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## Welcome to the Adventure

The story of the *missio dei*, or mission of God, stands at the very heart of everything we do at AGTS. It is the story our students hear from the moment they enter AGTS, and it is the story they will tell for the rest of their lives. It is a story of adventure, intrepid journey and daring experience. It calls us to risk everything while guaranteeing that we have nothing to lose and a kingdom to gain.

The curriculum at AGTS is designed to prepare students for leadership in the adventure of God's mission. We are seeking to shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.

As you read this catalog, you will read a story about a river, a bridge, a vehicle and a road. They are the elements of a story that will become your story, and they will make your mission the fulfillment of God's mission.

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## Message From the President

These opening years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are a time marked by increased worldwide violence, uncertain economies and unprecedented change. The full impact of globalization is just beginning to be felt, and it signals daunting changes for us all. But for the church empowered and led by the Spirit, the words of Jehovah God recorded by the prophet Isaiah give hope and confidence.

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, Here am I, here am I.” (Isaiah 65:1, NIV)

The missionary God we serve is going to demonstrate his redeeming power in places we never dreamed possible and through means that will astound us all. At AGTS we anticipate the journey into exciting challenges, because the task of developing leaders for this unfolding harvest is why this seminary exists.

AGTS is not engaged in educating students for a good job, success or social status. We are forming Pentecostal leaders who are able to call people to repentance, create communities that offer a glimpse of what Kingdom life really looks like, and make disciples of all nations. Our mission gets its impetus from God’s mission.

We want to stimulate, strengthen and develop more Pentecostal leaders to win the world to Christ. The men and women we train embody a hunger for God, integrity of character, confidence in proclamation and creativity in ministry. We are ready and willing to train Pentecostal leaders for the third millennium.



*Byron D. Klaus, D.Min.  
President*

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## Statement

This publication is certified as true and correct in content and policy as of the date of publication. The seminary does reserve the right to make changes of any nature in programs, finances, calendar or academic schedules whenever these changes are deemed necessary or desirable, including changes in course content, class rescheduling and the cancellation of scheduled classes or other academic activities. Changes in college work-study and student loan programs or policies with which AGTS must comply are at the discretion of federal and state governments.

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# Elements of the AGTS Curriculum

The curriculum at AGTS is designed to form habits of theological reflection based on a deep sense of the mission of God in Christ by the Spirit through the church. In order to form these habits, the curriculum consists of coursework organized according to four metaphorical images:



## The River

The multidisciplinary core of our curriculum is named the **River** because it covers the flow of salvation history from the beginnings of biblical revelation to the present.

## The Bridge

The practical theology component is called the **Bridge** because it serves as a bridge from theological understanding to ministerial practice.



## The Vehicle

Academic specialities are known as the **Vehicle**, because they provide the expertise in a particular branch of theological studies or ministerial practice that will help you get where you are going in ministry.

## The Road

The **Road** refers to supervised field education encounters, providing pathways into the world where true **praxis**, the union of theological reflection and practical ministry, occurs.



The academic degree programs of AGTS put these elements together in combinations specially designed to help you get the education and training you need to make the most of your calling and to prepare you for confidence in the midst of missional endeavor.

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# The Faculty at AGTS

AGTS faculty members are more than just scholars—they are Pentecostal believers who are committed to serving the church through scholarship, teaching, on-going ministry in the church and formative relationships with students. We like to say that being a both/and person—committed to both the academy and the church—is a requirement for all AGTS administrators and faculty members. As you get to know them, you will catch their passion for understanding and carrying out ministry in the power of the Spirit.

## Teaching Administrators

### Joseph L. Castleberry

*Academic Dean*

*Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies*

B.A., Evangel College (now Evangel University)

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary

Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University



Dr. Castleberry assumed his position as academic dean in January 2003. As a missionary he served as academic dean of the Assemblies of God Biblical Seminary in Quito, Ecuador (1997-2001) while also pastoring Centro Cristiano del Norte, which planted four daughter churches under his leadership. He is founder of the Freedom Valley Project, a community development ministry among the African-American people of Ecuador's Chota Valley Region. Before his ministry in Ecuador, he served as associate dean for Latin America at Global University, as a missionary in El Salvador and as the A/G chaplain at Princeton University. His most recent publications include articles in *Rev. Magazine* and *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, book reviews in *Pneuma*, two New Testament Greek self-study textbooks forthcoming from Global University Press, and a chapter in *The Spiritual Gifts in a Postmodern Age*. His current research interests include the intersections between globalization and Christian mission, and the relationship between Pentecostal and postmodern thought.



### Earl G. Creps

*Director of Doctor of Ministry*

*Associate Professor of Leadership and Spiritual Renewal*

B.A., University of Pittsburgh

M.A., Ph.D., Northwestern University

D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Dr. Creps brings to his work at AGTS a rich background in both ministry and education. He has served as a senior pastor in Maine, Florida and Missouri—often utilizing radio and television—and as a staff pastor in Vermont. He has been active in district ministries and served as sectional presbyter in the Northern New England District Council. Dr. Creps began his teaching career in the state university system of Vermont and has also served as adjunct faculty for several Christian institutions. On the national level, he was for a time adult ministries consultant for The General Council of the Assemblies of God (A/G) and has been a member of various General Council committees. Dr. Creps is a frequent speaker at conventions, seminars and retreats with special interests in communication and leadership training. He is currently leading a research project for a book on emerging culture, postmodernity and the Pentecostal church under funding from the Louisville Foundation.

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## Mario H. Guerreiro

*Director of Enrollment Management  
Adjunct Professor*

A.A., Vermont Technical College  
B.A., Trinity College of Vermont  
M.A., D.Min., Ashland Theological Seminary

Prior to receiving his call to ministry, Dr. Guerreiro was employed with a Fortune 500 computer-manufacturing firm in roles ranging from compensation analyst to project manager. Since entering the ministry he has served a number of churches as senior pastor including, most recently, Sullivan Christian Church in Sullivan, Ohio. Dr. Guerreiro serves as the chairperson of the Association of Theological Schools SPAN (Student Personnel Administrators Network) committee. In addition, he has served the association by participating on the race relations task force. Born in India, Mario grew up in Mozambique, Africa, and is fluent in Portuguese.

## Byron D. Klaus

*President  
Professor of Intercultural Leadership Studies*

B.S., Bethany Bible College  
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary



Dr. Klaus assumed his position as president in 1999, after 20 years on the faculty and administration at Vanguard University of Southern California. Previous to serving at Vanguard, he served local churches in California, Texas and Illinois. While at Vanguard University, Dr. Klaus also served as vice president for Latin America Child Care (LACC), a child development ministry serving over 80,000 children in 21 nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. His commitment to leadership development in growing churches around the world has taken him to preach and to develop leaders in over 50 nations in the world. Dr. Klaus' scholarly work includes publications and books published by Baker Book House, Moody Press, Logion Press, Regal Books, Hendrickson Publishers, Regnum Books International and Routledge Publishers. He is coeditor of *Called and Empowered: Pentecostal Mission in Global Perspective* and *The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made to Travel*.



## Dorothea J. Lotter

*Director of Institutional Relations*

B.B.A., Evangel University  
M.A. (Cand.), Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Mrs. Lotter has served in the development and growth of AGTS since its inception in 1972, assuming the role of director of the master of arts in theological studies degree completion program and institutional relations in 2004. In 2002, she developed and later implemented the seminary's masters degree completion program—a non-traditional program designed for ministers, church leaders and laity involved in full-time vocations. She received the national Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award from The General Council of the A/G in 2003 for her lifetime commitment to Christian higher education. Experienced

in the areas of seminary administration, academic services, graduate programs, accreditation, admissions, records, and financial aid, she presented *A Study of Enrollment Management Models in Seminaries and Graduate Schools* at the 2003 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference (AACRAO), of which she is a member. She participates in various academic, professional and church organizations and committees. She is also involved in writing and pursuing foundation grants for the seminary.

## Joseph F. Marics, Jr.

### *Director of Library Services*

B.S., University of Arizona  
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
M.L.S., University of Missouri-Columbia

Mr. Marics has previously worked as a mechanical field construction engineer and as a research assistant at a university department of nuclear engineering. Beginning as circulation clerk in the AGTS library in 1977 during his M.Div. studies, Mr. Marics advanced rapidly in both his theological studies and library assignments to become head librarian in 1986 and, subsequently, completed his M.L.S. degree.



## Paul F. Martinez

### *Director of Development and Alumni Relations Adjunct Professor*

B.B.A., University of New Mexico  
M.Div., D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Paul Martinez has served AGTS since January 2002. Previous ministry included church planting in Orange County, California, and serving as associate pastor and business administrator at First Family Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During his years in pastoral ministry, he and his wife conducted numerous seminars on building healthy relationships and marriages. Currently he is developing a program to equip ministers with the tools needed to build effective teams, specifically in the church planting arena.



## Jay P. Taylor

### *Director of Spiritual Formation Assistant Professor of Spiritual Formation*

B.A., Northwest College  
M.Div., D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Following a decade of associate pastoral ministry focusing on college ministries, Jay Taylor began working with emerging leaders in the educational setting. He has taught and worked in student development at Evangel University and at Asia Theological Centre For Evangelism and Missions, a A/G Bible college in Singapore where he currently serves as the vice president for administration. In that multicultural setting, he works with students from around the world. For the past seven years, Jay has assisted the AGTS community in student life and spiritual formation. He has a passion for encouraging students to fulfill their God-given visions for ministry and enjoys training and equipping Church leaders around the world.





## Randy C. Walls

*Director of Continuing Education  
Adjunct Professor*

B.A., Evangel College (Evangel University)  
M.Div., D.Min, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Since entering pastoral ministry in 1977, Dr. Walls has served congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Rhode Island. His ministry has been characterized by a passion for church planting, spiritual formation and engaging the cultural context of the church. His strong administrative abilities, superior friendship skills and sincere concern for the advancement of others makes him an ideal director of continuing education.

## David W. Willemsen

*Director of Business*

B.A., Open Bible College  
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

David Willemsen began employment at AGTS in 1989 as the coordinator of recruitment and has served as the director of business since 1994. As the chief financial officer, he oversees the direction, management and coordination of the school's budget, accounting services, financial policies and general administrative functions. Prior to his service at the seminary, he worked in the banking industry for eight years in the areas of operations and trust. Willemsen also holds credentials as an ordained minister with the Iowa District Council of the A/G and pioneered a church prior to his studies at AGTS. He recently served as treasurer on the General Council Credit Union Board of Directors, and is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and College and University Professional Association (CUPA). He has also conducted conference lectures and presentations for the Professional Development Group (PDG).



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## Resident Faculty

### Benny C. Aker

*Chairperson, Bible and Theology Department  
Professor of New Testament and Exegesis*

B.A., Central Bible College  
M.A.R., Concordia Seminary  
Ph.D., Saint Louis University

A Bible college and seminary professor, Dr. Aker has also served as an administrator and pastor. He has editorial experience as general editor and editorial consultant for Hendrickson Publishers and book review editor for *Paraclete*. Dr. Aker has authored various articles and essays included in *Paraclete*, *Assemblies of God Educator*, *The Complete Biblical Library*, *The Quest Study Bible*, *Systematic Theology*, *Pentecostal Evangel*, *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* and *Faces of Renewal*. He also served as editor for *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today*. He is a member of the Institute of Biblical Research, the Society





for Pentecostal Studies, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Evangelical Theological Society. Currently, he serves in the Evangelical Theological Society Study Group concerning “Charismatic Themes in Luke-Acts.”

## Roger D. Cotton

### *Professor of Old Testament*

Ripon College  
B.A., Central Bible College  
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
S.T.M., Th.D., Concordia Seminary



In addition to teaching at the college and seminary levels, Dr. Cotton served as associate pastor and minister of Christian education. He is the author of a commentary on Leviticus and various word studies in *The Complete Biblical Library*. He has written chapters for *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today* and *Hear the Word of Yahweh*, has had an article published in *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, as well as articles and book reviews in various denominational publications. He is passionate about doing biblical theology and expounding principles from the Old Testament for Christians today, with special interest in the Pentateuch. Cotton is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Institute for Biblical Research and the Society of Biblical Literature.

## James D. Hernando

### *Professor of New Testament*

B.A., State University of New York  
B.S., Northeast Bible College (Valley Forge Christian College)  
M.S., State University of New York  
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
M.Phil., Ph.D., Drew University



Dr. Hernando's broad teaching experience encompasses public and undergraduate, as well as graduate levels of education. He has been a contributing author for *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today*, and his written Greek word studies for *The Complete Biblical Library*, the commentary on 2 Corinthians in the *Full Life Bible Commentary to the New Testament*, and various articles in *Paraclete*, *Pentecostal Evangel* and *Pathways for Young Adults*. He completed intensive Spanish language courses at Centro de Investigaciones Culturales y Estudios Lingüísticos in San José, Costa Rica, during the summer of 2000 and 2003. Dr. Hernando is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

## Edgar R. Lee

### *Senior Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology*

B.A., Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God  
M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
S.T.D., Emory University



After 14 years as academic dean of AGTS, Dr. Lee returned to the classroom as senior professor of Spiritual Formation and Practical Theology and became the founding editor of *Encounter*, AGTS'S online journal of practical theology. He began his ministry in higher education after a highly successful career as a pastor and district

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official in Georgia, serving as a professor and vice president for academic affairs at Southeastern College (Lakeland, Florida). Dr. Lee has served the A/G as a member of the Commission on Doctrinal Purity (1986-present); secretary of the Pentecostal Textbooks Project Board; member of the Board of Directors, Southeastern College; president of Southeastern College Alumni Association; secretary of the Georgia District of the A/G; district presbyter, Atlanta Section; and as a member of the Sectional Committee, Atlanta Section. Dr. Lee is a former member of the board of Directors for the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta and president of the Atlanta Christian Theological Society. He is a frequent contributor to *Pentecostal Evangel*, *Enrichment* and other denominational publications, as well as the books *The Holy Spirit in Christian Education*; *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today*; and *Elements of a Christian Worldview*. Dr. Lee is a member of the Evangelical theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies. He is an approved Staley Lecturer. He has received both the Administrator Award and the Distinguished Administrator Award from the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

## Stephen Lim

*Chairperson, Practical Theology Department*  
*Doctor of Ministry Project Coordinator*  
*Professor of Leadership and Ministry*

B.S., University of California—Berkeley  
M.Div., D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary



After more than 30 years of effective pastoral ministry in multicultural settings, Dr. Lim brings his considerable arsenal of gifts and skills to bear as a full-time academician. He spent more than 27 years guiding one home missions church to maturity. Along the way, he has served as a college and seminary instructor and a denominational leader with service on Northern California-Nevada district presbytery and the Bethany College (now Bethany University) board of trustees. He currently is a general presbyter of the A/G, representing Chinese-American churches. He is a frequent contributor to several popular Christian magazines and has published several professional articles in *Leadership*.

## Gary B. McGee

*Professor of Church History and Pentecostal Studies*

B.A., Central Bible College  
M.A.R., Concordia Seminary  
M.A., Southwest Missouri State University  
Ph.D., Saint Louis University



Known for his work in the history of Pentecostal missions and missiology, Dr. McGee has extensive college and seminary teaching experience. He is an adjunct professor at institutions in India and Singapore. Dr. McGee is the author of the two-volume *This Gospel Shall Be Preached* (1986, 1989), a history of A/G foreign missions; *How Sweet the Sound: God's Grace for Suffering Christians* (1994); *People of the Spirit: The Assemblies of God (2004)*; *Introducing World Missions* (2004), along with A. Scott Moreau and Gary R. Corwin; and articles in numerous journals and periodicals, including *Church History*, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, *Missiology*, *Missionalia*, *Pneuma*, *Assemblies of God Heritage*, *Enrichment* and *Pentecostal Evangel*. His editorial experience includes co-editor of *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* (1988) and *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today* (1996), editor of *Initial Evidence: Historical and Biblical Perspectives on the Pentecostal Doctrine of Spirit Baptism* (1991) and membership on the Editorial Advisory Board

of the *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions* (1998). Dr. McGee serves as chair of the Dissertation Series Committee of the American Society of Missiology. He is an approved Staley Lecturer.

## Johan Mostert

### *Associate Professor of Community Psychology*

B.S., Bethany College (now Bethany University)  
B.A. (S.W.), M.A., University of South Africa  
B.A., Hons, University of Stellenbosch  
D.Phil., University of Pretoria



Teaching psychology and training counselors at AGTS is not just an academic exercise for Johan Mostert. After several years in his early career as a pastor of the Apostolic Faith Mission in South Africa, he left the comfort of prosperous parish ministry to become a pastoral counselor among abused and abandoned children at the Villa Lubet Children's Village. For the next 20 years he served the needs of South Africa's poorest and most vulnerable citizens, directing the National Welfare Department of his denomination for more than a decade. The severity of the AIDS crisis and compassion for the rural poor eventually led him to begin Chrisnet, a faith-based organization dedicated to channeling government grants to local churches and Christian sustainable development projects. He is widely recognized as a leading authority on local-church response to the global AIDS pandemic and travels frequently as a speaker and project consultant for faith-based development agencies. His passion as a teacher is to train counselors who will respond to human suffering wherever it is found with biblical and psychological skill and Spirit-led compassion.



## Doug Oss

### *Director of the James River Center for Expository Preaching James River Professor of Bible Exposition*

B.A., Western Washington University  
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary

Prior to joining the faculty of AGTS, Dr. Oss served as the founding pastor of Capital Church in the City, Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1997-2004. He also taught for 10 years on the faculty of Central Bible College (1988-1997; 2004-05), and for four years on the faculty of Valley Forge Christian College (1984-88). He has planted two churches, two university ministries and has served in pastoral ministry for a total of 18 years.

Dr. Oss has an extensive ministry as a conference and camp speaker and ministers regularly to pastors and missionaries at conferences in the U.S. and abroad. He has been a plenary session speaker at the World Pentecostal Conference in Los Angeles, the Pentecostal Preachers Conference in Springfield, Mo., and the All-Europe Retreat in Terragona, Spain.

In addition to his practical ministry, Dr. Oss has been an active scholar in the areas of hermeneutics and biblical theology. He is a co-author of the book *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today* (Zondervan), and he has published articles in the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*; *Bulletin for Biblical Research*; *Grace Theological Journal*; *Westminster Theological Journal*; and *Enrichment Journal*. He also translated 1 and 2 Corinthians for the *New Living Translation* and served on the Translation Advisory Committee for the *English Standard Version*.

## Melody D. Palm

*Director of Counseling Programs*  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling*

B.A., Bethany College (now Bethany University)  
M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
Psy.D., Forest Institute of Professional Psychology



Melody Palm's teaching experience includes the university and graduate level, both stateside and abroad. A seasoned public school educator, she has authored articles on child development, personality and temperament. As a licensed minister, with local church pastoral experience, Melody Palm has a heart and burden for women's issues as well as the development of effective women leaders and ministers. The issues of Integration and Biblically Based Counseling are a passion she pursues diligently. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and a registered psychological health service provider. Her commitment to the practitioner model keeps her actively involved in clinical practice, supervision and forensic psychology. Currently she is the director of Alpha & Omega Guidance and Counseling Center—a counseling center used for the training of AGTS students and interns. Melody is deeply committed to missions and is a consultant to Health Care Ministries and AGWM. She frequently lectures on trauma and issues of child sexual abuse. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Association of Christian Counselors.



**James H. Railey**  
*Professor of Theology*

B.A., Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God  
M.Div., Erskine Theological Seminary  
Th.M., Columbia Theological Seminary  
D.Th., University of South Africa

A college and seminary professor, Dr. Railey has also served as secretary of the A/G Education Department. He has extensive experience as a senior and associate pastor in North Carolina, Florida and Alabama. While on the faculty of Southeastern College of the A/G for eleven years, he served as chairperson of the Systematic Theology and Philosophy Department and the Division of Religion. He is a contributor to *Advance*, *The Youth Leader*, *Paraclete*, *The Assemblies of God Educator*, *Enrichment Journal*, *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*, *Pneuma Review*, *Pneuma*, *El Embajador* and *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*, Stanley Horton, ed. (1994). Dr. Railey is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Evangelical Theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies.



**R. Paul Wood**  
*Professor of Missions*

B.A., Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God  
M.Div., D.Min., Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

Dr. Wood served as a professor and division chair at Southeastern College (Lakeland, Florida). He is an appointed missionary with The General Council of A/G World Missions (1975 to the present). He served as the academic dean of Continental Theological Seminary (Brussels, Belgium), the EurAsia coordinator



of Ministerial Education and has taught and provided consultation to educators and educational institutions in over 60 countries. A/G World Missions has assigned Dr. Wood a portfolio that is global in scope, focusing on leadership development. He has authored articles and administrative and academic guidelines for several educational institutions. Dr. Wood is a member of the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians, the European Pentecostal Theological Association, the Society for Pentecostal Studies and the Evangelical Missiological Society.

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## Visiting Professors

### Barbara L. Cavaness

#### *Visiting Professor of Intercultural Studies*

B.A., Central Bible College  
M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
M.Div., Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Cavaness is an educator and missionary with wide-ranging experience in Africa and the Asia Pacific field. Her recent publications include an article in *Assemblies of God Heritage* and *God's Women: Then and Now*, with Deborah Gill, a book on the role of women in ministry.



### Richard L. Dresselhaus

#### *Visiting Professor of Preaching*

B.A., Luther College  
M.A., Wheaton Graduate School  
D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Dresselhaus serves the Assemblies of God as a nonresident executive presbyter. After pastoring for 33 years at San Diego First A/G, he began a church consulting ministry, Journey of Hope, which offers wisdom to churches and pastors in difficult situations. He is a frequent contributor to Today's Pentecostal Evangel and Enrichment.



