


<p>Department of Christian Studies School of Philosophy and Religious Thought University of Madras</p>	
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1	Name of the Department	Department of Christian Studies
2	Year of establishment	1984
3	Is the department part of a School/Faculty of the university?	Part of the School of Philosophy and Religious Thought
4	Names of programmes offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. A. Christian Studies • M. A. Christian Scriptures • M. Phil. Christian Studies • Ph. D. • P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Human Resource Management • P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Biotechnology • P. G. Dip. Spirituality & Counseling • B. A. & M. A. in Christian Studies (through Institute of Distance Education)
5	Interdisciplinary programmes and departments involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. G. Diploma courses have been designed with collaboration from the Departments of Psychology and Sociology • Inter-disciplinary approach is adopted in research methodology for M. Phil. and Ph. D. • Research projects have been based on inter-disciplinary methodology • Conference and seminars organized by the Department have inter-disciplinary focus
6	Courses in collaboration with other universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.	Courses in collaboration with industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Human Resource Management • P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Biotechnology • P. G. Dip. Spirituality & Counseling Resource persons from industries offered lectures.
7	Details of programmes discontinued, if any, with reasons	Nil
8	Examination System: Annual/Semester/ Trimester/Choice Based Credit System	Choice Based Credit System

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9	Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essentials of Saiva Siddhanta - Essentials of Vaishnavism - Essentials of Jainism - Indian Philosophy of Beauty - Philosophy of Religion Mind and Meditation - Meditation and Personality Development - Art of Right Living and Holistic Health
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10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned, filled and actual (Professors/Associate Professors/Asst. Professors/others)

	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (including CAS & MPS)
Professor	2		
Associate Professors	1		
Asst. Professors	1	1	1
Others			

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation, area of specialization, experience and research under guidance

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of Ph.D./ M.Phil. students guided for the last 4 years
Dr. G. Patrick	M. A., M. Phil. Ph. D.	Asst. Professor (Sr. Scale) & Head i/c	Systematic Theology, Contextual Theology, Subaltern Religions, Indian Christian Theology, Tamil Culture, Culture and Religions, Globalization and Religions, Religions in India, Comparative Religion and Religion & Civil Society	11 years	Ph. D. - 9 M. Phil. - 16

12	List of senior Visiting Fellows, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors	Emeritus Professor : Dr. Felix Wilfred (Jan. to Dec. 2009) Visiting Professor : Dr. S. J. Anthonysamy (July to October 2011)		
13	Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information	M. A. Christian Studies 62% M. A. Christian Scriptures 69% M. Phil. 65% P. G. Dip. – EHRM 60%		
14	Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio	Programme Student Teacher Ratio (2012-13) M. A. Christian Studies 9:1 M. A. Christian Scriptures 10:1 M. Phil. 13:1 P. G. Dip. – EHRM 11:3		
15	Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff:			
	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual	
	Typist & Attender	Nil	Nil	

16. Research thrust areas as recognized by major funding agencies

- Inter-religious understanding
- Bio-ethical issues
- Religion and Culture
- Religion and Society



17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies, project title and grants received project-wise.

Name of faculty	Ongoing Project: a)national b)international funding agencies	Project title	Grants received
Dr. G. Patrick	National	UGC Major Research Project : “Towards Religious Harmony – A study on the Interactive Cultural Traditions of Hindus and Christians in the Communally Sensitive District of Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu”	Rs.5,29,300
-do-	International	United Board for Christian Higher Education Project : “Curriculum for Cross-cutting Social Networks for Inter-religious Peace and Harmony”	US\$ 8,125.00

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and associated grants received

- a) National collaboration - With TANSACS & ICSSR for the conduct of national seminars
- b) International collaboration –

19. Departmental projects funded by DST-FIST; UGC-SAP/CAS, DPE; DBT, ICSSR, AICTE, etc.; total grants received.

Conferences on “Religion And Terminal Illness: A Holistic Approach” and “Land and Dalit Subalterns in India” partly funded by ICSSR

20. Research facility / centre with - Nil

- state recognition
- national recognition
- international recognition

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies - Nil

22. Publications:

- * Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national / international) : 14 national
- * Monographs : 2
- * Chapters in Books : 10

