significant importance in the ministry to the Christian Church in Africa. Each area represents unique challenges that require specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes.

2.3.2 Expected Learning Outcomes of the MA in Biblical and Theological Studies Programme

The Biblical and Theological Studies programme is designed to provide needed preparation for a more effective ministry, especially in the area of teaching religion in schools and colleges. Upon successful completion of the programme requirements the students will be able to:

1. Identify and evaluate important sources, contributions of key scholars, major schools of thought and emerging trends in contemporary cultural, ethical, biblical, linguistic, and theological-historical studies;
2. Demonstrate critical, analytical, and creative thinking in matters of complex biblical, religious and theological systems;
3. Articulate and express coherently biblical and theological concepts and doctrines;
4. Commit to a life-long learning, teaching, and communication of religious knowledge;
5. Promote and participate in the mission of the church both globally and on the continent of Africa.