### Raymond L. Gannon

#### *Visiting Professor of Missions and Jewish Studies*

B.S., Bethany Bible College  
M.A., M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary  
Ph.D., Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dr. Gannon has served as an A/G home and foreign missionary for 30 years. He has pioneered churches in California, New York and Israel.





## J. Melvyn Ming

### *Visiting Professor of Church Leadership*

B.A., Vanguard University of Southern California  
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
D.Min., Drew University

A recognized authority in church leadership and management, Dr. Ming has served with distinction as the first director of the AGTS Doctor of Ministry program, and as a pastor, district official, missionary and educator. He is a former professor and vice president for academic affairs at Northwest College of the A/G, and is a frequent contributor to various denominational publications and a popular teacher and preacher in camps, churches and training events.



## Warren B. Newberry

### *Visiting Professor of Missions*

B.A., Vanguard University of Southern California  
M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
D.Th., University of South Africa

Bringing more than 34 years of successful missionary experience, much of it in overseas theological education, Dr. Newberry is uniquely qualified as missionary and educator to prepare a new generation of Christian leaders for the twenty-first century. His ministry as a missionary educator has led him to Malawi, Jamaica, Bosnia and Belize, as well as ministering in a number of other countries. Dr. Newberry is an adjunct professor of religion at Global University and teaches at the Caribbean School of Theology. He has served as a professor and department chairperson at Southwestern A/G University, and is a member of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, the American Society of Missiology, the Association of Professors of Mission and the Evangelical Missiological Society. His recent research includes articles for *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism* (Routledge) and a forthcoming dictionary entitled *Witnesses of Faith in the Reformed Churches* (Oxford University Press).



## Lori S. O'Dea

### *Doctor of Ministry Program Coordinator Visiting Professor of Practical Theology*

B.S., Southwestern Assemblies of God University  
M.Div., D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Dr. O'Dea brings to AGTS a wide range of experiences in ministry,

having served at multiple staff churches as both an associate pastor and as a teaching pastor. She has an extensive speaking and teaching ministry at retreats, seminars, district events and churches. Dr. O'Dea specializes in small group ministry and team leadership development. She currently serves on the Commission on Discipleship for The General Council of the A/G.



## DeLonn L. Rance

*Chair of the Global Missions Department  
Visiting Professor of Intercultural Studies*

B.A., Bethany College (now Bethany University)

M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

M.A., Vanguard University

Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary

Doctor Honoris Causa, Universidad Cristiana de las Asambleas De Dios (El Salvador)

Twenty years of missionary experience among the people of El Salvador and a transforming vision for the training and sending of missionaries from the two-thirds world fire the passion of Dr. Rance's teaching. Having been raised in Guatemala as a child of missionaries, he experienced a call to raise up Latin Americans for missions before his teenage years began. He arrived in El Salvador as a missionary (and AGTS alumnus) at age 23 and immediately set out to fulfill that calling by becoming the founding dean and professor of missiology for the School of Theology and Missions at the Universidad Cristiana de las Asambleas de Dios. He led in the formation of the A/G Department of Missions in the Salvadoran national church and served as its president for its first eight years, preaching missions across the nation of El Salvador and throughout Latin America. He is the founder of CAMAD, a missionary training center in El Salvador, and is the secretary of Misiones en Conjunto, a network of A/G missions agencies in Latin American and the Caribbean. Together with other leaders, he has helped to build what has become a strong missionary movement in the national churches of the region. In addition to his missionary statesmanship, Dr. Rance served as a member of the Executive committee and General Presbytery of the A/G in El Salvador for 20 years, and taught at Bethel Bible Institute. His international teaching includes work with Latin American Advanced School of Theology, Latin American Theological Seminary and Bethany College (now Bethany University).



## Wardine (Dene) P. Wood

*Visiting Professor of Missions and Education*

B.A., Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God

M.A.T., Rollins College

Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University

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## Cheryl A. Taylor

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B.A., Northwest College

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# Academic Degree Programs

## The Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program is designed to form habits of theological reflection based on a deep sense of God's Mission in the world. These habits should result in serious commitment to the church and its mission. Such reflection begins with a vibrant encounter with God that creates a personal relationship of faith. Adequate theological reflection requires the acquisition of interpretive skills for understanding and living out the teachings of the Scriptures and learning from the collective experience of Christians in other times and places. Obviously, without a broad and integrated base of knowledge, students will not develop an integrated Christian worldview that makes enlightened theological reflection possible. Reflection, however, is not enough. Because AGTS desires to form organic intellectuals rather than arm-chair thinkers, theological reflection inherently involves thinking on one's feet in the course of ministerial activity. To make this kind of reflective action possible, students will develop creative practical ministry skills and the confidence to put them to work in ministry. Finally, and most importantly, students will devote themselves to spiritual formation that results in a lifetime of passionate, Spirit-filled service to God and neighbor. The M.Div. degree is also designed to prepare students fully for further graduate studies at the Ph.D. or D.Min. levels.

### The River



**21 credits**

### The Bridge



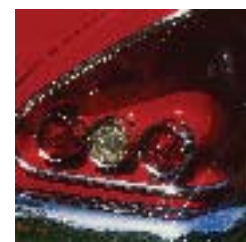
**30 credits**

### The Road



**9 credits**

### The Vehicle



**30 credits**

## M.Div. Degree Components and Requirements

The M.Div. degree is the flagship degree for theological education and ministerial training. It provides a thorough education across the theological disciplines of biblical studies, theology, Church history, missions and practical theology to furnish men and women for pastoral leadership in church ministry, as well as providing an academic specialty that prepares students for continued graduate work in Ph.D. and D.Min. programs. At AGTS, the M.Div. degree requires 90 credits of study in four major components.

These curricular components prescribe required coursework and electives, and students exercise choice though the specialties they choose for the **Vehicle** component. The requirements of each of the components are as follows:

## The River (21 credits)

The **River** begins with a three-credit course which explores the biblical theology of mission and its importance for authentic Pentecostal ministry in today's world. It flows into three six-credit courses that take an integrative approach to understanding the history of salvation as God has been working it out in human affairs through the church. In each of these courses, specific periods of the church's history are examined through each of five interpretive lenses:

- (1) history, philosophy and culture;
- (2) biblical interpretation;
- (3) theological controversies and contributions;
- (4) ministry, spiritual formation, evangelism and missions; and
- (5) application to ministry in today's world.

The four courses that make up the **River** are:

BTH/MHT	501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts	3
HIS/THE/MHT	502 Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (100-800 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT	601 Christianity to the Reformation (800-1650 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT	701 Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (1650-Present)	6

Students should not take more than two **River** courses per semester.

## The Bridge (30 credits)

Knowledge without skill is useless, just as skill without knowledge is shallow. Both are hollow without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The **Bridge** integrates the knowledge developed in the study of the basic theological disciplines with practical ministry skills under the guidance of Spirit-filled professors in order to form theologically reflective Pentecostal ministers. The required courses in the **Bridge** focus on skills that are considered to be essential for effective ministry. Electives allow students to develop a specific ministry skill set that fits their own particular sense of calling and talents.

MCS 529	Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
PCP 665	Advanced Pastoral Counseling	3
HOM 529	Communicating the Message	3
HOM 633	Preaching Lab <sup>1</sup>	3
PTH 544	The Spiritual Formation of the Minister	3
<b>One of the following:</b>		3
PTH 528	Vision-Centered Leadership and Management	
PTH 623	Effective Relationships in Ministry	
PTH 625	Effective Leadership	
<b>One of the following:</b>		3
PTH 535	The Pastoral Ministry (required, if not previously taken)	
PTH 650	Building a Disciple-Making Ministry	
<b>Combination of three one-credit courses:</b>		3
PTH 628	Legal Issues for Churches and Clergy	
PTH 611	Sexual Integrity in the Church	
PTH 612	Leadership Teams (or other one-credit course)	
<b>One of the following:</b>		3
PTH 551	Effective Evangelism and Assimilation	
PTH 622	Communicating Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society	



Elective in Practical Theology (CE, HOM, PCP, PTH)

3

**Total 30**

1 Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).

## The Road (9 credits)

The **Road** begins with practical ministry during seminary studies and continues on throughout students' future ministries. As a formal curricular component, the **Road** includes two supervised practicums. Each of these practicums will involve a two-week stay at an AGTS-approved church, college, campus ministry, chaplaincy setting or other ministry. Students will have the opportunity to experience the inner workings of these outstanding ministries within the context of a personal relationship with a seasoned Christian leader. Longer, more traditional internships or supervised professional ministry may satisfy one of the practicum requirements. At least one of the **Road** practicums must be completed in the context of a local church. Students will also be required to take a denominational polity course and will be encouraged to obtain ministerial credentials during their time at the seminary.

Students who choose a concentration in Intercultural Ministries may complete two three-credit or a one six-credit Global Missions practicum(s).

History and Polity of the Assemblies of God\*  
Practicum(s)

3

6

CE 548, CE 639, MSS 641, PCP 639, PCP 640,  
PCP 648, PTH 638, PTH 639, PTH 646

\*Students from other denominations or churches may substitute a different polity course or take **HIS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements**.

## The Vehicle (30 credits)

The **Vehicle** component consists of 30 credits of coursework in a specific area of academic concentration. Regardless of the area of concentration, the M.Div. degree at AGTS requires the study of Hebrew and Greek. For more detailed information, see [Biblical Language Requirements](#). *Students without an undergraduate major in a religion-related discipline (or significant coursework in religion) are required to take coursework in the First Theological Degree track described below.*

### FIRST THEOLOGICAL DEGREE TRACK (30 CREDITS)

BIB 532 Hermeneutics

3

BNT 530 New Testament Introduction

3

BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction

3

BOT, BNT, BHE or BGR biblical book study

3

**Select one of the following:**

500-level Greek and Hebrew\*

12

600-level biblical languages

6

THE 511 Christian Theology

3

PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society

3

Electives in BTH, THE or PCS

6

### GENERALIST TRACK (30 CREDITS)

Students who come to AGTS with an undergraduate major in religion may choose a generalist

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approach that offers greater elective freedom. These students must take 15 credits of foundation courses and may choose 15 credits from any courses offered by the seminary across the academic departments.

**Foundation Courses (15 credits)**

*Select one of the following:*

- 500-level Greek and/or Hebrew\* 12
- 600-level biblical languages 6

*One of the following:*

- BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology<sup>1</sup>
- BTH 530 Old Testament Theology
- BTH 532 New Testament Theology
- BOT, BNT, BHE or BGR biblical book study 3
- BTH Elective 3

**Electives (15 credits)**

- Electives in Bible/Theology, Global Missions and/or Practical Theology 15

**TRACKS (30 CREDITS)**

**Bible/Theology Track (30 credits)**

**Old Testament**

- 600-level Hebrew 6
- 500 or 600-level Greek 6
- BTH 530 Old Testament Theology 3
- BIB, BTH, BOT, BAR, BHE courses 12
- THE or PCS courses 3

**New Testament**

- 600-level Greek 6
- 500 or 600-level Hebrew 6
- BTH 532 New Testament Theology 3
- BIB, BTH, BNT or BGR courses 12
- THE or PCS courses 3

**Pentecostal/Charismatic Studies**

*Select one of the following:*

- 500-level Greek and Hebrew\* 12
- 600-level biblical languages 6

*One of the following:*

- BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology<sup>1</sup>
- BTH 530 Old Testament Theology
- BTH 532 New Testament Theology
- BGR, BHE, BIB, BNT, BOT, BTH biblical book study 6
- PCS courses 12
- THE or HIS courses 3

**Expository Preaching Track (30 credits)**

In cooperation with James River Assembly in Ozark, Missouri, AGTS has established the James River Center for Expository Preaching. A collaborative partnership between James River Assembly and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, the JR Center provides

lifelong learning for the growth, depth and effectiveness of the preaching ministry of the church. Through the advancement of expositional preaching the Center promotes: growth both spiritually and numerically in the local church; depth in the believer's understanding of Scripture; maturity in the believer's life; and an effective, vibrant faith, leading people to follow Christ in the model of the New Testament Church through the preaching of God's Word. The Seminary offers the Master of Divinity with a specialization in expository preaching. As well, the Center offers various non-traditional opportunities for the development of expositional skills. For more information please visit the Center's website: [www.jamesrivercenter.org](http://www.jamesrivercenter.org) or contact Dr. Doug Oss at [doss@agts.edu](mailto:doss@agts.edu).

In addition to preaching courses included in the Bridge, the Expository Preaching Track includes the following components:

### Foundation Courses (15 credits)

*Select one of the following*

500-level Greek and Hebrew*	12
600-level biblical languages	6

*One of the following:*

BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology <sup>1</sup>	3
BTH 530 Old Testament Theology	
BTH 532 New Testament Theology	
BGR, BHE, BNT, or BOT biblical book study	3
BTH Elective	3

### Expository Preaching Core (15 credits)

HOM/BOT 620 Expository Preaching in the Pentateuch and Historical Books	3
HOM/BOT 621 Expository Preaching in the Prophets and Apocalypse	3
HOM/BOT 622 Expository Preaching in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature	3
HOM/BNT 623 Expository Preaching in the Gospels & Acts	3
HOM/BNT 624 Expository Preaching in the Epistles	3

### Practical Theology Track (30 credits)

Students who choose a concentration in practical theology must complete 15 credits of foundation courses in Bible and theology and may choose concentrations in either Christian ministry or counseling. The counseling concentration (15 credits) does not prepare students for licensure as counselors or marriage and family therapists. Students seeking a licensable degree should take the M.A. in Counseling that includes 51-60 credits in counseling.

### Foundation Courses (15 credits)

*Select one of the following:*

500-level Greek and Hebrew*	12
600-level biblical languages	6

*One of the following:*

BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology <sup>1</sup>	3
BTH 530 Old Testament Theology	
BTH 532 New Testament Theology	
BGR, BHE, BNT or BOT biblical book study	3
BTH Elective	3

### Christian Ministry Concentration

Electives in Practical Theology	15
<b>Counseling Concentration</b>	
Electives in Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy	15

### Intercultural Ministries Track (30 credits)

#### Foundation Courses (15 credits)

*Select one of the following:*

500-level Greek and Hebrew*	12
600-level biblical languages	6

*One of the following:*

BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology <sup>1</sup>	3
BTH 530 Old Testament Theology	
BTH 532 New Testament Theology	
BGR, BHE, BNT or BOT biblical book study	3
BTH Elective	3

#### Intercultural Ministries Concentration<sup>2</sup> (15 credits)

MCC 630 Intercultural Patterns of Communication	3
MCS 630 Missions Anthropology	3
MHT 631 Contextualization	3
Electives (MCC, MCS, MHT, MSS)	6

#### Muslim Ministry Concentration<sup>3</sup> (15 credits)

MCS 545 Introduction to Islam	3
MHT 649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues	3
MSS 643 Church Ministry in the Muslim Context	3
<i>One of the following:</i>	3
MCS 551 Folk Islam	
MCS 552 Women in Islam	
MCS 553 Islam in the United States	
MHT 552 Power Encounter	
MSS 552 Approaches to Muslims	3

<sup>1</sup> Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).

<sup>2</sup> A student who takes the Intercultural Ministries Concentration should waive the Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry course and take another missions elective (MCC, MCS, MHT, MSS).

<sup>3</sup> One of the Practicums in the Road component must be completed in a Muslim context.

\* Students who come to AGTS with undergraduate preparation in biblical languages and elect this option are exempt from six credits of 500 level courses. See [Biblical Language Requirements](#).

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the [general requirements](#) for graduation, an analytical reflection paper of approximately 3,000 words will be required toward the close of the student's course work. The paper will summarize the student's growth experience while at the seminary in relationship to the ministry contemplated. Guidelines are available from the faculty secretary.

## Biblical Language Requirements

Introductory coursework in biblical languages is a prerequisite for M.Div. studies at AGTS. Therefore,

the first six credits of 12 required credits in these languages do not apply toward the degree. Students without these credits in a biblical language may take both Hebrew and Greek, completing 12 credits of 500 level courses, or they can choose either Hebrew or Greek, taking six credits at the 500 level and six credits at the 600 level. In either case, only six credits of the total 12 may be applied to the M.Div. degree program. Students with six credits of undergraduate studies in Greek or Hebrew are encouraged to proceed to take six credits at the 600 level.

## Independent Studies

A limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or independent studies (see [Independent Studies Program](#).)

## M.Div. Reduction

Students who have earned a significant number of credits in religious studies from approved colleges and universities may request exemption from certain required courses in the M.Div. degree program. Life experience does not qualify for program reduction. (**See registrar for further details.**)

The following rules apply to M.Div. program reductions:

1. Reductions granted cannot exceed 15 credits.
2. Reductions are considered for undergraduate courses with satisfactory parallel content, provided the equivalent collegiate courses are double the credit value of the seminary's courses. A minimum grade of B is required and the student must be able to demonstrate competency in subject matter by presentation of Course Reduction Portfolios for each course for which reduction is desired. A fee of \$50 per course will be charged for each portfolio that is evaluated, regardless of whether or not the reduction is granted.
3. All program reductions must be requested prior to enrollment but no later than the end of the student's first semester of study at AGTS. Requests should be submitted to the Registrar's Office
4. Partial course reductions will not be granted.
5. If the student later takes a course that has been waived by reduction, the reduction would be nullified.
6. Courses that will be considered for program reduction are: New Testament Theology, Old Testament Theology, Old Testament or New Testament Introduction\*, Christian Theology, Communicating the Message, Principles of Teaching in the Church, The Pastoral Ministry, one missions course.

\*May allow reduction for one course but not both.

In an area where a student demonstrates competency but the criteria preclude a program reduction, a substitute course may be allowed if approved. (**Secure appropriate form in the Registrar's Office.**)



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# Master of Arts in Christian Ministries

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (M.A.C.M.) is designed to provide advanced biblical, theological and practical training for individuals who desire to enhance their ministry skills. It equips ministers to become life-long learners and to develop models of personal and professional growth. It differs from the M.Div. degree in that it provides no academic concentration which would prepare students for ongoing graduate degrees at the Ph.D. or D.Min. levels.

## M.A.C.M. Degree Components and Requirements

The M.A.C.M. can be completed by any student, regardless of the field of their undergraduate degree. Students with a religion major may be allowed to reduce the degree requirements from 60 credits to 48. At the end of their program, students are required to present an integrative project that ties together their whole educational experience and projects the meaning of their studies for their future ministry. The [general requirements](#) for graduation apply as well. A limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or independent studies (see [Independent Studies Program](#)).

### the river



**21 credits**

### the bridge



**39 credits**

## The River (21 credits)

The four courses that make up the *River* are:

BTH/MHT 501	The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts	3
HIS/THE/MHT 502	Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (100-800 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 601	Christian Expansion to the Reformation (800-1650 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 701	Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (1650-Present)	6

## The Bridge (39 credits)

The *Bridge* component for the M.A.C.M. is structured as follows:

### FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

BIB 532	Hermeneutics	3
<b>One of the following:</b>		3
BTH 529	Foundations of Biblical Theology*	
BTH 530	Old Testament Theology	
BTH 532	New Testament Theology	
<b>One of the following:</b>		3
BNT 530	New Testament Introduction	
BOT 530	Old Testament Introduction	

THE 511 Christian Theology 3

## **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY TRACK (27 CREDITS)**

MCS 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry 3

PCP 665 Advanced Pastoral Counseling 3

HOM 529 Communicating the Message 3

HOM 633 Preaching Lab\* 3

**One of the following:** 3

PTH 528 Vision-Centered Leadership and Management

PTH 623 Effective Relationships in Ministry

PTH 625 Effective Leadership

PTH 545 Ministry Development Seminar 3

**One of the following:** 3

PTH 535 The Pastoral Ministry (required, if not previously taken)

PTH 650 Building a Disciple-Making Ministry

**A combination of these three one-credit courses:**

PTH 628 Legal Issues for Churches and Clergy

PTH 611 Sexual Integrity in the Church

PTH 612 Leadership Teams (or other one-credit course)

**One of the following:** 3

PTH 551 Effective Evangelism and Assimilation

PTH 622 Communicating Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society

Electives in Practical Theology<sup>2</sup> 3

*1 Students with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive some, or all, of the foundation courses.*

*2 Students who desire more freedom in choosing electives may petition their advisors for substitutions of up to 6 credits for required courses.*

*\* Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).*

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# Master of Arts in Theological Studies

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) program is designed to provide advanced biblical and theological training for ministers who want to enhance their ministry in specialized areas such as teaching and church related writing. It is designed to serve as an intermediate degree for further graduate programs in biblical and theological studies.

## Degree Components and Requirements

The M.A.T.S. is a two-year program of study requiring 48 credits. However, applicants with an appropriate religion major that meets the foundation course requirements may qualify to complete the program with 36 credits or approximately three semesters of study.

Students may choose from five concentrations: Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, Biblical Languages, Biblical Studies and Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies.

Graduation requirements include a supervised seminar quality research paper. The [general requirements](#) for graduation also apply. A limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or independent studies (see [Independent Studies Program](#)).

### the river



**18 credits**

### the vehicle



**30 credits**

## The River (18 credits)

The M.A.T.S. *River* component consists of three courses:

HIS/THE/MHT 502	Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (100-800 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 601	Christian Expansion to the Reformation (800-1650 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 701	Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (1650-Present)	6

## The Vehicle (30 credits)

The *Vehicle* component of the M.A.T.S. degree includes 12 credits of foundation courses, 15 credits from an area of concentration, and three elective credits.

### FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

BNT 530	New Testament Introduction	3
BOT 530	Old Testament Introduction	3
THE 511	Christian Theology	3
BIB 532	Hermeneutics	3

## BIBLE/THEOLOGY CONCENTRATIONS (15 CREDITS)

### Old Testament Studies

BAR, BHE, BIB*, BOT or BTH* courses	12
BOT 646 Theological Studies Seminar	3

### New Testament Studies

BGR, BIB*, BNT or BTH* courses	12
BNT 646 Theological Studies Seminar	3

### Biblical Languages

BAR, BGR or BHE courses	12
BNT/BOT 646 Theological Studies Seminar	3

### Biblical Studies

BAR, BGR, BHE, BIB, BNT, BOT or BTH courses	12
BNT/BOT 646 Theological Studies Seminar	3

### Pentcostal and Charismatic Studies

PCS, HIS*, BTH* or THE*	12
PCS 646 Theological Studies Seminar	3

ELECTIVE (3 CREDITS) 3

HOURS 30

*1 Student with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive some, or all, of the foundation courses.*

*\* Specific courses in this category must be approved by the student's faculty advisor.*

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## M.A.T.S. Degree Completion Program

AGTS offers a non-traditional degree completion program for adult learners who are employed in full-time positions. By attending classes one night a week, eligible applicants can earn a degree in 18-22 months. Previous graduate studies are taken into consideration where applicable in order to avoid duplication of effort and help students finish a degree as quickly as possible.

The degree completion program offers a M.A.T.S., with a concentration in biblical studies. This degree is designed to provide advanced biblical and theological training for ministers, missionaries, church leaders and lay people who want to enhance their ministry in specialized areas such as teaching and church related writing. It serves as an intermediate degree for further graduate programs in biblical and theological studies.

### Degree Components and Requirements

The M.A.T.S., with a concentration in biblical studies, requires 48 credits. However, applicants with an appropriate religion major that meets the foundation course requirements may qualify to complete the program with 36 credits or approximately four semesters of study.

Graduation requirements include a supervised seminar quality research paper that is completed during the final course, BNT/BOT 646 Theological Studies Seminar. The [general requirements](#) for graduation also apply. Upon approval, a limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or independent studies ([see Independent Studies Program](#))

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## The River



**18 credits**

## The Vehicle



**30 credits**

### The River (18 credits)

The M.A.T.S. *River* component consists of three courses:

HIS/THE/MHT 502	Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (100-800 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 601	Christian Expansion to the Reformation (800-1650 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 701	Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (1650-Present)	6

### The Vehicle (30 credits)

The *Vehicle* component of the M.A.T.S. degree includes 12 credits of foundation courses and 18 credits in the biblical studies concentration.

#### FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

BNT 530	New Testament Introduction	4
BOT 530	Old Testament Introduction	4
THE 511	Christian Theology	4

#### BIBLICAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION (18 CREDITS)

<i>One of the following:</i>	3	
BIB 532	Hermeneutics	
BIB 637	Current Issues in Biblical Interpretation	
BNT 641	Specialized Exegetical Studies in the New Testament	3
BOT 641	Specialized Exegetical Studies in the Old Testament	3
BIB, BNT, BOT, BTH	approved courses	6
BNT/BOT 646	Theological Studies Seminar	3

<sup>1</sup> Students with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive some, or all, of the foundation courses.

### Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission must be born-again, display evidence of a dedicated Christian life, and possess a four-year baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from an acceptable college, with at least a 2.5 grade point average. A Bible major is not required for admission. The program is targeted toward people who have been in a full-time ministry/vocation position for at least three years (see application process or apply online at [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu)). Ministerial credentials are not required for admission. Request a preliminary evaluation to determine the credits, courses, costs and timeframe for completion.



## Financial Information

A package tuition price applies so that there is no increase in costs as long as you remain in the original cohort in which you enroll. The 36-hour track is \$13,964\*, billed in four installments of \$3491 due at the beginning of each semester. The 48-hour track is \$18,485\*, which includes 12 credits of foundation courses. Books are not included but can be purchased at the seminary's bookstore. The degree completion program qualifies for scholarships, tuition discounts, federal loan programs and veteran's benefits.\*

*\* The tuition package is applicable for the 2005 academic year and is subject to change thereafter.*

## Course Schedule

New cohorts begin in September, January and May. It is possible to join an existing cohort if you are admitted and register not less than two weeks in advance of courses starting in September, October, November, January, February, March, May, June and July.

The program is designed so that students progress through the master's degree in a cohort with peers. Students focus on one course at a time rather than multiple classes. Each course meets one night a week for five weeks. As a result, you can earn nine credits per semester. Classes are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

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# Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries (M.A.I.M.) degree program is designed to form leaders with a thorough understanding of God’s mission for the Church and the interpersonal and intercultural communication skills essential for productive ministry in cross-cultural settings. The program helps students integrate anthropology, psychology, sociology and theology to inform the task of world evangelization and the planting and nurturing of the Church. It also trains missionaries and other cross-cultural workers for roles in theological education and the development of leaders.

## Degree Components and Requirements

The M.A.I.M. consists of 60 credits. Students who have taken an undergraduate religion major may petition to reduce the foundation courses, reducing the degree from 60 credits to 48.

### The River



**21 credits**

### The Vehicle



**33 credits**

### The Road



**6 credits**

## The River (21 credits)

The four courses that make up the *River* are:

BTH/MHT 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts	3
HIS/THE/MHT 502 Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (100-800 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 601 Christian Expansion to the Reformation (800-1650 AD)	6
HIS/THE/MHT 701 Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (1650-Present)	6

## The Vehicle (33 credits)

The *Vehicle* component of the M.A.I.M. degree is structured as follows:

### FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

BNT 530 New Testament Introduction	3
BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction	3
THE 511 Christian Theology	3
Bible or Theology Elective	3

### REQUIRED MISSIONS COURSES (9 CREDITS)

MCC 630 Intercultural Patterns of Communication	3
MCS 630 Missions Anthropology	3
MHT 631 Contextualization	3

## CONCENTRATION OPTIONS (12 CREDITS)

Students may choose from three concentrations in missions studies: Intercultural Ministries, Global Missions Track and Muslim Ministries.

### Intercultural Ministries Concentration

This missions concentration consists of twelve credits of electives chosen from courses numbered with the prefixes MCC, MCS, MHT and MSS. It provides a solid academic basis for ministry in a missions context or for further missions studies at the doctoral level. A student in the M.A.I.M. who wishes to apply for A/G credentials may take HIS 532 History and Polity of the Assemblies of God as a missions elective.

### Global Missions Track (GMT)

The GMT permits students to pursue a significant portion of their degree outside the context of normal, on-campus studies, allowing them to live, learn and develop ministry skills in a cross-cultural setting (whether in a foreign country or the United States). The experience is designed to guide the student in developing the cultural fluency necessary for effective ministry in today's globalized and multicultural world.

Students must complete twelve credits of graduate-level studies in an AGTS-approved institution which can be transferred back to fulfill the degree requirements at AGTS. The courses taken under the GMT may be in fields of study other than Intercultural Ministries, but require the prior approval of the assigned AGTS mentor in consultation with the academic dean of AGTS.

In addition to classroom curriculum, the student is expected to be involved in the fullest possible range of campus, student life and student ministry activities. The host culture(s) is to be experienced and learned through participation. The student will be encouraged to risk moving away from his or her cultural comfort zone to explore the adventure of getting into the "skin" of another culture. The GMT student journal should reflect an intentional involvement in and engagement of the cross-cultural experience.

### Muslim Ministry Concentration

Islam is one of the world's fastest growing religions, with over 1.25 billion adherents—one-fifth of the world's population. While Islam advances at an alarming rate, it remains resistant to the gospel. The Church must address this challenge. The Muslim Ministry Concentration provides the opportunity to develop competencies essential for effective ministry to Muslims. Muslim ministry courses are taught in a modular format—usually one or two weeks—on the AGTS campus and at selected extension sites. Professors will be members of the AGTS faculty, Center for Ministry to Muslims and visiting professors of Islamics. Required courses are:

MCS	545 Introduction to Islam	3
MHT	649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues	3
MSS	643 Church Ministry in the Muslim Context	3
	<b>One of the following:</b>	<b>3</b>

MCS 551 Folk Islam  
MCS 552 Women in Islam  
MCS 553 Islam in the United States  
MHT 552 Power Encounter  
MSS 552 Approaches to Muslims

<sup>1</sup> *Students with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive some, or all, of the foundation courses.*

## The Road (6 credits)

The *Road* component of the M.A.I.M. degree does not require a course in denominational polity and includes a special six-credit cross-cultural practicum. ***Students who choose the Muslim Ministries concentration must complete their practicum in a Muslim context.*** This practicum requires a pre-session orientation, a post-session assessment and an approved, supervised cross-cultural involvement. The practicum will usually be completed in a six-week time frame and should normally be scheduled during the summer recess. An exception may be granted to allow the practicum to be scheduled during the course of a regular semester.

In addition to appointing an on-field supervisor, AGTS will assign an inhouse mentor to prepare the student for the practicum, and facilitate the understanding and synthesizing of the experience. The student is required to keep a daily journal of experiences. This journal will be utilized in the writing of a reflection paper which the student will present in a final debriefing session at AGTS.

The length of time required for securing AGWM approvals, communicating with a mentor, getting immunizations and visas, and raising funds for Global Missions Track participants affects the application deadlines for intercultural practicums (see Resident Academic Calendar). Late applications will be approved or denied at the discretion of the GMT Committee.

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the [general requirements](#) for graduation, the student must pass a comprehensive examination based on competencies in key areas within the disciplines of missiology. Students who receive a grade of “unsatisfactory” may retake the examination following a three-week study period.

## Policy For Retakes

Students failing the retake must fulfill one of the following options:

- a) Officially audit a course covering the competency in which the student’s performance was “unsatisfactory.” Retake and pass a comprehensive question dealing with that competency.
- b) Take the course for credit by directed research or in residence. The course will be graded satisfactory, marginal or unsatisfactory

## Independent Studies

A limited number of courses may be taken through directed research or independent studies (*see Independent Studies Program*).

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# Master of Arts in Counseling

The Master of Arts in Counseling (M.A.C.) is designed to prepare Christian counselors to serve in the Church or community settings as licensed professional counselors and/or marriage and family therapists. The program prepares qualified graduates to practice in one or both of these counseling concentrations with appropriate professional and legal recognition and in an informed ethical, legal and professional manner. It also prepares students to integrate biblical, theological and psychological insights into effective counseling ministry, stimulate the development of personal maturity, self-understanding and interpersonal sensitivity.

## Degree Components and Requirements

The M.A.C. offers three counseling concentrations: Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT), Licensed Professional Counseling (LPC) or LPC/MFT Dual Concentration. The Dual Concentration is offered to prepare graduates for possible licensure or certification in both marriage and family therapy and licensed professional counseling. The M.A.C. requires 60-75 credits consisting of three elements:

- nine credits of foundation courses which may be reduced if the student has appropriate undergraduate coursework in religions,
- 21 credits of required coursework in psychology and counseling, and
- 30-45 credits in an area of concentration.

In the first year of their seminary education experience, students are required to attend a minimum of 10 personal growth therapy sessions (at their own expense) with a departmentally approved therapist.

### FOUNDATION COURSES (9 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

BTH/MHT 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts	3
THE 511 Christian Theology	3
BIB 532 Hermeneutics	3

### REQUIRED COURSES (21 CREDITS)

PCP 562 Advanced Human Development I or	
PCP 563 Advanced Human Development II	3
PCP 623 Ethical/Legal/Professional Issues	3
PCP 625 Research Methods for Helping Professionals	3
PCP 662 Psychopathology I or	
PCP 663 Psychopathology II	3
PCP 657 Marriage and Family Therapy I: Theories and Foundations	3
PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society	3
PCP 541 Psychology and the Christian Faith	3

### CONCENTRATIONS

#### Select One:

#### Marriage and Family Therapy (30 credits)

PCP 657 Marriage and Family Therapy I: Theories and Foundations	3
PCP 658 Marriage and Family Therapy II: Assessment and Treatment Planning	3
PCP 659 Marriage and Family Therapy III: Interventions, Strategies and Techniques	3

**One of the following:** 3

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PCP 550	Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships	
PCP 562	Advanced Human Development I	
PCP 563	Advanced Human Development II	
<b>Two of the following</b>		<b>6</b>
PCP 551	Addictive Behaviors and Family Systems	
PCP 624	Family Studies: Human Sexuality	
PCP 656	Specialized Studies in Family Relationships	
PCP 652	Practicum 1 - Marital and Family Therapy	3
PCP 653	Practicum 2 - Marital and Family Therapy	3
PCP 654	Practicum 3 - Marital and Family Therapy	3
PCP Electives	in Marital and Family Therapy	3

**Professional Counseling (30 credits)**

PCP 544	Counseling Theories	3
PCP 628	Career Development Counseling	3
PCP 629	Counseling with Special Populations	3
PCP 632	Tests and Measurements*	3
PCP 637	Group Counseling	3
PCP 640	Practicum in Counseling*	3
PCP 648	Advanced Counseling Practicum*	3

**Electives in Professional Counseling** 9

PCP 562, PCP 563, PCP 626, PCP 657, PCP 658, PCP 662,  
PCP 663, PCP 665

**LPC/MFT Dual Concentration<sup>2</sup> (45 credits)**

PCP 657	Marriage and Family Therapy I: Theories and Foundations	3
PCP 658	Marriage and Family Therapy II: Assessment and Treatment Planning	3
PCP 659	Marriage and Family Therapy III: Interventions, Strategies and Techniques	3

**One of the following:** 3

PCP 550 Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships  
PCP 562 Advanced Human Development I  
PCP 563 Advanced Human Development II

**Two of the following:** 6

PCP 551	Addictive Behaviors and Family Systems	
PCP 624	Family Studies: Human Sexuality	
PCP 656	Specialized Studies in Family Relationships	
PCP 640	Practicum in Counseling*	3
PCP 648	Advanced Counseling Practicum*	3
PCP 654	Practicum 3—Marital and Family Therapy	3
PCP Elective	in Marital and Family Therapy	3
PCP 544	Counseling Theories	3
PCP 628	Career Development Counseling	3
PCP 629	Counseling with Special Populations	3
PCP 632	Tests and Measurements*	3
PCP 637	Group Counseling	3

1 Students with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive some, or all, of the foundation courses.

2 Total credits required for Dual Concentration degree are 75.

\* Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).

## Counseling Licensure

Students should note that in both the Professional Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy concentrations, state licensure and professional recognition have additional requirements after completion of a graduate degree. These requirements include a specific number of hours of counseling under the clinical supervision of an approved supervisor and, in most states, the successful completion of a qualifying examination in the area of concentration.

Some states may require additional course work as well. Students are advised to determine the specific requirements in the state in which they plan to practice. In all cases, the prerogative of professional recognition rests with the membership committee of the professional association or state regulatory agency.

Students who want to pursue doctoral studies in the area of counseling may find this degree to be helpful preparation for those studies, but should discuss that possibility with the institution where they plan to do their doctoral studies.

## Practicums

The specific practicums required for each concentration are delineated in each degree program. Since practicums are designed to allow for the application of the principles and procedures studied in other courses, a sufficient academic foundation must be demonstrated prior to entering the counseling practicums. Timing is crucial and students should begin planning their practicums early in the academic program. Approval for a practicum must be secured through an interview scheduled with the counseling practicum adviser. Registration for a practicum must be completed by the pre-registration date for the semester in which the practicum is to be taken. Practicums will be graded satisfactory, marginal or unsatisfactory. A fee of \$250 is assessed to students enrolled in counseling practicums.

## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the [general requirements](#) for graduation, the student must pass a written comprehensive examination before the degree is awarded. Students who fail the comprehensive examination will be allowed to retake the exam following a three-week study period.

## Policy For Retakes

Students failing the exam retake must audit or enroll in designated and approved courses, then retake and pass the exam. In the event of failure on the second retake, the student may not repeat the exam without an approved, rigorous remedial program.

## Independent Studies

Due to state licensing requirements, counseling majors are advised not to take courses by independent studies or directed research. Some exceptions may be approved through the academic adviser for Bible or theology courses.

# Continuing Education

The Office of Continuing Education seeks to enhance the effectiveness of ministers through classroom sessions, conferences and seminars, independent studies and modular sessions. It also serves to facilitate life-long learning and renewal for ministers and church leaders.

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## Program Design

Classroom sessions are scheduled at strategic locations, utilizing the facilities of selected colleges, as well as the resident AGTS campus. Sessions consist of a variety of class schedules supported by pre-session and post-session assignments.

Individuals who are engaged in full-time ministry or other employment are normally allowed to take up to 20 credits during an academic year through the Continuing Education program. Branch campus participants may take up to 30 credits per academic year.

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## Branch Campuses

- AGTS Main Campus, Springfield, Missouri
- Southwest Region Branch Campus, Arizona
- Southeast Region Branch Campus, Florida
- North Central Region Branch Campus, Minnesota
- Northeast Region Branch Campus, Pennsylvania
- Northwest Region Branch Campus, Washington

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## Programs

The Office of Continuing Education offers the following programs:

### Master of Arts in Christian Ministries

a 48-60 hour degree program, dependent upon whether the individual has an appropriate religion major. This is the only master's degree offered by AGTS which may be completed entirely at one of the extension sites. Up to one-third of the required credits may be earned through the Independent Studies Program.

### Master of Divinity In-Service Track

a 75-90 hour degree program, dependent upon the individual's previous academic work ([see \*M.Div. Reduction\*](#)). One-third of the required credits must be taken at the main campus (this requirement may be satisfied by attending one-week modular classes, summer sessions or full-length semesters). Up to one-third of the required credits may be earned through the Independent Studies Program.

## Independent Studies Program (ISP)

enables individuals to earn credits toward a graduate degree without traveling to any of the participating campuses. Participants study selected subjects through lectures on audio cassette tapes supplemented by directed reading and research assignments, under the direction of faculty mentors. As many as one-third of the required credits in any AGTS degree may be earned through ISP or directed research (other advanced standing credit may limit the number of allowable hours).

## Continuing Education Nondegree (Audit)

courses taken on a noncredit basis at one quarter the regular tuition rate. They offer continuing education for individuals who do not wish to pursue a degree. Please note that courses audited cannot be changed to credit.

## National Association of Church Business Administration

AGTS is a Certification Center (provisional status) for the National Association of Church Business Administration (NACBA) and offers seminars leading to certification by NACBA as a Fellow in Church Business Administration. By special arrangement, these seminars may also be taken for graduate credit at AGTS. For additional information on the NACBA certification program, contact the AGTS Continuing Education Office.

*Note: Credits earned in the Continuing Education program may be applied to resident programs (see [Advanced Standing](#)).*

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## Admission Requirements

Individuals are expected to complete the requirements for their degree under the catalog in effect at the time of initial degree candidacy. They may elect to meet modifications in the program announced in subsequent catalogs if approved. (**Contact Registrar's Office for approval process.**)

All requirements for the M.A.C.M. degree through Continuing Education must be completed within six years. Active missionaries must complete their degree within 10 years.

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## Admission Procedure

Applicants for admission must submit the following to the Enrollment Office:

1. Application, photograph and a nonrefundable fee of \$35 (**see [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu) for online application**).
2. Official certified copies of transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended, sent directly by the schools to the seminary.
3. Personal/ministerial references from two individuals who have known you at least three years or more.
4. All participants in the AGTS Continuing Education program are required to read the AGTS Continuing Education [Handbook](#) which spells out the policies and procedures for the Continuing Education program. The handbook is published online, but is available in print upon request.

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5. Applicants whose first language is not English must submit TOEFL exam scores ([see Application Procedure](#)).

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## Concurrent Enrollment

Participants in the Continuing Education program who are interested in concurrent enrollment in another seminary or graduate school for the purpose of transferring credits to AGTS toward the M.A.C.M. or the M.Div. In-Service **must secure approval in advance** from the academic dean (contact the Registrar's Office) ([see Advanced Standing](#)).

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## Course Selection Procedure

For the schedule and course selection form visit [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu). For other information regarding the Continuing Education programs, contact the Office of Continuing Education.

To enroll in a course, submit a completed selection form (available at [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu)).

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## Tuition and Fees

Every effort is made to keep costs of the Continuing Education program as reasonable as possible without jeopardizing the excellence of the program. ([See Financial Information](#).) Financial assistance is available to qualified applicants. For more information contact the Continuing Education Office or the Financial Aid Office.

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## Graduation Requirements

In addition to the [general requirements](#) for graduation, a portfolio review may be required.

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## Master of Arts in Christian Ministries

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (M.A.C.M.) is designed to provide advanced biblical, theological and practical training for individuals who desire to enhance their ministry skills. It equips ministers to become life-long learners and to develop models of personal and professional growth. It differs from the M.Div. degree in that it provides no academic concentration which would prepare students for ongoing graduate degrees at the Ph.D. or D.Min. levels.

### M.A.C.M. Degree Components and Requirements

The Continuing Education version of the M.A.C.M. can be completed by any student, regardless of the field of their undergraduate degree. Students with a religion major may be allowed to reduce the degree requirements from 60 credits to 48. At the end of their program, students are required to present an integrative project that ties together their whole educational experience and projects the



meaning of their studies for their future ministry. The [general requirements](#) for graduation apply as well.

This degree curriculum differs from that of the resident M.A.C.M. in that it does not include the new elements of the *River, Bridge, Road* and *Vehicle* and will not do so for several more years. The requirements for this degree as stated in this catalog will remain for the duration of the student's program.

## MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (3 CREDITS)<sup>1</sup>

PTH 545 Ministry Development Seminar 3

## CORE COURSES (18 CREDITS)

SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING FOUR AREAS:<sup>2</sup>

### Biblical and Theological Studies (6 credits)

*One of the following Biblical/Theological studies courses:* 3

BIB 532 Hermeneutics

BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology\*

BTH 530 Old Testament Theology

BTH 532 New Testament Theology

Or other approved course

*One of the following Pentecostal studies courses:* 3

BTH 533 Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church

BTH 534 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

BTH 538 Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

BTH 631 Theology of the Charismata

BTH 632 Biblical Theology of Signs and Wonders

HIS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements

HIS 532 History and Polity of the Assemblies of God

HIS 546 Initial Evidence and Spirit Baptism

Or other approved course

### Intercultural Ministries (3 credits)

*One of the following:* 3

MCC 630 Intercultural Patterns of Communication

MCS 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry<sup>3</sup>

MCS 630 Missions Anthropology

MHT 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts

### Pastoral Counseling (3 credits)

*One of the following:* 3

PCP 550 Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships

PCP 626 Dying, Grief and Crisis Counseling

PCP 657 Marriage and Family Therapy I: Theories and Foundations

### Ministry (3 credits)

*One of the following:* 3

PTH 528 Vision-Centered Leadership and Management

PTH 535 The Pastoral Ministry<sup>4</sup>

PTH 623 Effective Relationships in Ministry

PTH 625 Effective Leadership

**CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION (3 CREDITS)**

PTH 546 Contextual Education\* 3

**CONCENTRATION (15 CREDITS)**

*Select One:*

**Professional Ministry Concentration**

The participant will select 15 credits from the various academic departments.  
Integration of courses from several disciplines is recommended. 15

**Muslim Ministry Concentration**

MCS 545 Introduction to Islam 3

MHT 649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues 3

MSS 643 Church Ministry in the Muslim Context 3

*One of the following:* 3

MCS 551 Folk Islam

MCS 552 Women in Islam

MCS 553 Islam in the United States

MHT 552 Power Encounter

MSS 552 Approaches to Muslims

MSS 641 Practicum in Cross-Cultural Ministry I<sup>5</sup> 3

**ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS)**

General Electives 6

**INTEGRATIVE PROJECT (3 CREDITS)<sup>6</sup>**

PTH 547 Integrative Project 3

**TOTAL 48**

**FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)<sup>7</sup>**

BNT 530 New Testament Introduction 3

BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction 3

THE 511 Christian Theology 3

THE Elective 3

**TOTAL 60**

*1 Must be taken before completing 15 credits.*

*2 Total credits-shown are 15. One additional course must be taken from any of the four core areas to comprise the 18 credits.*

*3 Required for MMC Option.*

*4 Course required if not taken at undergraduate level.*

*5 Practicum must encompass Muslim context.*

*6 Must be taken within the last 15 of degree program.*

*7 Participants with a strong undergraduate program in religion may petition to waive foundation courses.*

*\* Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).*

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# Master of Divinity In-Service Track

The Master of Divinity In-Service Track requires that applicants: demonstrate involvement in ministry and satisfy standard admission requirements. The equivalent of one year of residency (30 credit hours) at the Springfield, Missouri, campus is required.

## Degree Requirements

The M.Div. In-Service Track is a 90 credit degree, which can be reduced up to 15 credits based upon the student's academic background (*see M.Div. Reduction*).

A prerequisite for the M.Div. In-Service Track is one year of Greek or its equivalent, which may be taken in addition to the degree credits required.

In addition to the [general requirements](#) for graduation, an analytical reflection paper of approximately 3,000 words will be required.

The M.Div. In-Service Track curriculum differs from that of the resident M.Div. in that it does not include the new elements of the *River, Bridge, Road* and *Vehicle*. The requirements for this degree as stated in the catalog will remain for the duration of the student's program.

## Muslim Ministry Concentration Option

The Muslim Ministry Concentration provides the opportunity to develop competencies essential for effective ministry to Muslims.

## Master of Divinity In-Service Track Degree Program Requirements

### BIBLICAL STUDIES/THEOLOGY (12 CREDITS)

BIB 532 Hermeneutics <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>One of the following:</b>	3
BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology*	
BTH 530 Old Testament Theology	
BTH 532 New Testament Theology	
Bible Electives (BIB, BNT, BOT, BTH)	6

### BIBLICAL LANGUAGES (6 CREDITS)

<b>Two of the following:</b>	
BGRI 502 The Pastoral Epistles <sup>2</sup>	
BGRI 503 The Epistle to the Romans <sup>2</sup>	
BHEI 530 Hebrew IA	
BHEI 531 Hebrew IB	6

### ETHICS (3 CREDITS)

PHII 602 Christian Ethics	3
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### HISTORY (9 CREDITS)

HISI 506 The History of the Church to the Reformation	3
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HISI 507 The History of the Church Since the Reformation	3
<b>One of the following:</b>	
HIS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements	
HIS 532 History and Polity of the A/G	3

### INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES (6 CREDITS)

MCS 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry*	3
MHT 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts	3

### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (24 CREDITS)

HOM 531 Methods of Biblical Preaching*	3
PCP Counseling Elective	3
PTH 528 Vision-Centered Leadership and Management	3
PTH 545 Ministry Development Seminar <sup>3</sup>	3
PTH 551 Effective Evangelism and Assimilation	3
PTH 625 Effective Leadership	3
PTH 650 Building a Disciple-Making Ministry	3
Practicum/Field Ministry*	
<b>One of the Following:</b> CE 548, CE 639, MSS 641, PCP 639, PCP 640, PTH 638, PTH 639, PTH 646	3

GENERAL ELECTIVES (15 CREDITS)	15
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**HOURS 75**

### FOUNDATION COURSES (15 CREDITS)<sup>4</sup>

BNT 530 New Testament Introduction	3
BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction	3
PTH 535 The Pastoral Ministry (or its equivalent)	3
THEI 511 Christian Theology	3
THE Theology Elective	3

**HOURS 15**

**TOTAL 90**

<sup>1</sup> If the equivalent of BIB 532 was taken at the undergraduate level, a BOT, BNT or BTH elective may be substituted.  
<sup>2</sup> Course requires at least one-year of biblical Greek. For participants who need this prerequisite to fulfill their graduation requirements, BGRI 530 Greek IA & BGRI 531 Greek IB may be taken via the Independent Studies Program (ISP) or directed research.  
<sup>3</sup> Should be taken within the first 15 hours of the degree program.  
<sup>4</sup> These courses are subject to course reduction for participants with a strong undergraduate degree in religion. Those who do not possess this degree will be required to take the foundation courses for degree completion. These courses are available through ISP or directed research.  
 \* Course requires prerequisite. See [course description](#).

**Note: Military chaplain candidates are advised to pursue resident M.Div.**

### MUSLIM MINISTRY CONCENTRATION

The Muslim Ministry Concentration is optional. If pursuing this concentration, the student must incorporate the concentration courses within the M.Div. In-Service Track degree.

MCS 545 Introduction to Islam	3
MHT 649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues	3
MSS 643 Church Ministry in the Muslim Context	3
<b>One of the following:</b>	<b>3</b>
MCS 551 Folk Islam	
MCS 552 Women in Islam	
MCS 553 Islam in the United States	
MHT 552 Power Encounter	
MSS 552 Approaches to Muslims	
MSS 641 Practicum in Cross-Cultural Ministry I <sup>1</sup>	3

**TOTAL 15**

<sup>1</sup>*Practicum must encompass Muslim context.*



# Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program is a professional program intended for men and women who are actively engaged in full-time Christian ministry. The primary purpose of the program is to enhance the participants' professional competence in the particular area of their gifts and calling. The program aims to be practical in nature while at the same time it is committed to maintaining high academic standards and a sound biblical and theological base for the practice of ministry. The program seeks to integrate learning into the context of each participant's ministry and can be shaped to meet personal needs. Opportunities for personal and spiritual growth are woven into the fabric of the entire program.

One dynamic element of the program is involvement in a D.Min. cohort. Each cohort is comprised of select individuals from a variety of ministry backgrounds. The cohort remains together for the first half of the program (4 core courses) allowing deep and meaningful relationships to be formed. "As iron sharpens iron" the cohort provides an incredible peer learning environment—one that will challenge and motivate participants to take their spirituality and ministries to the next level.

The focus of this program is in developing strong Pentecostal leadership. Today's vital and growing churches are demanding Spirit-anointed, effective leadership. If leaders expect to remain on the cutting edge of complex, demanding and ever changing ministry, they must prepare themselves now. The D.Min. program is designed to equip Christian leaders "for such a time as this."

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## Primary Goals

Throughout the D.Min. degree, ministers will be guided in the development and implementation of

1. A deepening biblical and theological awareness from the unique vantage point of the Pentecostal-Charismatic tradition.
2. A distinctively Pentecostal-Charismatic theology of ministry.
3. A developing capacity for effective leadership and the practice of ministry in a particular context among the people of God.
4. A growing ability to utilize the empirical insights of the social and behavioral sciences in the theory and practice of ministry.
5. A demonstrated commitment to continuing personal and congregational spiritual formation and growth.
6. An awareness of the implications for Christian ministry of an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society.
7. An emphasis on the priorities of evangelism and world missions within the overall ministry of the church.
8. A scholarly contribution to the understanding and practice of ministry through the completion of a D.Min. doctoral level project which integrates both the theoretical and empirical disciplines important to a particular act of ministry.

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## Curricular Design

The D.Min. curriculum has three primary components:

1. Core courses that establish and enrich the student's foundation for effective ministry.
2. Elective courses that expand areas relevant to the practice of ministry.
3. A professional project which enables the student to integrate and apply significant learning in a ministry situation.

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## Program Schedule

The D.Min. is an in-service degree that is completed while participants remain active in ministry. The program is designed in one-week modules offered three times per year—one in the fall, spring and summer. These one-week modules are preceded by personal reading/preparation and are followed by projects which apply course materials to participants' ministries. The program consists of nine modules, as well as additional time to complete the D.Min. project. Thus, in its entirety, the degree will take approximately four years to complete.

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## Admission Requirements

Applicants for the D.Min. program must meet the following requirements:

1. Have earned an M.Div. degree or its equivalent from an accredited school. (See [Master of Divinity Equivalency](#).)
2. Give evidence of ability to do doctoral level work as indicated by a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in previous graduate study.
3. Have at least three years of full-time ministry experience following the completion of the first professional master's degree.
4. Be currently involved in a ministry context (pastor, teacher, missionary, denominational or para-church organizational leader, chaplain, evangelist, counselor, etc.).

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## Application Procedure

To apply for admission

1. Submit a completed application for admission (available from the D.Min. Office). Application should include a \$35 nonrefundable application fee, recent photograph and completed "Ministerial Experience" questionnaire.
2. Request that official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended be sent to AGTS, attention D.Min. Office.
3. Distribute personal and ministerial recommendation forms and instruct those filling them out to return them within ten days to the AGTS D.Min. Office.
4. Submit an approved current writing sample.

## Acceptance Into the D.min. Program

Upon action by the Admissions Committee, applicants will be notified in writing regarding the status of their acceptance into the D.Min. program.

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# Academic Policies and Procedures

## Academic Status

Participants will remain in good academic standing in the D.Min. program as long as they maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, meet all financial obligations to the seminary, and conduct their personal lives with spiritual, moral and professional integrity. The administration reserves the right to dismiss any participant whose integrity in any of these areas is unacceptable.

## Loan Deferment for D.Min. Participants

D.Min. participants are eligible for loan deferment. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

## Grading

AGTS uses a four-point grading scale.

Grade points per credit and definition for D.Min. participants:

A or A+	Superior	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Satisfactory	3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Poor	2.0
C-		1.7
F	Failure	0.0*
IP	In Process	0.0
N	No Credit	0.0
S	Satisfactory	0.0
U	Unsatisfactory	0.0
WP	Withdrawn Passing	0.0
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0*

*\* Affects grade point average*

## Graduation Requirements

To satisfy graduation requirements for the D.Min. degree, the participant must

1. Satisfactorily complete all D.Min. program requirements. This includes the completion of 30 credits of course work (12 from core, 12 from electives, six from project course and project completion). This requirement must include the four core courses.
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, including no more than one C.
3. Be in good standing at the seminary (see [Academic Status](#)).
4. Complete an acceptable and approved D.Min. project.

5. Register for graduation no later than October 31 through the Registrar's Office.
6. Receive approval to graduate from the D.Min. Committee, Academic Affairs Committee and faculty.
7. Attend the commencement exercises. (*Approval to be absent must be secured from the Academic Affairs Committee through the registrar by April 1.*)

## Master of Divinity Equivalency

M.Div. equivalency is defined as the completion of 72 semester credits of graduate studies in categories closely parallel to the M.Div. curriculum at AGTS. No credit for life experience will be granted.

AGTS will recognize M.Div. equivalency credits from any institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Higher Education or foreign accrediting body, as long as at least one master's degree was received from an ATS/CHEA accredited institution or an institution recognized by an approved foreign accrediting body. Students submitting course work for review must have earned a minimum "B" average GPA. Special attention will be required for files with grades substantially below the "B" level. Official transcripts must be received by the Registrar's Office before consideration for credit will be given.

AGTS will recognize equivalency credit for up to 36 credits which have been earned through correspondence/independent studies. Students seeking M.Div. equivalency credit for more than 36 credits will be referred to the Admissions Committee. AGTS will recognize M.Div. equivalency credit for valid/supervised pastoral clinical education. The institution and credit must be recognized by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. accreditation commission.

At your request an equivalency evaluation will be completed by the D.Min. Office upon receipt of your transcripts. Applicants who do not have an M.Div. degree may satisfy equivalency by taking courses prescribed by the D.Min. Office. AGTS offers a number of independent study and extension courses which may be taken to meet such a deficiency. Such courses to fulfill equivalency requirements will not count toward the requirements of the D.Min. degree and must be completed prior to admittance into the D.Min. program.

## Ministry Requirement

Each participant must remain involved in full-time ministry throughout the duration of the program. Any participant who leaves the ministry for any reason while pursuing the D.Min. degree must petition the D.Min. Committee for continuation in the program.

## Professional Project

The professional project is the culmination of the D.Min. experience in which the ideas and applications of the program are measured and evaluated. For further information on the project guidelines contact the D.Min. Office.

## Program Duration

The degree will normally require approximately four years to complete, including the project. This schedule is set to avoid unnecessary pressure on the participant's responsibilities to family and ministry. Participants are required to complete the degree within six years beginning from the date

of their first attendance in a doctoral course. In some cases an extension may be granted (e.g., for those on overseas assignment). Any extensions will be granted by the D.Min. Committee. Extensions require a continuation fee.

## Transfer Credits

An individual may transfer in a total of six advanced standing doctoral credits. Individual appeals for transfer credits will be evaluated based upon the following considerations:

1. Transfer credits must be from ATS/CHEA accredited institutions or those recognized by an approved foreign accrediting body.
2. Student must have earned a passing grade of "B" or higher.
3. Transfer credits must be relevant to the D.Min. degree.
4. Recent time frame of courses taken will be reviewed.
5. Extenuating circumstances of the participant will be considered (e.g., missionary in a situation that makes it difficult to take courses in a timely fashion.)
6. Transfer credits must be completed in coursework that AGTS is not able to offer but that is germane to the participant's ministry.

AGTS will accept up to six (6) doctoral credits for valid/supervised pastoral clinical education if taken beyond the M.Div. The institution and credit must be recognized by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. accreditation commission.

To request advanced standing, official transcripts must be received by the Registrar's Office before consideration for doctoral credit will be given. (Any exceptions to the standard policy must be recommended by the D.Min. and Continuing Education Committee and approved by the Academic Affairs Committee.)

*Note: The transfer of credits does not waive/change the program fee.*

## Doctor of Ministry Elective Courses Open to Unclassified Doctoral Level Students

A limited number of nondegree, post-M.Div. persons who are not interested in pursuing a D.Min. degree at AGTS may be allowed to take elective courses if they satisfy admission requirements for the D.Min. program. Contact the D.Min. Office for further information.

## Audit Policy

Graduates of the Doctor of Ministry program have the option of auditing one elective course per year on a space-available basis.

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## Financial Information

### Tuition

There is one program fee for the Doctor of Ministry.\* The current fee is \$13,420 and covers tuition for 30 credit hours, project fees and graduation fees. This fee does not cover the application fee of \$35, textbooks, travel, housing and meals incurred while on campus, editing, directed research fees,



extension fees or tuition for courses taken at other institutions.

The program fee is payable in three installments per year. (AGTS accepts cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover as payment.) The first installment is due within three weeks of the applicant's notification of acceptance into the program. This payment is necessary to hold a space in the cohort. All subsequent installments are due on the first of February, June and October. Since each cohort has a very limited enrollment, these fees are non-refundable. If a participant extends the program into the fourth or fifth year, a \$500 continuation fee per year will be charged.

Grants and scholarships for Doctor of Ministry study are normally not available. However, the program does qualify for VA benefits and private student loans (*contact the Financial Aid Office for further information*).

## Promissory Note

Participants are required to sign a promissory note at their initial registration indicating their anticipation of paying tuition, fees, books, etc. This is a standard procedure required of all AGTS participants. The promissory note will outline the installment due dates for the participant. The 11 installments outlined are to be paid consecutively and are due at the assigned date, even if the participant for any reason skips a course.

## Fees

1. **Overdue Project Fee:** participants who exceed critical project deadlines will be charged a \$500 fee.
2. **Readmission Financial Policy:** If a student withdraws from the program and later desires to return, his/her financial obligations will be as follows:
  - The current program fee will apply and the student will sign a new promissory note.
  - All payments made under the previous promissory note would be applied toward the current program fee. Participants would be required to pay the difference between the current program fee and what he/she actually paid under the previous program fee.
3. **Unclassified Student Course Fee:** The fee for doctoral students from outside the AGTS program taking our elective classes will be charged 115% of the going master's level tuition rate.
4. **Unclassified Student Audit Fee:** The fee for students from outside the AGTS program auditing our elective classes will be charged 25% of current single fee payment.
5. **Graduate Audit Fee:** The fee for graduates of the AGTS D.Min. program auditing elective classes will be charged \$200 per class.

## Lodging, Meals, Transportation

It is up to participants to make their own travel and living arrangements for their stay in Springfield.

*\*Fee is subject to change each fall.*

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# Doctor of Ministry Program

## I. Core Courses: (12 credits)

### **CORE 1 - PTH 901 Renewing the Spiritual Leader (3 credits)**

Models of renewal are considered in view of each participant's own spiritual and leadership development. The experience is enriched through reading and reflection peer interaction, faculty mentoring and will eventuate in a one year self development plan.

### **CORE 2 - PTH 902 Biblical Theology of Ministry (3 credits)**

Selected texts related to issues in ministry will be addressed from the perspectives of exegesis and biblical theology for the purpose of developing a personal theology of ministry.

### **CORE 3 - PTH 907 Theological Issues Facing Pentecostals and Charismatics (3 credits)**

An examination of theological issues and challenges facing Pentecostals and Charismatics. Topics include the nature of Pentecostal/Charismatic identity in the broader evangelical community, Spirit baptism and initial evidence and current popular teachings circulating in churches.

### **CORE 4 - PTH 905 Leading Christian Organizations (3 credits)**

An examination of the role of leadership in organizational change culture and development in light of biblical values and understanding. Contemporary organizational theories and significant biblical models will be explored.

*Note: The four core courses are taken consecutively with the same cohort.*

## II. Elective Courses: (12 credits)

Electives normally include four courses designed at the 900 level to expand the integration and application of relevant issues to the practice of ministry.

## III. Project: (6 credits)

### **PTH 906 D.Min. Project Design (3 credits)**

A course designed to prepare the student for presentation of an acceptable project proposal to the D.Min. Project Committee. Components of a proposal and research methodologies are explored and applied.

### **PTH 999 Project Development and Presentation (3 credits)**

Completion and oral presentation of an acceptable written project which integrates theory and praxis and makes a meaningful contribution to the practice of ministry. All participants working on the project phase will maintain a continued registration in the program.

*NOTE: For complete information regarding the program, refer to the AGTS Doctor of Ministry Participant Handbook available from the D.Min. Office.*

## Mission Statement

The purpose of AGTS is to train men and women to fulfill the mission of the church as taught in Scripture—*Shaping servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.*

As a graduate-level educational institution within the evangelical and Pentecostal tradition, the seminary affirms the Bible as God's written Word, the inspired, infallible and authoritative rule for faith and conduct. Affiliated with The General Council of the A/G, the seminary's doctrinal commitment is found in the Statement of Fundamental Truths.

In order to accomplish its purpose, the seminary, as a center for instruction and spiritual formation, seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. To lead every student into a growing knowledge of God, based upon the redemptive work of Christ and the baptizing power of the Holy Spirit.
2. To perpetuate the distinctive Pentecostal proclamation of the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to restore the people of God to the New Testament model of vitality and witness.
3. To create an environment in which men and women, who have been called and gifted for Christian service, may be nurtured as servant-leaders of sterling Christian character.
4. To seek excellence in all of its programs, believing that a rigorous quest for truth, effectiveness and relevance should characterize theological reflection and professional training.
5. To provide training in the professional skills necessary for the practice of ministry in a changing world, focusing on the preparation of pastors, missionaries, evangelists, military and institutional chaplains, teachers, counselors and others.
6. To foster an evangelistic and missionary emphasis with a global and multi-cultural perspective in order to equip men and women to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home and abroad.
7. To encourage constructive engagement with society guided by the prophetic and redemptive words and deeds of Jesus Christ.
8. To serve as a scholarly resource for the A/G, Pentecostal-Charismatic communities worldwide and the larger body of Christ.
9. To utilize technology and distance-education methodologies in the extension of its educational mission to Christian leaders unable to attend a resident campus.

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## Statement of Faith

The seminary adheres to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the A/G as indicated in Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws. In summary, we believe:

- ... the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.
- ... there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- ... in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His

vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.

... in the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ’s coming.