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| * Edited Books | : | 3 |
| * Books with ISBN with details of publishers | : | 8 |
| 1. Patrick, G. <i>Wings of Faith : Towards Public Theologies in India</i> . New Delhi: ISPCK, 2013. ISBN 978-81-8465-332-8 | | |
| 2. Patrick, G. (ed) “Civil Society and Religion: Revisiting the Interface”, issue Nos: 3, 4, <i>The Indian Journal of Christian Studies</i> , Vol. 2, Nos. 2 & 3, Jan-June & July-Dec. Chennai: Department of Christian Studies, 2012. ISSN 2231-0835 | | |
| 3. Lazar, Roy A. <i>Religious Praxis in Response to Violence</i> , Bangalore : Asian Trading Corporation, 2012. ISBN 81-7086-627-8 | | |
| 4. Patrick, G. (ed) “Christian Studies and the Subaltern Quest”, second issue of <i>The Indian Journal of Christian Studies</i> , Vol. 1, No. 2, July-Dec, 2011, Chennai: Department of Christian Studies. ISSN 2231-0835 | | |
| 5. Patrick, G. (ed) “Christian Studies in Secular Space”, first issue of <i>The Indian Journal of Christian Studies</i> , Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan-Jun. Chennai : Department of Christian Studies, 2011. ISSN 2231-0835 | | |
| 6. Wilfred, Felix <i>Transforming Religion Prospects for a New Society</i> , New Delhi : ISPCK, 2009. 978-81-8465-027-3 | | |
| 7. Patrick, G. and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza (eds.) <i>Negotiating Borders – Theological Explorations in the Global Era</i> (A Festschrift in honour of Prof. Felix Wilfred, New Delhi: ISPCK, 2008. 978-81-8458-050-1 | | |
| 8. Wilfred, Felix. <i>Margins: Site of Asian Theologies</i> , New Delhi: ISPCK, 2008. 978-81-8458-031-0 | | |
| * Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.) | | |
| * Citation Index – range / average | : | |
| * SNIP | : | |
| * SJR | : | |
| * Impact Factor – range / average | : | |
| * h-index | : | |

23. Details of patents and income generated - Nil

24. Areas of consultancy and income generated - Nil

25. Faculty selected nationally / internationally to visit other laboratories / institutions / industries in India and abroad

Dr. G. Patrick, selected for the Award of Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Lecturer Fellowship in USA

26. Faculty serving in

a) National committees	Dr. Felix Wilfred	1. Member of the Statutory Ethical Committee of the IIT, Chennai from 2006. 2. Member of the Research Board, Senate of Serampore University.
	Dr. G. Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson, Board of Studies in Christian Studies, Institute of Distance Education, University of Madras, Chennai, from March 2012. ○ Member, Committee for Research, Faculty of Theology, Serampore College (University), West Bengal from March 2011. ○ Serving as Academic Council Member in the University of Madras from July 2008.
b) International committees	Dr. Felix Wilfred	President of the Board of International Journal for Concilium, published in six European languages
c) Editorial Boards	Dr. Felix Wilfred	Member of the Editorial Board of International Journal for Concilium.
d) any other (please specify)		

27. Faculty recharging strategies (UGC, ASC, Refresher / orientation programs, workshops, training programs and similar programs). Nil

28. Student projects

- Percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects – M. A. students – 100% M. Phil. students – 75%
- percentage of students doing projects in collaboration with other universities / industry / institute – Nil

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty
 Dr. G. Patrick : Award of Fulbright-
 Nehru Visiting Lecturer Fellowship

- Doctoral / post doctoral fellows
 IASACT, Hong Kong
 Fellowships:

Mr. Immanuel Ebenezar -2012-13

Mr. Daniel Manoharan Solomon
 - 2009-2010

Ms. Theolah J. - 2008-2009

Students :

Ms. Hema Bercy Selvakumari -
 2010-2011



30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

Details furnished in Appendix II

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments -

UGC Regulation on minimum standards and procedure for the award of M.Phil/ Ph.D degree – 2009 are followed.

32. Student profile programme-wise:

Name of the Programme (Refer to question No.4)		Applications received	Selected Male	Female	Pass percentage Male	Female
M. A. Christian Studies						
	2007-2008	18	13	5	60%	40%
	2008-2009	10	5	4	60%	40%
	2009-2010	17	11	-	100%	
	2010-2011	21	16	3	84%	16%
	2011-2012	10	7	2	78%	22 %
	2012-2013	-	-		-	
M. A. Christian Scriptures (from the a. y. 2012-2013)	2012-2013	11	6	4	60%	40%

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M. Phil.	2007-2008	10	8	2	75%	25%
	2008-2009	14	8	-	100%	
	2009-2010	18	7	3	70%	30%
	2010-2011	11	3	4	43%	57%
	2011-2012	10	4	1	80%	20%
	2012-2013	18	12	1	92%	8%
P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Human Resource Management	2007-2008	-				
	2008-2009	12	5	3	63%	37%
	2009-2010	10	6	4	60%	40%
	2010-2011	9	7	2	78%	22%
	2011-2012	-	-		-	
	2012-2013	12	10	1	91%	9%
P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Biotechnology	-	-	-		-	
P. G. Dip. Spirituality & Counselling (new course)	-	-	-		-	
Ph. D.	as of 2013		8	2	80%	20%

