5. The Diploma in Christian Studies (Dip.C.S.) is offered by Serampore College (University) for private study. The responsibility for administering the programme is with the Committee on Academic Administration under the overall supervision of the Senate of Serampore College.

6. Preamble:

The Diploma in Christian Studies (Dip.C.S.) is designed to provide a specifically Christian perspective for the study of Christianity, to show the essential unity as well as diversity of the Christian Faith, to study history of Christianity in India as an integral part of Indian social, cultural and political unity, to interpret Christian faith in its struggles to meet the contemporary challenges to be relevant and contextual and to promote inter-faith harmony for peaceful co-existence among various religious communities in India.

7. Objectives:

The objectives of the Diploma are:

(i) To provide an opportunity in the Indian context for the study of Christianity, its history, faith and practice.
(ii) To make aware of the life, teaching and work of Jesus Christ in the Indian context.
(iii) To interpret the Bible, its formation, and its significance for Christian faith in the Indian context.
(iv) To provide an opportunity in the Indian context for the study of the interaction of Christianity with people of other faiths and cultures.
(v) To study the interaction of Christianity with the Socio-Economic and Political realities of India/South Asia in the Indian context.

8. Curriculum:

The Diploma in Christian Studies shall consist of 10 courses in all (6 required and 4 optionals).

Required Papers:

1. Introduction to the life, teaching and work of Jesus
2. Titles and Images of Christ in the Bible
3. The Bible – Its formation, interpretation and significance for Christian faith
4. Christian faith affirmations
5. Christian Worship, Traditions, Rites and Festivals
6. Origins and development of Christianity in India
Optional Papers:

7. The life and thought of Paul, the Apostle
8. Selected literary texts from the Bible
9. Survey of Biblical history
10. Christian responses to other faiths
11. Indian Christian Spirituality
12. Contemporary challenges and emerging theologies
13. Christian Ethics
14. Indian Interpretations of Jesus Christ
15. Introduction to Communication
16. Introduction to Indian Philosophy
17. Introduction to Psychology
18. Introduction to Social Sciences

Colleges offering the Integrated B.D., should offer the above 10 Courses including the required courses as a part of the Integrated programme in addition to other areas as prescribed in the B.D., Regulations. (See B.D., Regulations Page 21 Sec.17)

N.B.: Good News Bible (GNB/TEV) or New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) are recommended for study of the Biblical subjects.

PART - III

9. Admission requirements:

At the time of registration a candidate should have

(i) Completed 18 years of age

(ii) Passed 10+2 with eligibility to enter a degree course of a University.

OR

(iii) Passed 10\textsuperscript{th} Class and have done two years of further study in a theological or secular institution and had experience in Christian ministry or any public service.

OR

(iv) Passed 10\textsuperscript{th} class and should have had experience of at least five years in any form of service acceptable to the Senate.

N.B. Candidates registered for the Integrated B.D. Course may offer the 8 required subjects of study, in addition to the other Integrated course papers, as college examined papers.

10. Registration:

The academic year for the Dip.C.S. course begins in January and ends in December. A candidate is expected to send the "Registration Form" by 15\textsuperscript{th} December each year prior to commencing the study. The Registration Form should be submitted along with the following documents:

(i) Academic certificates or certified copies of academic qualifications.

(ii) Birth Certificate or other acceptable evidence of date of birth.

(iii) A certificate of character from his/her appropriate church authorities.

(iv) Additional information and references that may be
considered desirable in support of his/her application.

(v) The registration fee should be sent by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the "Senate of Serampore College".

(vi) The application for registration that reaches the Registrar later than the specified date, may be received at the discretion of the Registrar, provided that it reaches him not later than 30th December of the same year on payment of a late registration fee.

(vii) The application submitted without any of the above will be rejected.

Note: The Registration Form along with the Regulations will be available with the Registrar at a cost of Rs. 170/- payable in advance by Demand Draft.

11. Medium of Study and Examination:

The medium of study and examination shall be English and any other language approved by the Senate.

12. Length of the Course:

The duration of the Courses is two years. However, the Diploma should be completed within a maximum of four years from the date of registration.

13. Mode of Study:

(i) The Senate will provide detailed syllabus for each course on payment of prescribed fee.

(ii) The Senate will conduct Contact Seminars periodically with prior notification either regionally or nationally.

The SCEPTRE Programme Center (Senate Centre for Extension and Pastoral Theological Research) at 74/B A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700016 will be the Venue

for some Contact Seminars. The Programme Centre will provide a library, and accommodation for candidates at a reasonable cost for stay during the Seminars. The Director for Extension shall be responsible for organizing the Seminars.