... the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

... regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

... the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.

... the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

... in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

... in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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## Pentecostal Distinctives

The A/G grew out of the global revival at the turn of the twentieth century. Dedicated to the full gospel message, the Assemblies have grown to become a dynamic element of what is called the Third Force of Christianity—the Pentecostals.

The commitment to the Pentecostal dimension of Christianity is what distinguishes the A/G from other groups within Evangelical Christianity. Since AGTS is the denominational seminary for the A/G, the Pentecostal distinctives are central to each of its degrees and course offerings. Each member of the AGTS faculty and administration is full gospel in belief and practice. This background and heritage enables them to present biblical and theological truths, educational and missiological strategies and methods, and counseling principles within the context of the Pentecostal ministry. This Pentecostal hallmark of AGTS permeates all of its activities and programs.

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## History and Location

The concept of a graduate school of theology and missions was originally approved by The General Council in session at Portland, Oregon, August 1961. After lengthy and prayerful consideration, the General Presbytery, in August 1971, accepted a recommendation presented jointly by the Executive Presbytery and the Board of Education that the school be implemented. On May 18, 1972, the General Presbytery adopted a preliminary constitution and bylaws and authorized establishing the school at the International Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. The school was incorporated in December 1972.

The Executive Presbytery was authorized to serve as the Board of Directors of the Assemblies of God Graduate School. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, was elected to serve as president. In August of 1984, by action of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery, the school was renamed the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. In December 1985, Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, general superintendent, was appointed president, a position he held until 1986. Dr. H. Glynn Hall served as president from 1987-90. Dr. Del Tarr served as president from June 1990-1999. On July 1, 1999, the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Byron D. Klaus, who currently serves as the seminary’s fifth president.

Originally located in the headquarters complex at The General Council of the A/G, the seminary in August 1997 occupied a beautiful new facility on Glenstone Avenue adjacent to the Evangel University campus. Named in honor of Michael and Frances Cardone, Sr., the state-of-the-art building is entered via a spacious "Great Hall" which strategically accents the seminary's mission with a bronze sculpture, "The Divine Servant," and the official seal featuring the cross, the Bible and a dove to symbolize the Holy Spirit. The William J. Seymour chapel, named for the African-American leader of the 1906 Azusa Street revival, includes beautiful stained glass windows depicting the great themes of Christian faith and Pentecostal leadership. The Khoo Kay Peng World Prayer Center incorporates a circular mural celebrating the Day of Pentecost.

The building also includes comfortable classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, the Cordas C. Burnett Library, a counseling center and a computer lab for student use. A commodious patio provides a delightful setting for relaxation, study and bag lunches on sunny days.

Springfield is an enjoyable location for pursuing graduate studies with its proximity to Ozark Mountain country. Also of great significance is the seminary's nearness to the headquarters of The General Council of the A/G. Students will have many opportunities to become familiar with the operations and resources of the church. They meet and mingle with church leaders, share ideas and build relationships for a lifetime of ministry.

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## Library Facilities

The Cordas C. Burnett Library is the major information resource center of AGTS. Located in the beautiful home of AGTS, the Michael & Frances Cardone, Sr. Building, this two-level facility provides students with a pleasant, quiet atmosphere and a wealth of resources for the pursuit of serious graduate study. The library has a 135,000-volume capacity and its holdings currently consist of 88,434 bound volumes, 71,856 microforms, 4,952 audiovisuals and about 500 current periodical subscriptions. These include an extensive biblical and Pentecostal studies collection and an ever-growing collection of counseling resources.

The library is committed to automation in order to provide quality service to AGTS students and other library patrons. Since 1978, the library has contracted for access to OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), a major world-wide computer-based cataloging bibliographic utility, through the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC). In the fall of 1999, the library successfully implemented the Voyager Library Automated System in partnership with Evangel University library. This system is a fully integrated library automated system complete with online catalog, circulation control, cataloging, acquisitions and serials control, and administration system. The library also offers computer-assisted interlibrary loan services through OCLC. The facility includes a computer lab, equipped with 23 personal computers, five laser printers, 2 color printers and 2 scanners, for student use and provides access to productivity software, library resources and the Internet. The library also has a CD-ROM server that can be accessed from all computer terminals in the seminary. This server contains the library's main indexing and resource tools on CD-ROM: Religious and Theological Abstracts, Family Studies Database and ERIC. Additional resources available for student use include BibleWorks, Bible Windows on CD-ROM, Greek Tutor, Hebrew Tutor, Thesaurus Linguae Graecae on CD-ROM, Historical Pentecostal Archives, Endnote, the Child Abuse, Child Welfare & Adoption database, the Brill Encyclopaedia of Islam and the complete collection of HRAF (Human Relations Area Files) on microfiche for cross-cultural and intercultural studies. The library also provides direct institutional access to eHRAF (Electronic Human Relations Area Files), UMI Pro Quest Digital Dissertations and ATLA's Research in Ministry (RIM) Online.

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In addition, AGTS provides Internet access through MOREnet. This makes available several of the full-text databases of EBSCOhost, including the ATLA Religion Index, ATLA Full-Text Religion database and the APA (American Psychological Association) databases, which significantly enhance the periodicals that the library offers to students and faculty.

These resources enable AGTS students to deal effectively and efficiently with their information needs. As students grow in their experience and skill, becoming more advanced in the pursuit of these needs, the library can offer virtually unlimited access to resources through the Voyager Library System, OCLC, the Internet and Interlibrary Loan.

Furthermore, by virtue of participation in the Southwest Missouri Academic Library Cooperative and the A/G Academic Library Consortium, AGTS faculty, students and staff may borrow materials from the libraries of Baptist Bible College, Central Bible College, College of the Ozarks, Cox College of Nursing, Crowder College, Drury University, Evangel University, Ozarks Technical Community College, Messenger College, Missouri Southern State College, Ozark Christian College, Southwest Baptist University, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield Art Museum and the University of Missouri at Rolla. These cooperative efforts make well over a million volumes available to AGTS students and faculty.

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## Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center

For the study of the A/G and Pentecostalism, AGTS students benefit from the museum and resources housed at the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center in the headquarters complex of the A/G. The holdings focus on the history of the A/G, but also include related materials on the Pentecostal, Charismatic and Evangelical traditions. The available correspondence, reports, published and unpublished histories, periodicals, news clips, personal papers, diaries, photographs, audiovisual materials (including oral histories), committee notes and minutes, memorabilia and other items make it one of the foremost archives for the study of Pentecostalism in North America. The center also publishes the quarterly *Assemblies of God Heritage*.

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## Accreditation

AGTS is accredited by *The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada*, 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1103, phone (412) 788-6505, [[www.ats.edu](http://www.ats.edu)].

The seminary is also accredited by *The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association*, the regional accrediting agency of the North Central states, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, phone (800) 621-7440, [[www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)].

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## Endorsements, Approvals and Memberships

Since its inception in 1972, AGTS has consistently demonstrated its concern for excellence and accountability as evidenced by the endorsement, approval or membership in the following agencies:

- Endorsed by the Commission on Higher Education of The General Council of the A/G.

- Approved by the A/G Chaplaincy Department. The seminary's resident M.Div. degree program satisfies the academic requirements for the chaplaincy.
- Listed in the United States Higher Education Directory.
- Approved by the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.
- Authorized by the Missouri State Department of Education to grant scholastic degrees.
- Approved by the Veterans Administration for the education of veterans under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

The seminary retains memberships in many organizations, including: American Theological Library Association, Missouri Library Network Corporation, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Missouri Association of Financial Aid Personnel, NASFA, Association of International Educators, the Council for the Advance and Support of Education, Missouri Library Association and the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

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## Compliance with Federal Laws and Regulations

The seminary employs, advances, admits and treats in its employment and educational programs, all persons without regard to their race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap or status as a veteran.

The administration has taken such steps as it deems reasonable to

1. Comply with the nondiscriminatory requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Title IX of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
2. Publicize these nondiscriminatory policies of the seminary and to take such action as may be deemed necessary to comply with the requirements pertaining to such policies, including those specifically relating to record-keeping, facilities, programs and scholarships. The Board of Directors has directed the administration to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to preserve the federal tax exemption status of the institution and to meet the requirements of Titles VI, VII and IX, consistent with religious policies and philosophy of the seminary. The seminary complies with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 92-380. Inquiries regarding compliance with the above nondiscriminatory policies should be sent to the director of business.

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## Exchange Program

To better facilitate its global and multicultural mission, the seminary maintains fraternal or exchange agreements with certain schools nationally and internationally, including but not limited to: Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, Baguio City, Philippines; Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Missions, Singapore; Continental Theological Seminary, Belgium; East Africa School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya; Hansei University, Seoul, Korea; Harvest Bible College, Victoria, Australia; Latin American Bible Institute, San Antonio, Texas; Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore, India; Southern Cross College, Sydney, Australia; Theological Centre for Asia, Singapore; West Africa Advanced School of Theology, Lome, Togo.

# Admission Information

## Admission Requirements for Master's Programs

AGTS offers graduate-level courses. Candidates for admission must be born-again, display evidence of a dedicated Christian life and possess the appropriate educational background. Students are expected to be intellectually capable of rigorous academic discipline and to be emotionally suited for Christian service.

The Admissions Committee will evaluate each candidate on the basis of the applicant's entire application file.

Academically, a four-year baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from an acceptable college is required. A grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is considered satisfactory for admission. Candidates with a lower gpa may be considered for admission on academic probation which requires a reduced course load during the first semester of study.

A limited number of mature applicants without a bachelors degree who, otherwise, meet established admission criteria may be considered on an individual basis. For further details, contact the Enrollment Office.

Qualified applicants for whom there are questions regarding adjustment to seminary life or potential for ministry may be admitted with the proviso that the Admissions Committee will reevaluate the student's progress at the end of 12 credits to determine eligibility for further studies. (*See [Fitness for Ministry](#).*)

*For information regarding D.Min. admission requirements, see [Doctor of Ministry, Admissions](#).*

## Application Procedure

Applicants for all master's programs should apply EARLY through the Enrollment Office. For priority consideration, applications should be submitted 8-12 months prior to anticipated enrollment. ***Late applicants are encouraged to apply at least 30 days prior to registration and may experience some delays in optimum service.***

Action will be taken on each applicant's file as soon as possible after all credentials have been received. The applicant will be promptly notified in writing of the Admissions Committee's decision.

### **To apply, submit the following:**

1. Application, photograph and a nonrefundable fee of \$35.
  - a. Personal statements responding to questions on the application about vocational goals, church involvement, reasons for applying to the seminary and an assessment of strengths and weaknesses.
  - b. A brief autobiography.
2. Official certified transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended. These documents must be sent directly to the seminary by the schools attended.
3. Personal/ministerial references from two individuals who have known you at least three years

or more.

4. Applicants for whom English is not their first language must submit scores from the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 or equivalent).

Arrangements to take the test can be made in writing to: Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6154, Princeton, NJ, 08541-6154, phone 609-771-7100, [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). The TOEFL code for AGTS is 6022.

Subsequent to enrollment, if the student's mastery of English proves inadequate, AGTS reserves the right to remove the student from classes and require further language study.

## International Students

In addition to the documents listed in the application procedure above, international students are required to submit the following:

1. A letter fully explaining how seminary expenses will be covered and proof of financial responsibility (letters from financial sponsors and bank statements).
2. In certain cases, a written recommendation from the national church organization endorsing educational plans. If applicant is A/G, recommendations may be requested from the A/G area director of his/her homeland and from the AGWM regional director assigned to that country.
3. Written evidence that a responsible Christian organization will guarantee financial support for dependents remaining in the homeland during the student's time in the United States attending seminary.
4. Written guarantee of financial support for dependents who accompany the student to the U.S. and for their round-trip transportation.
5. A catalog from the college where the baccalaureate degree was earned. A catalog on the graduate program if an advanced degree is held.

International students will be required to deposit \$1,000 (U.S.) upon written notification of their approval for admission to AGTS. One-half of this amount is applied toward tuition and fees, and the remainder is retained on account until graduation or leaving seminary. AGTS cannot release the formal visa application (I-20) until the deposit has been received. *(Students from financially troubled countries may be required to deposit \$10,000, U.S.)*

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## Nondegree Students

### Unclassified Student

An applicant who does not plan, or who may not currently be eligible to pursue a master's degree, may apply for admission to take courses for graduate credit as an unclassified student (12 maximum).

To apply, submit the following: 1) application for admission; 2) official certified transcripts sent to the seminary by the schools attended; 3) ministerial reference on form provided.

An unclassified student may later request a reevaluation for matriculation into a degree program after the admission requirements are satisfied and additional application documents are submitted. The graduate courses taken as an unclassified student may be applicable toward a degree.

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## College Seniors

Seniors in good academic standing may apply for admission to take a limited number of for graduate or nongraduate credit. To apply, submit the following: 1) abbreviated concurrent enrollment application for admission; 2) a concurrent enrollment verification form, signed by the college registrar/administrator.

## Audit

To apply for admission to audit classes, submit the following: 1) abbreviated application for admission; 2) ministerial reference on form provided; 3) names of course(s) to be audited. The fee to audit is one-fourth of the tuition rate. **(See *Financial Information*.)** Courses taken as an audit student cannot be reverted to credit later. Courses officially audited are posted on a transcript.

## Unofficial Audit

Spouses of full-time students enrolled for 9 or more per semester may unofficially audit one class per semester free of charge. Unofficial audits are subject to the approval of the professor and the class size. To apply, secure the appropriate form in the Registrar's Office. Unofficial audits are not posted on a transcript

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## Ministerial Credentialing and Placement

The seminary is not a ministerial credentialing agency. Therefore, matriculation does not guarantee the granting of ministerial credentials or placement in a ministry position. Persons desiring to be credentialed by the A/G should review the General Council Bylaws, Article VII, "Ministry," and apply to the appropriate district council at the outset of their educational program.

Local A/G congregations have the prerogative of calling their own ministers. AGTS does provide resume guidance and referral services through its Development and Alumni Office.

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## Part-Time Students

Students may enroll for less than a full academic load at AGTS. Day, evening, accelerated and module sessions offer a variety of options to the part-time student.

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## New Student Orientation

New students are expected to attend the orientation session held at the beginning of their first semester attended. The purpose of orientation is to assist new students in making the transition to seminary life and studies.

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## Readmission

Former students seeking readmission after an absence of two consecutive semesters or more must

submit a readmission form. A \$15 readmission fee is required. Readmission will be subject to the review and recommendation of the Admissions Committee who may require additional information from the student before rendering a decision.

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## Transfer Credit (Advanced Standing)

Requests for advanced standing or transfer credit must be submitted with official transcripts and course descriptions to the registrar when applying for admission.

### From Other Graduate Schools

Advanced standing may be granted for approved courses completed at accredited graduate institutions other than AGTS. Advanced standing is interpreted as those courses brought in at the beginning of the program.

Concurrent enrollment in other graduate institutions for the purpose of transferring credits into the AGTS program must be approved in advance by the AGTS academic dean (contact the Registrar's Office).

Cumulative advanced standing credits may not exceed two-thirds of the M.Div., one-half of the professional M.A., nor one-third of the academic M.A. (*See Residency Requirement.*)

Courses accepted for advanced standing are expected to be equivalent to the course descriptions in the AGTS catalog and to appropriately fit the degree program being pursued.

The minimum grade acceptable is C from accredited schools (B from nonaccredited schools if approved by the seminary).

### From Completed AGTS Degree

Advanced standing may be granted for a degree completed at AGTS to be applied toward another degree at the seminary.

- M.A. to M.Div.: Up to 24 of an academic M.A.; up to 30 of the professional M.A.
- M.Div. to M.A.: Up to 18 toward the academic M.A.; up to 30 toward the professional M.A.

The courses must be applicable toward the degree being pursued to be approved.

### Toward M.Div. Equivalency for Doctoral Studies

For further information, see *D.Min., M.Div. Equivalency*.

### Toward Doctor of Ministry

Up to six of advanced standing doctoral credits may be accepted from ATS/CHEA accredited institutions or those recognized by an approved foreign accrediting body. Students must have earned a grade of "B" or higher.



## Advanced Standing Limitation

In preparing for graduation, the student must satisfy the residency requirement. The combined total of credits received for advanced standing, master's level program reduction and credit through the independent studies program or directed research cannot exceed the limitations imposed by the residency requirement (see [Residency Requirement](#)).

## Transfer of Credits to Other Institutions

Accredited seminaries and graduate schools normally reciprocate in the transfer of credits that satisfy requirements of their respective degree programs. Students should remember, however, that transfer of credit is always at the discretion of the receiving institution. It is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by another institution of the student's choice.

# Course Descriptions

## Course Numbering

Course descriptions are listed by academic department. The list is subject to change as the seminary deems appropriate.

All course offerings are graduate level with the exception of the 300-400 series.

Resident courses are worth three credits unless stated otherwise in the description. (Continuing education classes are two-three dependent upon module format.)

Each course is designated by a letter-number combination (e.g., BNT 533). The letters denote the area of study. When applicable, a fourth letter will be added to the prefix to delineate: "E"—continuing education class; "I"—independent studies; "M"—resident module class.

Cross-listed courses allow the student to select the prefix applicable to the degree pursued.

The course numbers denote the following:

300 and 400 series—preparatory courses, no graduate credit granted.

500 series—normally a first-year graduate course.

600 and 700 series—normally a second or third year graduate course.

800 series—master's level and directed research studies.

900 series—doctoral level studies.

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## Interdisciplinary Studies

The courses which comprise the River component can be registered under HIS (history), THE (theology) or MHT (missions history and theology) designations. Students who foresee future graduate studies in those fields should register for these courses under those respective designations.

### **BTH/MHT 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts**

This introductory course to the *River* segment of the AGTS curriculum consists of an in depth study of the mission of God, as it is revealed in both the Old and New Testaments. The course will not only examine the text of scripture, but also consider the mission of God in terms of the history, culture, and philosophy of the people to whom the mission was delivered, the interpretation of Scripture within the Bible, the progressive development of biblical theology as new cultures and peoples were engaged by Israel and the Church, the modes of mission and ministry which are evidenced in the Bible, and the application of biblical missiology to the contemporary world context.

### **HIS/MHT/THE 502 Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (6 credits)**

A study of how early Christians perceived the mission of God in the world, involving the examination of the expansion and cultural contexts of ancient Christianity to the eighth century, key personalities, theological and missiological developments,

development of the biblical canon, schools of biblical interpretation, liturgies, renewal movements, and significant challenges to the integrity of the faith. The latter include Gnosticism; doctrinal disputes; political, social and cultural dynamics; and the rise of Islam and the Muslim conquests. The course ends with a discussion of contemporary relevance and applications.

### **HIS/MHT/THE 601 Christianity to the Reformation (6 credits)**

A study of how Christians from the ninth century to the early modern period perceived the mission of God in the world, involving the expansion and changing cultural contexts of Christianity from Christendom in the West to Africa, Russia, and Asia; the Protestant and Catholic Reformations; and finally to the extension of Christianity in other parts of the world. Key personalities, theological and missiological developments, schools of biblical interpretation, liturgies, and renewal movements receive attention. The course ends with a discussion of contemporary relevance and applications."

### **HIS/MHT/THE 701 Christianity in the Modern and Post-Modern Eras (6 credits)**

A study of how Christians since the seventeenth century have perceived the mission of God in the world, involving the expansion and changing cultural contexts of Christianity from the emergence of the Enlightenment, modernity, and post modernity in the West to the global shift of Christianity southward. Key personalities; theological and missiological developments; the interaction of theology with history, hermeneutics, science, and philosophy; and renewal movements including evangelicalism and Pentecostalism receive attention. The course ends with a discussion of contemporary relevance and applications.

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## **Bible and Theology Department**

The Bible is the ultimate authority for evangelical Christians to judge doctrine, experience, and practice. Therefore, the study of Scripture occupies a strategic place in the curriculum of the seminary. At the core of the Bible offerings are the biblical theology and biblical exegesis courses which enable students of the Bible at the graduate level to enhance their interpretative skills and to draw out principles applicable to their lives and ministries today.

Systematic and historical theology courses provide the context necessary for developing a truly balanced Pentecostal and Charismatic ministry of the Word.

The Bible and Theology Department seeks to equip both practitioners and academicians to properly handle the Scripture and theology, using all the best tools and resources under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### **Faculty**

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*Professor of Church History and Pentecostal Studies*

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*Professor of Theology*

## Course Descriptions

### BIBLICAL ARAMAIC

#### **BAR 630 Biblical Aramaic**

The essentials of biblical Aramaic, with readings from the books of Ezra and Daniel.

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### GREEK LANGUAGE

#### **BGR 530 Greek IA**

A study of the essentials of Greek morphology and syntax designed to prepare the student for translation and exegesis of the New Testament. Course may not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. See particular program description for explanation.

#### **BGR 531 Greek IB**

Continuation of Greek IA. Course may not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. See particular program description for explanation.

#### **BGR 611 Inductive Studies in the Greek New Testament I**

An inductive study of the various portions of the Greek New Testament to extend the student's knowledge of grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and translation skills.

*Prereq: BGR 531 or equivalent.*

#### **BGR 612 Inductive Studies in the Greek New Testament II**

An inductive study of the various genre of the Greek New Testament with emphasis on exegesis and textual criticism. *Prereq: BGR 611 or equivalent.*

### GREEK EXEGESIS

The following courses are offered on a rotating basis depending upon faculty availability and special interests. The course subtitle and content may vary. They deal with the exegesis of the Greek text. A course may be taken for credit more than once if the subtitles indicate different course content.