33. Diversity of students

Name of the programme (Refer to question No.4)		% of students from the same university	% of students from other universities within the State	% of students from universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
M. A. Christian Studies					
	2008-2009	33%	33%	22%	12%
	2009-2010	62%	18%	10%	10%
	2010-2011	32%	32%	21%	15%
	2011-2012	67%	22%	11%	-
	2012-2013	-			-
M. A. Christian Scriptures (from the a. y. 2012-2013)	2012-2013	60%	30%	10%	-
M. Phil.	2008-2009	63%	12%	25%	

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	2009-2010	50%	20%	20%	10%
	2010-2011	72%	-	14%	14%
	2011-2012	100%	-	-	
	2012-2013	100%	-	-	
P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Human Resource Management	2008-2009	63%	37%	-	
	2009-2010	80%	10%	-	10%
	2010-2011	80%	20%		
	2011-2012	-			
	2012-2013	36%	27%	10%	27%
P. G. Dip. in Ethics & Biotechnology	-				
P. G. Dip. Spirituality & Counselling (new course)	-				
Ph. D.	as of 2013	70%	20%	10%	-

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defence Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations? Give details category-wise.

Three students passed NET exams

35. Student progression

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	-
PG to M.Phil.	15 %
PG to Ph.D.	15%
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	
Employed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus selection • Other than campus recruitment 	70%
Entrepreneurs	

36. Diversity of staff

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same university	Only one staff member available
from other universities within the State	
from universities from other States	
from universities outside the country	

37. Number of faculty who were awarded M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period - Nil

38. Present details of departmental infrastructural facilities with regard to

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| a) Library | Books and Periodicals -14200 |
| b) Internet facilities for staff and students | - Available |
| c) Total number of class rooms | - Nil |
| d) Class rooms with ICT facility | - Nil |
| e) Students' laboratories | - N. A. |
| f) Research laboratories | - N. A. |

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students and Research Associates :

- from the host institution/university

- a) D. J. Margaret
- b) T. Sahayaraj
- c) C.Lankonthung Lotha
- d) N. G. Mathew
- e) P. K. Praveen P. Sudheer
- f) Immanuel Ebenezer E. D
- g) Daniel Manoharan Solomon
- h) John George Chiramel
- i) Alwin Mathan Raj S.
- j) Theolah J.

- from other institutions/universities - Nil

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the university. –

Merit fellowship – 1 SC/ST fees concession – 6

41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology.

Before introducing M. A. in Christian Scriptures, a general survey in the convenience sampling was done among the public.

42. Does the department obtain feedback from

a. Faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation? If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback?

Yes. Feedback received from the faculties is placed before the Departmental Committee to revise the curriculum.

b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback?

Students on staff – every academic year feedback is obtained by the IQAC and the findings are communicated to the faculty individually every year. The feedback is taken into account for confirmation/ promotion.

c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback?

YES – Representation from Industries are members of the Board of Studies.

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10)

1. Dr. A. M. Chinnappa SDB, Former Archbishop, Madras – Mylapore Diocese, Chennai
2. Dr. Francis Gonsalves, Principal, Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi
3. Dr. Pushpa Joseph, Provincial Head, FMM, Bangalore
4. Dr. Xavier Arulraj, Advocate, Madras High Court and Secretary, Legal Cell, Tamilnadu Bishop’s Council
5. Dr. Anthony Sebastian, Principal, Christ College, Kilachery
6. Dr. Paul Raj, Assistant General, Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Rome
7. Dr. T. A. George, Principal, Salesian College, Sonada, Darjeeling – 734 219.
8. Dr. David OCD, Provincial Head, OCD
9. Dr. Wilson, Director, National Folklore Centre, India

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts.