(iii) A candidate is expected to attend at least two Seminars during the entire study period. Affiliated Colleges may hold the Seminars for candidates registered by them.

14. Examination:

(i) A candidate shall be required to take not less than four papers in a year and should pass in at least two papers to get credit for the papers taken, securing 40% in each paper.

(ii) The examination for the Diploma will be conducted by the Senate of Serampore College during November/December each year.

(iii) Each paper is of three hours' duration. The maximum marks for each paper is 100.

(iv) The Serampore College and all affiliated Colleges are Centres for the Senate examinations. All candidates are normally expected to take their examinations at one of these centres.
(v) A candidate applying for permission to write the examination at an affiliated College must obtain prior consent of the Principal and submit it with his/her Examination Entry Form before 15th July.

(vi) If a candidate wishes to write the Senate examination overseas, he/she should seek prior permission from the Registrar by sending a request and a letter from the Superintendent of Examination before 15th July of the year of examination. The Registrar shall determine the Local Centre and an additional fee to be paid in such cases.

(vii) All the Senate examinations for the Diploma in Christian Studies shall normally be evaluated by two examiners.

(viii) The Senate shall not entertain requests for re-evaluation of any script or to re-write the examinations to improve the grades.

(ix) A candidate shall give an undertaking at the time of registration that he/she shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the Senate of Serampore College as applicable to the Diploma in Christian Studies including the decisions of the Senate and its Committee on Academic Administration.

15. Admission to the Examinations:

After registration, a separate application form for admission to the annual examination must be made on the appropriate Examination Entry Form obtainable from the Registrar. The "Examination Entry Form" should reach the Registrar on or before 15th July of the year of examination along with the prescribed fee.

16. Late application for Annual Senate Examinations:

An application made under Section 9 above that reaches the Registrar later than the specified date may be received at his discretion, provided the application is received by him/her not later than 31st July of the year of examination. Such an application, if accepted, is subject to payment of the late entry fee.

17. Withdrawal or absence from Senate Examination:

A candidate who withdraws from the Senate examination or who fails to take examination, for which he/she has been registered, forfeits the examination fee paid. Under no circumstances the examination fees will be refunded.

17. Pass and failure in examinations:

A candidate who fails in any paper or papers is regarded as being "referred" in such paper or papers, and is permitted to offer himself/herself for re-examination in that paper or those papers, or in any other paper or papers that may be substituted in accordance with the Regulations, provided that he/she is able to complete the requirements of the Degree within the time allowed. Any change in the papers already taken but failed must be applied for before 15th July each year.

18. Standard of pass and class:

The pass mark in each paper in the examination for Diploma in Christian Studies is 40%.
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19. Results, Marks and Transcript of Record:

(i) Notification of results of the Senate examinations with grades obtained will be sent to the candidates by the Registrar.

(ii) A transcript of record giving a candidate's complete record in the Course may be obtained on application to the Registrar on payment of a fee.

20. Fees : (See Senate Website for any change in fee structure)

- Registration Fee 300/-
- Late Registration Fee 100/-
- Examination Fee (per paper) 150/-
- Late Examination Fee 100/-
- Examination Centre Fee 75/-
- Marks Fee 25/-
- Transcript of Record 150/-
- In Absentia Fee 150/-

N.B.

(i) The Senate reserves the right to change the fees as and when found necessary.

(ii) Fees once paid are not refundable.

(iii) All fees must be sent by Demand Draft drawn in favour of the "Senate of Serampore College" to the Registrar.

21. Dip. C. S. proceeding to B.C.S or B.D. Degree :

Candidates desiring to proceed to either the B.C.S. or the B.D. Degree course on completion of Dip.C.S. shall be expected to fulfil the following requirements:

(i) Secure an over-all B- (55%) Grade in the Senate examinations

(ii) In addition to passing all the required papers as Senate examined, should also pass the following papers:
(a) The life and thought of Paul, the Apostle (Paper No. 7)
(b) Survey of Biblical history (Paper No. 9)

(iii) Pass two B.Th. English Qualifying Papers (Paper Nos. 72 and 73)
(iv) All examinations will be conducted by the Senate. Each paper will be given a weightage of 100 marks.

22. Issuance of Diploma:

A candidate who successfully completes the requirements of the Diploma in Christian Studies shall receive his/her certificate by Post after the Convocation of Serampore College (University) the following year.

23. Correspondence:

All communications concerning registration and examination shall be addressed to

The Registrar,
Senate of Serampore College,
Serampore - 712 201,
Dist. Hooghly, West Bengal.
INDIA.