#### **BGR 624 Studies in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts**

Past topics include the Parables of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount, Resurrection Narratives, and Speeches in Acts. *Prereq: BGR 612 or equivalent.*

#### **BGR 625 Studies in the Letters of Paul**

Past topics include Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, the Pastoral Epistles, and Thessalonian correspondence. *Prereq: BGR 612 or equivalent.*

#### **BGR 626 Studies in the Johannine Corpus**

*Prereq: BGR 612 or equivalent.*

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### **BGR 627 Studies in the General Letters**

Past topics include Peter and Jude. *Prereq: BGR 612 or equivalent.*

### **BGR 630 Specialized Readings in the Greek New Testament and/or Hellenistic Greek**

A course designed to increase proficiency in translation and reading of the Greek language found in literature ranging in date from ca. 200 B.C. to ca. AD 400. In addition to selected New Testament passages, the course may include readings from the Septuagint, Philo, Josephus, the Apocrypha, the Pseudepigrapha, early Christian patristic writers, papyri and inscriptions. *Prereq: BGR 612 or equivalent.*

## **HEBREW LANGUAGE**

### **BHE 530 Hebrew IA**

The essentials of the Hebrew of the Old Testament with an emphasis on vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. Course may not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. See particular program description for explanation.

### **BHE 531 Hebrew IB**

A continuation of Hebrew IA. Includes the translating of passages from the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. Course may not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. See particular program description for explanation.

## **HEBREW EXEGESIS**

The following are offered on a rotating basis depending upon faculty availability and special interests. The course subtitle and content may vary, but they involve exegesis of the Hebrew Old Testament text. A course may be taken for credit more than once if the subtitles indicate different course content.

### **BHE 633 Studies in the Latter Prophets**

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### **BHE 634 Studies in the Torah**

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### **BHE 635 Studies in the Former Prophets**

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### **BHE 637 Studies in the Writings**

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### **BHE 639 Specialized Studies in the Hebrew Old Testament**

An exegetical study of selected Old Testament passages or an Old Testament theme.

*Prereq: 1 year of Hebrew.*

### **BHE 640 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis**

An intense exegetical study of an Old Testament book or selected Old Testament passages. Content will vary according to the interests of the instructor and the needs of the students.

*Prereq: One year of BHE 500 level Hebrew plus one previous BHE 600 level exegetical course, or two years of Hebrew.*

## BIBLICAL STUDIES GENERAL

### **BIB 532 Hermeneutics**

The student learns both principles and skills of interpreting scripture in terms of historical, social, and literary environments, and the process of applying the meaning to today's needs. The history of hermeneutics is also covered. A special feature concentrates on Pentecostal issues.

### **BIB 637 Current Issues in Biblical Interpretation**

An in-depth study of selected current issues in biblical interpretation.

*Prereq: BIB 532 or equivalent.*

### **BIB 640 Specialized Themes in Biblical Studies**

A course to meet the need for inquiry into a specific area of biblical studies, such as a contemporary issue or the study of a biblical theme.

## NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

### INTRODUCTION

#### **BNT 530 New Testament Introduction**

An introduction to the content and background of the New Testament, including the critical issues involved in the discipline of New Testament Introduction.

### EXEGETICAL COURSES

The following courses are offered on a rotating basis depending on faculty availability and special interests. The course subtitle and content may vary. They will involve exegesis of the New Testament text. A course may be taken for credit more than once if the subtitles indicate different course content (e.g., Studies Paul: Corinthians and Studies Paul: Romans). It is recommended, but not required, that BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction and BNT 530 New Testament Introduction be taken before exegetical courses because some introductory knowledge will be assumed by the professor. Students who have not had those courses may need to do additional reading from the course bibliography to fill in the knowledge gaps.

#### **BNT 533 Studies in the Letters of Paul**

*See note above.*

#### **BNT 540 Studies in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts**

*See note above.*

#### **BNT 541 Studies in the Johannine Literature**

*See note above.*

#### **BNT 542 Studies in the General Letters**

*See note above.*

#### **BNT/HOM 623 Expository Preaching in the Gospels & Acts**

*(See HOM/BNT 623)*

#### **BNT/HOM 624 Expository Preaching in the Epistles**

*(See HOM/BNT 624)*



## **BNT 641 Specialized Exegetical Studies in the New Testament**

*See note above.*

## **BNT/BOT/PCS 646 Theological Studies Seminar**

Each student in the Master of Arts in Theological Studies program must enroll in this graduate seminar course before completion of the degree. The preparation of a major seminar paper affords students an opportunity to demonstrate competencies within their chosen concentrations through research, interpretation, and writing.

## **OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction**

An introduction to the content and background of the Old Testament, including the critical issues in the discipline of Old Testament Introduction.

### **EXEGETICAL COURSES**

The following courses are offered on a rotating basis depending on faculty availability and special interests. The course subtitle and content may vary. They will involve exegesis of the Old Testament text. A course may be taken for credit more than once if the subtitles indicate different course content (e.g., Studies Pentateuch: Genesis and Studies Pentateuch: Exodus). It is recommended, but not required, that BOT 530 Old Testament Introduction and BNT 530 New Testament Introduction be taken before exegetical courses because some introductory knowledge will be assumed by the professor. Students who have not had those courses may need to do additional reading from the course bibliography to fill in the knowledge gaps.

#### **BOT 531 Studies in the Pentateuch**

*See note above.*

#### **BOT 538 Studies in the Prophetical Books**

*See note above.*

#### **BOT 539 Studies in the Historical Books**

*See note above.*

#### **BOT 540 Studies in the Wisdom and Poetical Books**

*See note above.*

#### **BOT/HOM 620 Expository Preaching in the Pentateuch and Historical Books**

*(See HOM/BOT 620)*

#### **BOT/HOM 621 Expository Preaching in the Prophets and Apocalypse**

*(See HOM/BOT 621)*

#### **BOT/HOM 622 Expository Preaching in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature**

*(See HOM/BOT 622)*

#### **BOT 641 Specialized Exegetical Studies in the Old Testament**

See note above.

**BOT/BNT/PCS 646 Theological Studies Seminar**  
(See *BNT/BOT/PCS 646*.)

## BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

### **BTH 529 Foundations of Biblical Theology**

An introduction to biblical theology covering methodology, history, basic issues, and the foundational content of the field. Correlation between biblical and systematic theology is discussed. The course includes the inspiration and authority of the scriptures and the unity of the biblical revelation as well as its diversity. *Recommended prerequisite: BIB 532 or equivalent.*

### **BTH 530 Old Testament Theology**

A study of the key theological concepts and important doctrines of the Old Testament with attention to the progressive steps in divine revelation and the relation of God to His people.

### **BTH 532 New Testament Theology**

An examination of New Testament theology in terms of its historical and social environment. Various approaches or emphases may be taken, depending on the instructor and/or purpose of the class. Generally, the major doctrinal themes of the New Testament are covered. Attention is given to Pentecostal and Charismatic issues.

### **BTH/PCS 533 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church**

An investigation of the role of the Holy Spirit in the primitive Christian community. The ministry of the Spirit in the worship and interpersonal relations of Christians will be stressed. Includes a special unit on the theology of the Church.

### **BTH/PCS 534 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

An exegetical and theological examination of the classical Pentecostal understanding of Spirit baptism. The historical development of the doctrine and relevant hermeneutical issues will also be considered.

### **BTH/PCS 538 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**

An exegetical and biblical theological study of all the major references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament with emphasis on the various aspects of the work of the Spirit in the lives of God's people. It will also show how these themes provide foundational support for Pentecostal experience and doctrine.

### **BTH/MHT/PCS 540 The Holy Spirit and Mission** (See *MHT/BTH/PCS 540*).

### **BTH/PCS 631 Theology of the Charismata**

A biblical study of the gifts of the Spirit with special emphasis on the Pauline Epistles. This investigation includes an analysis of the definition and nature of the gifts, their contexts, significance, and functions. Their use and contemporary application to the ministry of the Spirit will be explored.

### **BTH/PCS 632 Biblical Theology of Signs and Wonders**

An analysis of signs and wonders in the Scriptures with reference to the various words

which express these phenomena and the cultural contexts that shaped the particular worldviews of biblical authors and their opponents. Related issues of contemporary interest and relevance (e.g., their relationship to faith and spiritual warfare) will also be considered and the scriptural evidence examined.

### **BTH 640 Specialized Studies in Biblical Theology**

Study of the theology of a selected biblical author, book or topic.

## **HISTORICAL STUDIES**

### **HIS/PCS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements**

A study of the development of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements in the 20th century.

### **HIS 529 Religion in America**

The development of the various families of churches, sects, and religious movements in the United States from the colonial period to the present day.

### **HIS 532 History and Polity of the Assemblies of God**

The historical, sociological, and theological background which gave rise to the Pentecostal Movement and the formation of the A/G. The development of the denomination is traced to the present time. Includes a unit on the congregational presbyterial polity of the A/G.

### **HIS/PCS 546 Initial Evidence and Spirit Baptism**

An examination of the biblical, historical, and theological development of the doctrine of initial evidence for the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Pentecostal Movement.

### **HIS 548/MHT 534 History of Jewish-Christian Relations**

*(See MHT 534/HIS 548.)*

### **HIS 549 History of Modern Revivals**

An examination of the historical, theological, and spiritual dimensions of revivals in the modern era.

### **HIS 642 Specialized Studies in Church History/Historical Theology**

The study of a special problem or area of interest in church history/historical theology as the need may arise.

### **HIS 644/MHT 637 Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy**

*(See MHT 637/HIS 644.)*

## **PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC STUDIES**

### **PCS/HIS 528 Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements**

*(See HIS/PCS 528.)*

### **PCS/BTH 533 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church**

*(See BTH/PCS 533.)*

### **PCS/BTH 534 The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

*(See BTH/PCS 534.)*

**PCS/BTH 538 The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**

(See BTH/PCS 538.)

**PCS/BTH/MHT 540 The Holy Spirit and Mission**

See *MHT/BTH/PCS 540*)

**PCS/HIS 546 Initial Evidence and Spirit Baptism**

(See *HIS/PCS 546*.)

**PCS/THE 550 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**

(See *THE/PCS 550*.)

**PCS/BTH 631 Theology of the Charismata**

(See *BTH/PCS 631*.)

**PCS/BTH 632 Biblical Theology of Signs and Wonders**

(See *BTH/PCS 632*.)

**PCS/THE 633 Divine Healing**

(See *THE/PCS 633*.)

**PCS 640 Specialized Studies in Pentecostal/Charismatic Studies**

A course to meet a need to study specific Pentecostal/Charismatic issues as they are raised from time to time.

**PCS/BNT/BOT 646 Theological Studies Seminar**

(See BNT/BOT/PCS 646.)

## RESEARCH

**RES 531 Theological Research and Writing**

A course designed to enable the student to conduct meaningful theological research and to report the findings in a clear written format. Exegetical, survey, historical, and descriptive methods will be examined carefully. The form and structure of critiques, research papers, book reviews, journal articles, research proposals, and theses will be studied. Course assignments allow the student to apply the principles and methods learned, receiving constructive evaluation throughout the process.

## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

**PHI 631/THE 628 Apologetics**

A course designed to equip the student to defend the Christian faith against important contemporary assaults and to build a positive Christian world and life view. Appeal is made not only to the varieties of rational arguments but also to the special contributions of the Pentecostal message.

**PHI 633 Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society**

A study of ethical issues facing contemporary Christians from the perspective of biblical principles. The implications of biblical ethics for moral decisions both in the individual and

societal contexts are considered.

### **THE/HIS/MHT 502 Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (6 credits)**

*(See HIS/MHT/THE 502.)*

### **THE 511 Christian Theology**

The major areas of systematic theology are introduced in this course, which not only explains classical Evangelical treatments of Christian doctrine but also presents a model for a unique Pentecostal theological method. The course is the preparation for additional systematic theology courses in the student's program.

### **THE 546 The Authority of Scripture**

The Bible as the "rule for faith and practice" will be considered from the perspectives of its claims and the historical and theological development of the doctrine of Scripture. Special emphasis will be given to the vital role of the Holy Spirit in relationship to Scripture.

*Prereq: THE 511 Christian Theology or equivalent.*

### **THE 547 Eschatology Today**

The doctrine of last things (eschatology) will be considered from the perspectives of the biblical teachings, the historical development of the doctrine, and the expressions of the doctrine in systematic theology. A special emphasis will be the consideration of the broader eschatological perspective of the New Testament.

*Prereq: THE 511 Christian Theology or equivalent.*

### **THE 548 The Church, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper**

The biblical and historical development of the doctrines of the church and the ordinances (water baptism and the Lord's Supper) of the church will be considered. Various models of understanding the church and its ministry in the world and the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the church will be studied.

*Prereq: THE 511 Christian Theology or equivalent.*

### **THE 549 Doctrine of Christ**

The person and work of Christ will be examined from the biblical truths about Him and the historical development of the Church's understanding of those truths. Current theological discussion about the doctrine of Christ will also be considered.

*Prereq: THE 511 Christian Theology or equivalent.*

### **THE/PCS 550 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**

This course will examine the biblical expression, both in the Old and New Testaments, of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Emphasis will also be given to the ways in which the Church throughout history has expressed its understandings of the Holy Spirit and to the vital ministry of the Spirit in the world today.

*Prereq: THE 511 Christian Theology or equivalent.*

### **THE/MHT 552 Power Encounter**

*(See MHT/THE 552.)*

### **THE/HIS/MHT 601 Christianity to the Reformation (6 credits)**

*(See HIS/MHT/THE 601.)*

### **THE/PTH 622 Communicating Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society**

(See *PTH/THE 622.*)

**THE 628/PHI 631 Apologetics**

(See *PHI 631/THE 628.*)

**THE/PCS 633 Divine Healing**

The healing ministry of God in today's world will be considered. The course will survey the biblical and theological perspectives and the history of divine healing in the Church. Special emphasis will be placed upon the role of the doctrine and practice of divine healing in the Pentecostal/Charismatic movements in the twentieth century.

**THE 639 Specialized Studies in Theology**

A course to meet a need to study specific theological issues as they are raised from time to time.

**THE/PTH 642 Theology of Prayer**

(See *PTH/THE 642.*)

**THE 644 Theological German**

An introduction to German, with emphasis on developing the basic vocabulary and grammatical skills necessary for translating theological sources.

**THE/MHT 649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues**

(See *MHT/THE 649.*)

**THE 651 Theological French**

An introduction to French with emphasis on developing the basic vocabulary and grammatical skills necessary for translating theological sources.

**THE/HIS/MHT 701 Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (6 credits)**

(See *HIS/MHT/THE 701*)

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## Global Missions Department

The Global Missions Department offers personal and professional preparation for intercultural ministry. The goal of the curriculum is to equip the intercultural minister to meet the challenges of missions in the modern world. Studies within the department keep the student current with contemporary developments of the science of missiology. Individual courses are practical in orientation and emphasize the Pentecostal contribution to Christian missions. Interdisciplinary studies in the department include courses in each of the following fields: missions history and theology, cultural studies and religion, intercultural communication, and missions strategy. An important component in the curriculum is a required practicum that provides the student an opportunity for intercultural ministry.

### Faculty

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*Visiting Professor of Intercultural Studies*

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*Visiting Professor of Missions and Education*

## Course Descriptions

### INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

#### **MCC/MCS/MHT/MSS 639 Specialized Studies in Missions**

The study of a specific area of interest in missiology.

#### **MCC 630 Intercultural Patterns of Communication**

An analysis of communication theory and the inherent problems encountered by a communicator attempting meaningful dialogue in a cross-cultural setting. Variations in basic values are seen as factors in interpersonal relations.

#### **MCS/PTH 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry**

This interdisciplinary course is designed to introduce the student to the complexities of ministry in cross-cultural settings. Foundational issues related to applied missions anthropology, intercultural communication, and contextualization will be addressed.

*(Students who have taken any two of the following courses, Intercultural Patterns of Communication, Missions Anthropology or Contextualization, in their undergraduate program may be allowed to take a missions elective in lieu of MCS/ PTH 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry.)*

#### **MCS 536 World Religions and the Uniqueness of the Christian Faith**

An introductory study of the world's major living religions from a missiological perspective. The religions are studied with a view to understanding them historically and theologically. The missiological approach to other religions for effective communication of the Gospel is

emphasized.

### **MCS 537 Folk Religion**

An exploration of differences between formal premises and everyday practices in world religions, with a focus on analyzing religious systems. Selected groups are considered to illustrate the analytical methodology. Strategies for understanding the animistic worldview in order to relate the Gospel to folk religion adherents are examined.

### **MCS 544 Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Adjustment**

An interdisciplinary study of the challenges associated with living and functioning effectively as Christian workers in cross-cultural settings. Special attention is given to human temperament and interpersonal relationships.

### **MCS 545 Introduction to Islam**

An overview of Islam's beginnings, historical development, and cultural expansion. Special emphasis will be given to significant concepts and the role of sects/schools of interpretation. The primary objectives will be to create an awareness and sensitivity to the great themes of Islam and to develop a working knowledge of the historical spread and impact of Islam.

### **MCS/PTH 548 Jewish People and the Local Faith Community**

This course acquaints the participant with the modern Jewish experience and worldview by exploring the history of Jewish-Christian relations. Special emphasis is given to developing effective tools for discipling new Jewish believers within the context of the local Christian fellowship.

### **MCS 551 Folk Islam**

A study of the beliefs, practices, animistic roots, and localized expressions of popular Islam. A biblical perspective on the worldview and felt needs of folk Muslims leads to the development of strategies for effective communication of the Gospel message.

### **MCS 552 Women in Islam**

This course examines the identity and role of women in historic and contemporary Islam as taught by the Quran and Hadith and throughout society, covering various cultural contexts.

### **MCS 553 Islam in the United States**

A study of the birth of American Islam, the early waves of Muslim immigration, and the evolution of American Islam toward orthodoxy. Emphasis is placed on the implications of Islam's rapid growth in American society and the Christian's responsibility to address this challenge.

### **MCS 630 Missions Anthropology**

A study of the principles of cultural anthropology and their application to a cross-cultural ministry context. Social structures, worldview, religion, and economics are applied to a missionary setting in order to achieve effective communication of the Gospel.

### **MCS 632 Area Studies Seminars**

Exploration of culture, religious background, historical development, and present situations as these relate to spreading the Gospel and the development of the Church: Africa, Asia Pacific, Eurasia, Latin America and Caribbean, and contemporary Native American societies. The student may take more than one area study for credit.

### **MCS 634 Introduction to Judaism**

An overview of the fundamental theology and orthopractices of traditional Judaism. Jewish rites of passage, religious calendar and festivals, synagogue and religious home, methods of prayer and study, Jewish mystical influences, Torah devotion, and traditional wisdom compiled in the writings of the Jewish sages such as the Talmud are viewed in context. Focusing primarily on American Judaism, the distinctives of the major Jewish denominations are considered. Participation in annual Jewish religious events is included.

### **MHT/BTH 501 The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts**

*(See BTH/MHT 501.)*

### **MHT/HIS/THE 502 Ancient Christianity to the Challenge of Islam (6 credits)**

*(See HIS/MHT/THE 502.)*

### **MHT 534/HIS 548 History of Jewish-Christian Relations**

This course deals with the history of Jewish-Christian relations from the first century until the modern era. Unhappy seasons in the relationship are examined but the real contributions each religion has made to the other are also recognized. Particular emphasis is given to the influential teachings impacting Jewish-Christian relations over the centuries including those of Paul, Augustine, and Luther on the one hand, and Rabbinism, the Talmud, and the philosophy of "Jewish Peoplehood" on the other.

### **MHT/BTH/PCS 540 The Holy Spirit and Mission**

This course explores Pentecostalism's contribution to contemporary mission theology. Special attention will be given to missiological issues relating to Pentecostal theology and praxis, the biblical validity and relevance of spiritual power encounter, and signs and wonders.

### **MHT/THE 552 Power Encounter**

This course focuses on the biblical validity and contemporary relevance of spiritual power encounter in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

### **MHT/HIS/THE 601 Christianity to the Reformation (6 credits)**

*(See HIS/MHT/THE 601.)*

### **MHT 631 Contextualization**

This course examines both the theoretical and practical aspects of contextualization as related to the following areas: biblical interpretation, theology, church methodologies/strategies, and leadership development. Contextualization is reviewed and evaluated in terms of its bearing on the communication of the Gospel, the expression of the Christian faith, and its spread in various cultural settings.

### **MHT 637/HIS 644 Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy**

An examination of the historical and theological developments of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, focusing on the theological, liturgical, and missiological distinctives of these traditions and their relation to each other and to other Christians. Pentecostal perspectives on and relations with Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians will also be considered.

### **MHT/THE 649 Christian-Muslim Theological Issues**

An examination of the theological challenge of Islam and Christian response. Key theological differences will be studied with special emphasis being placed upon biblical answers. The purpose is to develop understanding of the congruencies and divergencies between Christianity and Islam as a tool for communicating the Gospel to Muslims.

**MHT/HIS/THE 701 Christianity in the Modern and Postmodern Eras (6 credits)**  
(See *HIS/MHT/THE 701*)

## MISSIONS STRATEGY

**MSS 543 Seminar in Assemblies of God Missions Structure**

A thorough review of policies and procedures in the implementation of an ongoing missionary program especially to the missionary's home board and field of service. Restricted to missionary personnel.

**MSS 545 Current Issues in Missiology**

A course dealing with the trends and issues affecting contemporary missionary outreach of the Church throughout the world. Emphasis will be placed on the practical implications of these issues on present and future missionary activity.

**MSS 547 Missions and National Church Strategies**

A study of strategies, using New Testament missionary principles, for church multiplication across cultural lines, between sending and receiving bodies, and among fraternal organizations. Among the topics to be considered are indigenous church objectives, the organization of mission efforts, missionary training, and conflict resolution.