15 & 16 .12. 2008	Research Methodology in Arts, Humanities and Social Science	workshop
04.08.2009	Professor, Divinity School, Harvard University, USA “Sri Vedanta Desika & Francis de Sales - A Comparative Understanding” - Prof. Francis X. Clooney S. J.	lecture
8 & 9 .12.2009	Christological Questions – Prof. Dr. D. Alphonse, St. Paul’s Seminary, Trichy	Lecture
12 & 13.01. 2010	Research Methodology in Arts, Humanities and Social Science	workshop
20.01. 2010	Edinburgh 1910 Centenary Lecture : World Christianity After 1910: An Appraisal - Dr Daniel Jeyaraj D. Th., Dr. habil., PhD., D.D. (H.C.), Professor of World Christianity and	Lecture

	Director of the Andrew Walls Centre for the Study of African and Asian Christianity Liverpool Hope University, UK.	
11.08. 2010	Challenges in Biblical Translation - Dr. Raphael	workshop
24.11.2010	New Biblical Hermeneutical Theories - Dr. A. Maria Raja, Jesuit Regional Theology Centre, Chennai	lecture
07.02.2011	Internationalization of the Ethnic Conflict and war in Sri Lanka- Dr. Seemampillai Joseph Emmanuel (President, Global Tamil Forum	Special lecture
29.08.2011	<i>From World Mission to Inter-Religious Witness</i> -Dr. Felix Wilfred	lecture
29.11.2011	Essence of Spiritual Wisdom: A Journey through and beyond Religion - Shri Rajan Swamiji	Special lecture
30 & 31.01.2012	St. Paul : The Person and His Background and Message - Prof. Dr. C. M. Hieronymus	workshop
25 & 26 .09. 2012	Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics - Dr. Pushpa Joseph	Special Lectures
04.09.2012	<i>Religion and Socio-Economic Development in the Context of Tamilnadu</i> - Dr. Francis-Vincent Anthony SDB	Special Lecture

45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes.

The teaching methods include lectures, group discussions, ICT, seminars and tutorials.

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?

By periodical sessional tests, assignments, quiz, tutorials and counselling.

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.

01.03.2013 – As an important extension activity, a forum called SIRPHI (*Students for Religious Peace and Harmony in India*) was started. It was envisaged to start this forum in the colleges in Chennai. As the first initiative, it was started in Queen Mary's College, with two interactive sessions for 42 students. This forum is for creating awareness among the students for inter-religious, peace and harmony.

10.10.2012 – 35 students and one faculty member conducted an Awareness programme : Inter-religious harmony – a visit to a Jain Temple at Chaukkarpet, Chennai was undertaken.

16.08.2012 - 47 students and one faculty member conducted an Awareness programme : a study tour to Javeed Mosque at H5, 6 Anna Nagar, Chennai to promote religious understanding among other faiths.

16.12.2011 - 56 students and one faculty member conducted an Awareness programme on **Dalit women and Their Empowerment** in a NGO Society for Rural Education and Development at Arakkonam

31.10.2011 - 60 students and one faculty member conducted an extension programme at Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai on the Problem of Suffering and Religion - Christian Anthropology

12.01. 2011 - 35 students and one faculty member conducted extension programmes on **human rights as the core message** at St. Augustine's Middle School at Chinthadiripettai and St. Raphael's Hr. Sec. School, Santhome

9.04. 2010 - 50 students and one faculty member conducted an outreach programme on **Awareness on Women and Climate Change** in a village called Koothavakkam, in Chengalpattu at a training center of a NGO called Chengalpattu Rural Development Society (CRDS)

48. Give details of “beyond syllabus scholarly activities” of the department.

- Conducting regular Study Circle meetings for research scholars once in two months for two days\
- Networking with Asian Centre for Cross Cultural Studies, Panayur and organizing conferences on social themes for the public and workshops on Research Methodology for students
- Networking with the CSI Synod Department, Royapettah for ecumenical collaboration and ecological concerns and organising programmes for promotion of secularism in India.
- Networking with SATHRI, West Bengal and promote researches on themes related to culture and civil society in India.

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies? If yes, give details.

- The Senate of Serampore College (University), West Bengal
- United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, Hong Kong

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

- Religion as Social Capital
- Inter-religious understanding

51. Detail five major Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Strength:

- Multiple courses are being run by the Department
- Increased interest for Ph.D programme
- Organizing inter-disciplinary conferences/ seminars
- Offering regular methodology courses to students of different departments

Weaknesses

- Shortage of staff
- Shortage of funds for online journals/ books

Opportunities

- Undertakes research projects from national and international agencies
- Running the *Indian Journal of Christian Studies* wherein research articles could be published
- General interest among public to undertake studies through regular and correspondent courses
- Networking with departments running other religions to offer programmes
- To make practical use of knowledge generated through research

Challenges

- To get enough faculty members to run special courses on aspects of Christian religion
- Inability to computerize library books in the absence librarian
- To improve standards of research output
- To find employment opportunities in government sector

52. Future plans of the department.

- To start units of SIRPHI in many colleges in the vicinity of Chennai
- To start an Indian Academy of Religions
- To make colleges offer courses in B. A. and M. A. in Christian Studies /Christian Scriptures
- To create job opportunities to students who pass out from this department