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Accreditation Matters

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UK Context

Legal restrictions on:

- degree awarding institutions - these are enshrined in Acts of the Westminster and Holyrood parliaments
- use of words:
 - degree
 - bachelor etc...

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UK Context

Options available:

- No accreditation
- University accreditation
- Accreditation by other body

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No Accreditation

- Negatives
 - Issues of credibility
 - Quality assurance
 - Progression to further study
- Positives
 - Freedom
 - Cost

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University Accreditation

- Negatives:
 - Cost
 - Regulations
 - e.g. entrance requirements
- Positives:
 - Credibility
 - Progression to further study
 - Access to government funding for students

Accreditation by Other Body

- Negatives
 - Awareness of accrediting body
 - Bible and Theological Colleges
 - Churches and Mission Agencies
 - No access to government funding for students

Accreditation by Other Body

- Positives
 - Cost
 - Quality assurance
 - Potential for progression to further studies

Tilsley's Decision

Accreditation through the European Evangelical Accrediting Association

Charter member of International Council for Evangelical Theological Education



ICETE International Council for Evangelical Theological Education

Accredited Programmes

Certificate of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry - 1 year - **CertHE** - 2008

Diploma of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry - 2 years - **DipHE** - 2015

European Baccalaureate in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry - 3 years - **BacTh** - 2018

TILSLEY
COLLEGE



Nomenclature

The three year programme is accredited as a 'Vocational Bachelor Degree' by EEAA. However it is not possible to call it a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th), as 'Bachelor' is a restricted term in the UK.

European Baccalaureate in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

Shortened form: **BacTh**



Progression

- Masters level study
 - In the UK
 - A coming graduate accepted at LST
 - In Europe
 - Recognised as entry requirement by EEAA Colleges
 - Rest of the world
 - ??? But hopefully by ICETE Colleges