**MSS/PTH 552 Approaches to Muslims**

A survey of Christian approaches to Islamic people. The study will include the theological, contextual, and practical approaches. Key issues such as proper attitudes, spiritual warfare, servanthood, sensitivity to culture, and appropriate use of Scripture will be treated.

**MSS 629/CE 626 Administration in Theological Education**

An overview of Bible school administration in a cross-cultural context. Using a basis of organization/management theory, traditional and nontraditional forms of administration are made relevant to domestic and foreign settings. Governance, personnel relationships, fiscal matters, curriculum development, and assessment issues will be studied.

**MSS 630/CE 627 Instruction and Assessment in Theological Education**

A study of teaching and evaluation methods and strategies appropriate to the Bible institute/college context. The structure and content of course plans, syllabi, and individual lesson plans will be examined and explained. Various teaching methods and techniques will be demonstrated and evaluated. Testing and other evaluation methods will be presented and discussed.

**MSS 641 Practicum in Intercultural Ministry I**

An opportunity for the student to be exposed to a ministry that obliges him/her to cross a cultural frontier overseas or in the United States. The distinguishing characteristic of this practicum is that a student must work in, and subsequently verbalize the cultural factor in, an environment of a subculture or a minority/ethnic setting other than his/her own traditional cultural roots.

### **MSS 642 Practicum in Intercultural Ministry II**

A second practicum in intercultural ministry. (See MSS 641.)

### **MSS 643 Church Ministry in the Muslim Context**

A survey of the major ecclesiological options and their historical development. Principles for establishing Christian ministries in Muslim societies will be explored. Special attention will be given to the unique process of establishing the church within an Islamic culture.

### **MSS/PTH 651 Dynamics of Mentoring**

An examination of the mentoring model of learning from a biblical, historical, and contemporary perspective. The purpose and context of mentoring, phases and types of mentoring, development of meaningful mentoring relationships, and the interactive dynamics of the mentoring process are explored. Special emphasis is given to preparation for the mentor role.

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## **Practical Theology Department**

The practical application of the Gospel to a wide spectrum of human needs is indispensable to ministerial preparation. Future Christian leaders must be equipped not only with theological knowledge but also the requisite professional skills to minister effectively in the modern world.

The Practical Theology Department offers courses and programs for facilitating this objective. Preaching, Christian education, counseling, and clinical programs provide adequate opportunity for giving a strong real-life emphasis to the preparation of future Christian leader

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## Course Descriptions

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### **CE 510 Essentials of Education**

This course will examine the essentials of education as the process of discovery and development of human potential. Emphasis will be given to philosophical, psychological and biblical foundations of education; education in the purpose of the Church; and the globalization of education. The practical element of teaching will be stressed.

#### **CE 528 Youth Development, Programming and Education**

A study of the nature and needs of adolescents, teaching methods and program resources for youth at the local church level. Emphasis is also placed upon the role of the youth minister, adult sponsors, and church-school inter-relationships.

#### **CE 537 Principles of Teaching in the Church**

An examination of the teaching-learning processes in the church context. Emphasis is primarily on the development of quality teaching in the local church. **LAB FEE.**

#### **CE 544 Educational Ministry in the Local Church**

A summary of the total educational program of the local church, with primary attention to its organization and administration. Includes a study of the various educational agencies of the church such as the Sunday school, youth groups, children’s groups, and special-interest groups.

#### **CE 548 Practicum in Christian Education**

Structured and directed experiences in educational ministries conducted through a local church or other ministry field site, with an approved supervisor. Elements will include a focus on leadership, needs assessment, goal setting, planning strategy, implementing and evaluating programs, etc. Several settings are available for consideration, including a local church, parachurch organization, national office, district office, Christian day school, camp, etc.

#### **CE 626/MSS 629 Administration in Theological Education** (See MSS 629/CE 626.)



## **CE 627/MSS 630 Instruction and Assessment in Theological Education**

(See MSS 630/CE 627.)

## **CE 633 Curriculum Development and Selection**

A study of curriculum theory and development, together with criteria for selection of curricula to meet the needs of various learning groups. Opportunity is also given to plan and write curricular materials for special emphases such as retreats and short-term seminars.

## **CE 639 Practicum in College Teaching**

The preparation and presentation of lessons in the area of biblical studies, theology, and Christian education. Teaching will be at a local college and will be supervised and evaluated by a qualified member of the faculty. Available on a limited basis. Requires six months prior approval. *Prereq: Principles of Teaching (CE 537) or Instruction and Assessment in Theological Education (CE 627).*

## **CE 640 Specialized Studies in Christian Education**

The study of a special program or area of interest in Christian education as the need may arise.

## **CE 642 The Minister as Educator**

An examination of the minister's role in the Christian education program of the local church with an emphasis upon its strategic importance and the practical dimensions of implementation, staffing, and training for effective ministry.

## **HOMILETICS**

### **HOM 529 Communicating the Message**

A comprehensive course dealing with essential and creative elements in the development of sermons. Attention will be given to all aspects of preparation and composition and to each part of the message. The theology and history of preaching, contemporary perspectives, methods, development of resources, and sermon analysis will also be considered. This course will enhance the skills of veteran preachers while providing a solid foundation for the less experienced.

### **HOM 531 Methods of Biblical Preaching**

An emphasis on the nature, method, variety, and importance of preaching from the Bible. Emphasis will be placed on the practical implementation of theory by requiring full development of a series of sermons. *Prereq: Communicating the Message (HOM 529) or equivalent. To seek waiver of prerequisite, contact the Records Office.*

### **HOM/BOT 620 Expository Preaching in the Pentateuch and Historical Books**

This course examines Old Testament narrative books as well as the skills and methods necessary for developing expository messages from the OT narrative material. Special attention will be given to major OT motifs such as election, covenant, deliverance and law. Also, genre-specific hermeneutical issues will be examined. The specific biblical material studied may vary from semester to semester. *Prereq: HOM 529 and HOM 633.*

### **HOM/BOT 621 Expository Preaching in the Prophets and Apocalypse**

This course examines Old Testament prophetic books and the Apocalypse, as well as the skills and methods necessary for developing expository messages from the OT/NT prophetic material. Special attention will be given to salient prophetic motifs such as, Messianic prophecies, justice, idolatry, exile, restoration and creation/new creation. Also, genre-specific hermeneutical issues will be examined. The specific biblical material studied may vary from semester to semester. *Prereq: HOM 529 and HOM 633.*

### **HOM/BOT 622 Expository Preaching in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature**

This course examines Old Testament poetic and wisdom books, as well as the skills and methods necessary for developing expository messages from these genres. Special attention will be given to organizing the Psalms and Proverbs for expository series. Also, genre-specific hermeneutical issues will be examined. The specific biblical material studied may vary from semester to semester. *Prereq: HOM 529 and HOM 633.*

### **HOM/BNT 623 Expository Preaching in the Gospels & Acts**

This course examines New Testament narrative books as well as the skills and methods necessary for developing expository messages from the narrative material, including the sub-genres of miracle, parable and discourse. The narratological structure of Luke-Acts will receive special attention each semester. Otherwise, the specific biblical material will vary from semester to semester. *Prereq: HOM 529 and HOM 633.*

### **HOM/BNT 624 Expository Preaching in the Epistles**

This course examines New Testament letters, focusing especially on the development of expository series that work through the entirety of individual letters. Special attention is given to historical-grammatical exegesis, epistolary form and the propositional mode of writing that characterizes epistolary literature. The course analyzes the role of grammar and syntax in unpacking the meaning of paragraphs and larger pericopes. *Prereq: HOM 529 and HOM 633.*

### **HOM 633 Preaching Laboratory**

A course which focuses on the development of the verbal and nonverbal communication skills for effective preaching and oral reading of Scripture. The basic principles of voice quality and tone, expressions and gestures, and overall platform manners are examined. The student's verbal and nonverbal communication skills are evaluated through delivery critique forms and video tapes. *LAB FEE*  
*Prereq: Communicating the Message (HOM 529) or equivalent. .*

### **HOM 635 Theology of Preaching**

An examination of verbal proclamation from the biblical and historical perspectives. Specific attention is given to the prophetic office as it was fulfilled in Jesus Christ and the preaching ministries of the Apostles.

### **HOM 640 Specialized Studies in Homiletics**

A course offered, as the need arises, to deal with a specific area of interest in homiletics.

### **PCP 531 Play Therapy and Childhood Intervention**

The major theoretical approaches and techniques used in the practice of play therapy and childhood intervention shall be the focus of this course. Special emphasis is placed on identifying techniques used for various treatment considerations, setting up the play therapy room, and working with parents and the community in the treatment of the child.

### **PCP 532 Contemporary Family Issues**

A focus on issues impacting today's family. This class will aid helping professionals to better understand and work with individuals and families experiencing addictions, substance abuse, and/or sexual abuse within their immediate or extended family.

### **PCP 541 Psychology and the Christian Faith**

Psychological investigations of theological themes and phenomena engaged in by counselors. Consideration will be given to intra and interpersonal problems of human behavior with emphasis on biblical strategies for cultivating an integrated Christian personality.

### **PCP 544 Counseling Theories**

An overview and biblical evaluation of major approaches practiced in the counseling field, including historical antecedents and significant theorists representing these approaches. In addition, particular emphasis will be placed on how these approaches interpret the nature of human personality in interpersonal relationships and their relevance for the practicing counselor or pastor.

### **PCP 550 Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships**

A study of the techniques and relationships which serve to promote healthy adult growth and functioning. The course begins with an exploration of motivations for working in the helping fields. The course previews basic counseling skills such as warmth, empathy, concreteness, confrontation, interviewing, and treatment planning. The emphasis is on training helping professionals to help others. Personal cognitive-emotional awareness and theological-psychological balance is promoted through a study of individual functioning in interpersonal relationships.

### **PCP 551 Addictive Behaviors and Family Systems**

An introduction to the assessment and treatment of varied forms of addiction including alcohol and drug abuse, gambling, sports, work, food, sexual addiction, internet addiction and fantasy. This course will have special emphasis on understanding, assessing, and treating addictions within the family systems and community context. Class participants will be involved in learning intervention strategies and techniques and developing church and community educational programs.

### **PCP 562 Advanced Human Development I**

This advanced course surveys development across the life span. Emphasis will be on key issues of human development from birth to early adolescence. Significant theories of personality, physical, cognitive, emotional, moral, social, and spiritual development will be studied with special emphasis on key theorists. The aim is to assist the student in conceptualizing human development as a framework for understanding the human condition and providing effective interventions. The course will assist the Christian minister and practitioner with deeper understanding of the people to whom they minister.

### **PCP 563 Advanced Human Development II**

This advanced course surveys development across the life span. Emphasis will be on key issues of human development from adolescence to old age. Significant theories of personality, physical, cognitive, emotional, moral, social, and spiritual development will be studied with special emphasis on key theorists. The aim is to assist the student in conceptualizing human development as a framework for understanding the human condition and providing effective interventions. The course will assist the Christian minister and practitioner with deeper understanding of the people to whom they minister.

### **PCP 623 Ethical/Legal/Professional Issues**

A focus on the ethical and legal issues facing today's helping professional. Attention will be given to identifying effective methods for addressing ethical dilemmas and current ethical issues. Students will also learn the ethical guidelines of the ACA, APA, and AAMFT for individual and marriage/family therapy.

### **PCP 624 Family Studies: Human Sexuality**

An overview, assessment, and treatment course for helping professionals. This course also contains a Christian investigation of sexuality within the larger context of human experience and individual development. Emphasis is placed on physical and psychosexual development; health related issues; and the application of scientific information to sexual issues and problems. Issues to be addressed are deviation, inadequacy, and treatment of sexual problems.

### **PCP 625 Research Methods for Helping Professionals**

A review of behavioral science research designs and methods appropriate for counselors and marriage/family therapists. Topics include philosophy of science, ethical issues in research with human subjects, hypothesis formulation, experimental and quasi-experimental designs, measurement, descriptive designs, and the analysis and interpretation of data. The application of these research methods to professional settings will be emphasized.

### **PCP 626 Dying, Grief, and Crisis Counseling**

A focus on the theory and practice of helping persons in crisis or grief. Emphasis is on maximizing pastoral effectiveness in brief grief and crisis counseling. Specific skills of intervention are identified and studied. This course also encourages coming to grips with one's own mortality to enrich one's life. It helps the student offer pastoral care and counseling to the terminally ill and to those involved in sudden tragedy.

### **PCP 628 Career Development Counseling**

Psychosocial and spiritual factors that influence career choice and progression are identified. Additional emphasis will be placed on the changing nature of the employment environment and the need for integrating work and family roles.

### **PCP 629 Counseling with Special Populations**

This course is designed to investigate important issues in cross-cultural counseling. Barriers to effective cross-cultural counseling will be studied along with cross-cultural communication/counseling styles. Differences in ethnic, racial, cultural, and sexual orientation will be studied along with different worldviews. Counseling issues involving Native Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, and people of other ethnic origins will be considered from a Christian perspective.

### **PCP 632 Tests and Measurements**

Measurements and evaluation techniques suitable for the counselor. Basic mathematics essential for evaluating standardized tests will be reviewed. Includes experience in administering and evaluating profiles of selected standardized instruments. **Prereq:** *Admission to counseling program or approval of counseling program director.*

### **PCP 637 Group Counseling**

A study of the essentials of group counseling processes. These are related to church history, general group phenomena, and current counseling procedures. The course also studies methods of enabling church groups to become more creative and growth-facilitating.

### **PCP 639 Practicum in Hospital Ministry**

An introduction to hospital pastoral care. Theory and method in pastoral care are integrated within a clinical setting. Students are exposed to critically ill patients, pre- and post-surgical patients, crisis situations, and patients' families. **Prereq:** *Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships (PCP 550) and enrollment/completion of Dying, Grief and Crisis Counseling (PCP 626) or equivalent.*

### **PCP 640 Practicum in Counseling**

Involvement in an organized, weekly practical application of counseling under the supervision of an appropriately certified or licensed professional as required by many states as a prerequisite for professional recognition or licensing. Students will attend weekly practicum lab on campus. **Prereq:** *One year counseling coursework and approval of counseling program director.*

### **PCP 643 Specialized Studies in Counseling**

A course offered, as the need arises, to deal with a specific topic or issue in the area of counseling.

### **PCP 648 Advanced Counseling Practicum**

Students will provide counseling for individuals, couples, families or groups under the clinical supervision of an experienced and appropriately credentialed supervisor. Students will attend weekly practicum lab on campus. **Prereq:** *Practicum in Counseling (PCP 640) or equivalent.*

### **PCP 652, 653, 654 Practicum in Marital and Family Therapy**

Clinical and practical experience in marital and family therapy under AAMFT supervisors following AAMFT guidelines or other appropriately approved and qualified professionals. The full three-practicum sequence will provide a minimum of 300 hours of therapy and clinical experience. Students will attend weekly practicum lab on campus.

### **PCP 656 Specialized Studies in Family Relationships**

A course offered, as the need arises, to deal with a specific topic or issue in the area of family relationships.

### **PCP 657 Marriage and Family Therapy I: Theories and Foundations**

The major theoretical approaches used in the practice of marital and family therapy are the focus of this course. Special emphasis is placed on identifying the similarities, distinctives, and major assumptions of each classical theory. The historical foundations of the development of family therapy will also be investigated. This course provides a foundation of essential theoretical and historical information relevant to the professional practice of marital and

family therapy.

### **PCP 658 Marriage and Family Therapy II: Assessment and Treatment Planning**

A study of the practice of marital and family therapy with specific emphasis in the clinical assessment of family systems. Assessment information will be used in the development and implementation of the therapeutic treatment plan. Assessment methods of classical as well as cutting edge marriage and family models will be explored.

### **PCP 659 Marriage and Family Therapy III: Interventions, Strategies, and Techniques**

A study of the literature from a broad range of mental health disciplines emphasizing therapeutic interventions, strategies, and techniques. Techniques from marriage and family therapy and additional information supplied from group counseling, individual counseling, and psychotherapy models will be investigated. This course will equip the family therapist with specific tools for practical use in doing therapy with the marriage and family unit.

### **PCP 661 Behavioral Sciences College Teaching Practicum**

This elective practicum provides the counseling student an opportunity to experience the role of an undergraduate behavioral sciences teacher and to develop a relationship with a professor in the field. It does not prepare one for licensing, nor is it applicable to the core course requirements for graduation.

### **PCP 662 Psychopathology I**

This course is a survey of psychopathology with a special focus on the disorders of childhood and adolescence. The etiology, diagnosis and treatment of these disorders will be studied. Emphasis will be placed upon helping counselors understand and treat disorders, as well as learning to utilize the latest edition of the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual).

### **PCP 663 Psychopathology II**

This course is a survey of psychopathology with a special focus on adult disorders. This course will cover all of the major adult diagnostic categories of psychopathology. The etiology, diagnosis and treatment of these disorders will be studied. Emphasis will be placed upon helping counselors understand and treat disorders, as well as learning to utilize the latest edition of the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual).

### **PCP 665 Advanced Pastoral Counseling**

An advanced graduate course which enables ministers, counselors, chaplains, and pastors to understand client and parishioner problems and to intervene effectively. The helper-client relationship will be examined in-depth including the necessary qualities of the counselor-client relationship and the required skills for helping clients achieve desired changes.

*Prereq: Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships (PCP 550) or equivalent training or preparation.*

### **PCP 760 Clinical Pastoral Education (6 )**

A basic CPE course designed for approval by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. It provides the student with supervised ministerial experience in a variety of pastoral situations. The student gains adviser approval and registers at AGTS for CPE credit. The actual didactic portions and practical experiences take place at one of the local cooperating hospitals. The student prepares and submits brief written reports on acts of ministry, meets regularly with peers, and establishes a learning contract with the CPE supervisor at the hospital. The student's individual progress and training records will be submitted to the



AGTS adviser and kept on file to aid in future certification. The student may be required to adjust to hospital training schedules, and training may involve as much as 40 per week for a period of three months. *Recommended Prereq: Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships (PCP 550) and Dying, Grief and Crisis Counseling (PCP 626) or equivalent.*

## PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND EVANGELISM

### **PTH 528 Vision-Centered Leadership and Management**

A thorough examination of church organizational structure with emphasis given to several key management challenges including: planning, team building, developing a clear sense of mission, shared values, and visionary leadership. Evaluation of church ministries as it relates to the church budget, the church board, and other key issues will also be explored.

### **PTH/MCS 529 Foundations for Cross-Cultural Ministry**

*(See MCS/PTH 529.)*

### **PTH 530 Establishing New Churches**

A study of the principles and procedures for establishing new churches. This course investigates the biblical basis for and the spiritual, social, and cultural dynamics of establishing new congregations. Special attention is given to the role of the Holy Spirit, thorough planning, and effective leadership.

### **PTH 535 The Pastoral Ministry**

This course covers competencies required in contemporary Christian ministry in the Pentecostal tradition including rites and ceremonies; worship; administration; legal and financial issues; staff selection, supervision, relationships, and training; pastoral counseling; the minister's family; personal issues; and relationships with the opposite sex. *(Required for MACM and MDiv if not taken at undergraduate level.)*

### **PTH 540 Military Chaplaincy**

A study of the United States Military Chaplaincy: its history, organization, requirements, and religious programs, along with selected issues relating to separation of church and state, nuclear weapons, religious pluralism within the chaplaincies, and related Constitutional issues.

### **PTH 541 Industrial and Institutional Chaplaincy**

A course designed to acquaint the student with the opportunities and responsibilities related to nonmilitary chaplaincy ministry. Attention will be focused upon ministry to individuals within their vocational context, such as found in the industrial and law enforcement settings.

### **PTH 542 Women in Ministry**

A biblical, theological, and practical study of the role of women in Christian ministry. Particular attention is given to the ministry of women in the A/G.

### **PTH 544 The Spiritual Formation of the Minister**

A study of the spiritual dynamics in the growth and service of the minister with emphasis upon the role of the Holy Spirit and personal practice of the disciplines of Christian life. *(Course required first semester as a degree candidate.)*

### **PTH 545 Ministry Development Seminar**

A five-day learning experience for the participants in the M.A. in Christian Ministries degree program designed to integrate the spiritual, psychological, and professional dimensions of their lives and ministries. *(Must be taken before the completion of 15 credits in the degree program.)*

### **PTH 546 Contextual Education**

A supervised field-based practical learning experience in the M.A. in Christian Ministries degree program which provides opportunity for reflection on the theology and practice of ministry within a variety of settings. *Prereq: Ministry Development Seminar (PTH 545), 15 credits-of Foundation and Core courses, 6 credits-in area of concentration.*

### **PTH 547 Integrative Project**

An individualized learning experience under the supervision of an assigned AGTS adviser in which the participant completes the research and writing of the final integration paper for the M.A. in Christian Ministries degree program. *(Must be taken within the last 15 credits of the degree program.)*

### **PTH/MCS 548 Jewish People and the Local Faith Community**

*(See MCS/PTH 548.)*

### **PTH 549 Small Group Ministry**

This course develops a biblical and practical understanding of small groups. It examines principles and guidelines for developing and leading them, as well as models of small group ministries. It provides extensive participatory and leadership experience in various types of small groups. In addition, it evaluates the materials available for small groups, and provides training in developing fresh content and customizing existing resources.

### **PTH 551 Effective Evangelism and Assimilation**

A study of our changing cultural landscape and the challenges facing the church within an emerging postmodern context. Emphasis is placed on understanding the unchurched today and how the church can more effectively be a witness, through the application of biblical principles, to reach and assimilate people into the church.

### **PTH/MSS 552 Approaches to Muslims**

*(See MSS/PTH 552.)*

### **PTH 611 Sexual Integrity in the Church (1 credit)**

This course will provide an opportunity for focused reflection on contemporary issues surrounding sexual integrity and what ministers can do to maintain integrity in their personal lives, in their ministry organizations, and among those they serve. The goal of this course is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the unique challenges facing ministers, as well as an appreciation of the potential ministry opportunities available for those desiring to take a proactive stance in addressing this critical area of concern.

### **PTH 612 Leadership Teams (1 credit)**

This course will provide an introduction to the importance and workings of teams in leadership. Specifically, the course deals with the nature of leadership teams, developing

teams, coaching and fine-tuning teams, and diagnosing dysfunctional teams.

### **PTH 613 Engaging the Millennial Generation (1 credit)**

This course reflects on the emerging Millennial culture and what the Church must do to engage it. It facilitates a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Millennial world in order to produce greater ministry effectiveness within contemporary youth culture.

### **PTH 614 Hospital Ministry (1 credit)**

This course provides a foundational understanding for working with patients, families and staff in a healthcare setting. It will contribute to a sense of calling, confidence and competence in healthcare ministry for ministers.

### **PTH 615 How Children Learn (1 credit)**

This course provides an overview of current research being done in human learning development and its impact on childhood education, and especially on children's ministry in the church. Cultural influences, contemporary ministry trends, development of resources and age appropriate lesson preparation will also be considered.

### **PTH 620 Ministry in Emerging Culture**

This course explores the innovations needed to be a missionary to post-Christian America. Leadership arts will be developed to: (1) read and interpret culture; (2) live and communicate cross-culturally; (3) grow organic, missional ministries; (4) learn from emerging ministry models; and (5) live a Pentecostal spirituality in a postmodern context. Sessions are multimedia and interactive.

### **PTH 621 The Practice of Charismatic Ministry**

This course explores the role of leadership in corporate Pentecostal experience. Charismatic leadership is understood as: (1) a sociological phenomenon in the Pentecostal movement; (2) an outcome of the leader's personal spirituality; (3) cooperating with the Spirit in power ministry; (4) the responsibility of balancing openness with accountability; and (5) equipping the Church to operate in signs and wonders. Sessions are multimedia and interactive.

### **PTH/THE 622 Communicating Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society**

This course develops a comprehensive understanding of the individual and societal relevance of the gospel in order to enhance its proclamation to the contemporary world. It supports the validity of Christian faith, through evaluation of experiential, scientific, sociological, historical, and biblical evidences. It also helps leaders to meaningfully engage contemporary religious and secular worldviews and to respond to major objections to Christianity.

### **PTH 623 Effective Relationships in Ministry**

A biblical and practical study focusing on the development of positive relationships with staff and board, among members, and with the unchurched. The influence of temperament, self-esteem, assertiveness, and maturity will be considered. Aspects of relational leadership will be explored, including credibility, motivation, empowerment, teams, servant leadership, situational leadership, and mentoring. This course will also examine relational challenges such as difficult people, reaction to change, conflict, cultural-ethnic differences, and sexual temptation.

### **PTH 624 Leading Change and Revitalizing Ministries**

A study of the dynamics of church planning and church growth focusing on the psychological and sociological hindrances to lay participation. Attention is also given to approaches which

may assist in the revitalizing of the ministries and growth of the local church that has experienced declining effectiveness.

### **PTH 625 Effective Leadership**

This course focuses on the dynamics of leading healthy, growing churches and ministries. Participants will assess and develop skills in major components of leadership including: 1) leadership character and spirituality; 2) vision and vision-casting; 3) relationships and influence; 4) effective leadership styles; 5) key leadership skills; and 6) maximizing God-given gifts, talents, and abilities. Current leadership theories and their implications will be evaluated in the light of Scripture.

### **PTH 626 Conflict Resolution in the Church (1 credit)**

An examination of biblical principles in regard to human relationships, as well as subjective and situational factors involved in the perception and negotiation of mutual understanding, fairness, compromise, conciliation, and cooperation.

### **PTH 628 Legal Issues For Churches and Clergy (1 credit)**

A course designed to acquaint ministers with substantive legal issues of special relevance to churches and clergy.

### **PTH 632 Worship in the Church**

An investigation of the role of worship in the Christian congregation with a view to developing a theology and philosophy of worship. Includes a study of worship in the Old and New Testaments and in the history of the Church. The distinctive elements of sacramental, word-centered and Pentecostal worship are explored.

### **PTH 633 Leading the Smaller Church (1 credit)**

A course designed to deal with the concerns of ministering effectively to a smaller congregation. Emphasis is upon the development of lay resources and the adaptation of departmental ministries to smaller group situations.

### **PTH 638 Practicum in Prison Ministry**

An opportunity for the student to be involved in ministry in a correctional institution under the supervision of the prison chaplain. Includes the writing of critical reports and verbatims. Nine months prior approval required to allow for security clearance. *Prereq: Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships (PCP 550) or equivalent.*

### **PTH 639 Practicum in Pastoral Ministry**

Study under the supervision of a local minister to give the student exposure to the many facets of the pastoral ministry as well as an opportunity to share in that ministry. *Prereq: The Pastoral Ministry (PTH 535).*

### **PTH 640 Specialized Studies in Practical Theology**

A course offered, as the need arises, to deal with a specific topic or issue in the area of practical theology.

### **PTH/THE 642 Theology of Prayer**

A course designed to study the theological foundation for prayer. There is specific emphasis on both the corporate and private nature of prayer.

### **PTH 644 Teaching Church Practicum**

The teaching church practicum involves a two week visit to an AGTS-certified church. Students will be assigned in groups of two-to-four persons to experience the inner workings of highly successful local churches. The centerpiece of the experience will consist of twenty hours of personal contact time with the senior pastor of the church, and will also involve activities with staff members and lay leaders of the congregation. The practicum requires a pre-session orientation, completion of assigned readings and the keeping of a journal of the experience. A final paper will be prepared on the basis of the journal, the readings, and the activities of the practicum. It will be discussed in a post-session assessment at AGTS.

### **PTH 646 Practicum in Military Chaplaincy**

A supervised field introduction into the work of military chaplaincy. It gives students exposure to many facets of military chaplaincy as well as an opportunity to share in that ministry. It is recommended that PTH 540 be taken before PTH 646. *Prereq: By military appointment only.*

### **PTH 649 Institute of Campus Missions**

An intensive 3-week program in campus ministry for persons anticipating or already working in this field of service. Offered in conjunction with the College Ministries Department of the A/G Home Missions.

### **PTH 650 Building a Disciple-Making Ministry**

A thorough study of the process and means involved in developing disciples, based on the model of Jesus and the early Church. This course also provides a holistic examination of the attitudes and actions of a disciple in the areas of spiritual life and service, daily living, relationships, and personal growth.

### **PTH/MSS 651 Dynamics of Mentoring**

*(See MSS/PTH 651.)*

### **PTH 652 Writing for Ministry and Publication**

This hands-on course explores the keys to superior writing—including the development of strong content, engaging style, creativity, and editing skills. Receive critique from peers and instructor on your writing samples. Gain insights for marketing and submitting your work to increase the chances for publication.

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## **Independent Studies Program**

### **Purpose**

The Independent Studies Program provides the opportunity to study selected subjects at a distance without attending classes. Individuals taking an independent studies course use a set of required textbooks, a lecture series on cassette tapes, a study guide and a set of specific course assignments, including examinations and the preparation of course papers. AGTS utilizes independent study curricula produced by the Institute of Theological Studies (ITS) and others. Each course, however, is approved by the faculty of AGTS and course evaluation and grading are under their supervision.

## Enrollment

The Independent Studies Program is intended primarily for individuals enrolled in AGTS continuing education and in-service programs or for prospective participants who choose to complete foundational degree requirements before arrival on campus. Resident participants may utilize the program, with approval of the academic dean, to resolve course conflicts. Unclassified participants may also enroll for courses.

1. Formal admission to the seminary is required before graduate credit can be awarded.
2. Registration is started through the Office of Continuing Education.
3. Courses are to be completed within 15 weeks upon receipt of the course materials. In the event extreme circumstances have prevented a student from completing the course work, he/she may request an extension from the AGTS faculty mentor. Two extensions may be given if the maximum time for course completion does not exceed nine months from the original start date. If the course work is not completed within the nine-month limit, an automatic grade of "WD" will be posted on the participant's transcript. This policy is applicable for all participants. Exceptions must be approved by the academic dean.

## Refund Policy—ISP

Individuals dropping independent studies (ISP) courses must complete the required forms and secure the approval of the registrar. The cost of course materials included in the tuition fee is nonrefundable. When a course is dropped, the following schedule will be used to determine the amount of tuition refund:

1. No refund on fees.
2. Refund on tuition:
  - Prior to receiving course materials 100%
  - First week (1<sup>st</sup>\*-6<sup>th</sup> day) 90% \*\*
  - Second week (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> day) 80% \*\*
  - Third week (13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> day) 70% \*\*
  - No refund after the third week (20<sup>th</sup> day)

\*The first day of the course is when the course materials arrive.

\*\*Less cost of course materials.

For other courses, see [Refund Policy](#).

## Independent Studies Courses

### GREEK LANGUAGE STUDIES

#### **BGRI 530 Greek IA (3 credits)**

A study of the essentials of Greek morphology and syntax designed to prepare the student for translation and exegesis of the New Testament. *Greek IA does not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. (Exception: MATS, Biblical and Theological Studies concentration.)*

#### **BGRI 531 Greek IB (3 credits)**

[link to index](#)



Continuation of Greek IA. *Greek IB does not apply toward fulfillment of degree requirements. (Exception: See BGRI 530 above.)*

**BGRI/BNTI 502 The Pastoral Epistles (3 credits)**

An expository and exegetical study of I and II Timothy and Titus with emphasis on their exegetical and interpretive problems and on their theology and practical relevance for society and the Church, especially church leadership. *Two separate programmed syllabi have been prepared where seminary credit is desired. One syllabus requires a knowledge of Greek with the careful use of the specified commentaries. A separate syllabus for the course does not require Greek.*

**BGRI 503 The Epistle to the Romans (3 credits)**

An exegetical-theological study of Paul's Epistle to the Romans in the Greek text. It involves the treatment of selected historical, grammatical, structural, and lexical data which evaluate the meaning of this important New Testament document. Special emphasis is given to the theological themes and over-all argument of the Epistle. This course assumes a basic skill in Greek exegesis and the ability to make grammatical and textual critical evaluations and to do Greek word studies.

## HEBREW LANGUAGE STUDIES

**BHEI 530 Hebrew IA (3 credits)**

The essentials of the Hebrew language of the Old Testament with an emphasis on vocabulary and syntax. The course will equip the student for work in exegesis using the Hebrew text.

**BHEI 531 Hebrew IB (3 credits)**

A continuation of Hebrew IA. Includes the translating of passages from the Hebrew text of the Old Testament.

## NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

**BNTI 501 The Sermon on the Mount (2 credits)**

The course is a consecutive exposition of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. The emphasis is upon the distinctive character that is expected of the Christian and upon the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. For the student desiring seminary credit, a programmed syllabus requires an expository and reading study with emphasis on the practical and spiritual application of the Sermon on the Mount and upon the theological issues and historical interpretations of that passage.

**BNTI/BGRI 502 The Pastoral Epistles (3 credits)**

*(See BGRI/BNTI 502.)*

**BNTI 504 New Testament Survey: Gospels/Life of Christ (3 credits)**

A chronological synthetic study of the four Gospel records, emphasizing the time, place, circumstances and persons involved in the events of our Lord's ministry, with a view to the fuller understanding of the significance of His words and works.

**BNTI 505 The Parables of Jesus (3 credits)**

Methods of interpreting Jesus' parables are surveyed and an eclectic model drawing on the

best insights is applied to each of the major narrative parables in the Gospels. Conclusions are drawn concerning the theology and significance of this portion of Jesus' teaching.

### **BNTI 506 New Testament Survey: The Epistles and Revelation (3 credits)**

Using the English text, this course will survey the New Testament epistles and the Apocalypse. Of concern will be both the introductory issues as well as the basic content of the books. Students will do an inductive study of a selected passage according to the accompanying Inductive Bible Study syllabus.

### **BNTI 507 The Epistle to the Hebrews (3 credits)**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the context, content, major interpretive issues, and theological contribution of the Epistle to the Hebrews in order to strengthen their confidence in the superiority of Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, and to equip them to use the epistle to "encourage one another daily" in the church's pilgrimage through life's wilderness toward the better, heavenly country.

## **OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**

### **BOTI 501 The Pentateuch (2 credits)**

A study of the contents of the Pentateuch against its archaeological background together with consideration of the particular Pentateuchal problems of evolution and higher criticism. The laws which form the basis of Israel's theocracy will be examined with regard to their content, meaning, and applicability today.

### **BOTI 505 The Book of Psalms (2 credits)**

An introduction to the book of Psalms with emphasis on the principles involved in the exegesis of the hymnic literature and the application of these principles in selected portions. Special attention is given to the various forms of the Psalms, their setting within the historical experience of Israel, and their application today within the Church. A knowledge of Hebrew is preferred but not required.

### **BOTI 506 The Book of Isaiah (3 credits)**

An exegetical study of the Book of Isaiah. This course will not only survey the contents of the book, but also seek to develop the understanding and the skill of exegetical exposition.

### **BOTI 507 The Post-Exilic Prophets (3 credits)**

A survey of the historical context and biblical context of the prophets Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, with an exposition of each of these three books.

## **BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

### **BTHI 506 Understanding the Old Testament (3 credits)**

A survey of the history of salvation in the Old Testament especially as it relates to the universality of Old Testament theology, i.e., the rule of God or the establishment of God's kingdom upon the earth. A working knowledge of Hebrew is helpful but not required for the course.

### **BTHI 509 The Christian and Old Testament Theology (3 credits)**

A biblical and theological study of the foundational theology applied by the Old Testament for

the New Testament and the Christian church. This study identifies and inductively derives the center or focal point for the theology of both the Old and New Testaments. It also deals with the amount of continuity and discontinuity between the Old and New Testaments. Included are the topics of saving faith, the people of God, the role of the law of God, the worship of God, the doctrine of atonement, relationship between the law and wisdom theology, kingdom of God, the Messiah, the inclusion of the Gentiles, the theology of the Holy Spirit, and the preparation of the new covenant.

**BTHI/HISI/PCSI 601 Apostolic Ministry in the Pentecostal/Charismatic Tradition (3 credits)**

Since the beginning of the twentieth-century, Pentecostals and Charismatics have sought to restore the “apostolic” witness of the Early Church in doctrine, mission and practice. This course explores the history and theological components of that agenda, as well as current applications. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the local and global impact of apostolic ministry on the church.

**BTHI 602 The Book of Acts (3 credits)**

Given the crucial role that the Book of Acts plays in the New Testament canon, and also in Pentecostal and Charismatic theology and praxis, this course seeks to empower the student to handle the text of Acts with sensitivity to the divinely inspired author’s intended meaning. With an emphasis upon proper interpretation and application of this foundational document, the course will make constant reference to the historical, literary, religious, geographical, archeological, linguistic, political and/or cultural context(s) behind each passage. Although doctrinal and practical issues arising from the text are considered from a Pentecostal perspective, course materials will dialogue with non-Pentecostal interpretations as well.

## HISTORICAL STUDIES

**HISI 505 Survey of Church History (3 credits)**

The course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to the development of the Christian church from its founding at Pentecost to the present day.

**HISI 506 The History of the Church to the Reformation (3 credits)**

The course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to the development of the Christian church’s doctrine, faith and practice from its founding at Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation.

**HISI 507 The History of the Church Since the Reformation (3 credits)**

The course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to the development of the Christian church since the time of the Protestant Reformation to the present day.

**HISI 508 Reformation Church History (3 credits)**

This course traces the historic development of the Protestant Reformation from its background prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> century to its impact on the world and church of today. The lives and teachings of the leading Reformers (Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, and Knox) are examined in some detail, along with the course of the Reformation in various nations: Germany, England, Scotland, France, and the Netherlands. In addition, both the rise of the major Protestant Movements—Lutheranism, Calvinism, Anabaptism and Puritanism—and the Roman Catholic and Remonstrance reactions are outlined.

**HISI 509 The Ancient Church (3 credits)**

This course examines the history of the ancient church in detail. Following a historical

progression, the course covers the development of doctrine and introduces the student to the main figures in the Patristic age.

### **HISI 510 The Radical Reformation (3 credits)**

This course examines the history of the Radical Reformation. It follows a topical, chronological, and historical progression, covering the genesis of the movement, its relation to the Renaissance and the Reformation, its various manifestations and the eventual development of the movement.

### **HISI 511 The Theology of Martin Luther (3 credits)**

This course surveys the background and setting of Luther's thought as well as his teaching on the range of topics which form Christian theology. It focuses on Luther's doctrines of sin and grace, justification and faith, law and gospel, as well as on his understanding of Christian daily living in the midst of God's callings within the world.

### **HISI/BTHI/PCSI 601 Apostolic Ministry in the Pentecostal/Charismatic Tradition (3 credits)** (See *BTHI/HISI/PCSI 601*.)

## CULTURAL STUDIES AND RELIGION

### **MCSI 504 Missionary Encounter with World Religions (3 credits)**

An introduction to the theology of religions. A biblical theology of religions is developed against the background of extensive study of current models of approach. Using major religious systems as examples, five characteristics of all religions are sketched. Some practical suggestions for evangelistic approaches are proposed.

### **MCSI 505 An Introduction to Muslim Evangelism (3 credits)**

A study of Islam to identify effective strategies for evangelization and church planting among Muslims. The tenets, traditions, history, worldview, and sacred literature of Islam are considered. When possible, the student will interview Muslims and visit a mosque as part of the course requirements.

### **MCSI/MSSI/PTHI/THEI 604 Ministry on the Edge: The Mission to Post-Christian America (3 credits)**

This video course focuses on the changing cultural and theological church scene. The innovations needed to be a missionary to post-Christian America will be explored. Leadership arts will be developed to: 1) read and interpret culture, 2) live and communicate cross-culturally, 3) grow organic, missional ministries, 4) learn from emerging ministry models, and 5) live a Pentecostal spirituality in a postmodern context. This course is designed for individual study, as opposed to the similar course, PTHI 620, which is offered for an online group learning experience.

## MISSIONS HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

### **MHTI 501 Introduction to World Christian Missions (2 credits)**

An introductory survey of the theology, history, culture, politics, and methods of the Christian mission, with special emphasis on recent developments, crucial issues and future trends, ending with a study of missions in the local church.

### **MHTI 502 The History of Missions (3 credits)**

This course traces the historic development of the Christian mission in chronological

sequence from Pentecost to William Carey (1793). The modern period is developed along geographical lines: Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Europe. The course closes with an attempt to evaluate the achievements of the past and the prospects of the future.

## MISSIONS STRATEGY

### **MSSI 503 Urban Mission and Ministry (2 credits)**

A course that focuses on Christian missions and ministry in the world's growing cities. The biblical basis for urban ministry is presented and case studies of effective urban strategies worldwide are examined. Attention is given to urban issues such as ministry to the poor and homeless, pastoring and raising a family in the city, and planting urban churches.

### **MSSI/MCSI/PTHI/THEI 604 Ministry on the Edge: The Mission to Post-Christian America (3 credits)**

*(See MCSI/MSSI/PTHI/THEI 604.)*

## PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC STUDIES

### **PCSI/BTHI/HISI 601 Apostolic Ministry in the Pentecostal/Charismatic Tradition (3 credits)**

*(See BTHI/HISI/PCSI 601.)*

## PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND EVANGELISM

### **PTHI 501 Church Leadership and Administration (2 credits)**

A course designed to develop leadership potential in students and to give them a familiarity with the various elements of the administrative process including: goal setting and achieving, organization, delegation, human relations, group dynamics, supervision, and the training of other leaders. Though the principles are universal, the focus of the course is the Christian organization, particularly the local church.

### **PTHI 502 Interpersonal Communication and Conflict Management in Churches and Christian Organizations (2 credits)**

An examination of the process of interpersonal communication and conflict management in human relationships within Christian organizations, with attention given to communication models, self-concept, nonverbal messages, stress and other strategies that will assist the Christian leader in developing interpersonal communication skills and the productive use of conflict.

### **PTHI 503 Spiritual Formation (3 credits)**

An investigation into the meaning of biblical Christianity and its relationship to faith and practice in Pentecostal ministry.

### **PTHI/MCSI/MSSI/THEI 604 Ministry on the Edge: The Mission to Post-Christian America (3 credits)**

*(See MCSI/MSSI/PTHI/THEI 604.)*

### **PTHI 620 Ministry in Emerging Culture (3 credits)**

This online course focuses on the changing cultural and theological church scene. The innovations needed to be a missionary to post-Christian America will be explored. Leadership arts will be developed to: 1) read and interpret culture, 2) live and communicate cross-culturally, 3) grow organic, missional ministries, 4) learn from emerging ministry models, and 5) live a Pentecostal spirituality in a postmodern context. This course is designed for an online group study, as opposed to the similar course, MCSI/MSSI/PTHI/THEI 604, which is offered for an individual learning experience.

## **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY**

### **PHII/THEI 502 Christian Worldview (3 credits)**

An introduction to the nature and function of a worldview and noetic structure, with an argument for the value of developing and living an explicitly Christian worldview. A Christian worldview is developed out of a redemptive history model of biblical theology, which is then explicated using the philosophical categories of metaphysics, epistemology, and axiology. Throughout the course, the student will gain understanding of modern and postmodern thought, and how to critique them biblically. The enactment of a worldview approach to Christian ministry is emphasized.

### **PHII 602 Christian Ethics (3 credits)**

An examination of the theories of obligation and theories of value from a philosophical perspective. A biblical theology of obligation and a biblical theology of value are presented along with their implications for decision-making in personal life and church life.

### **PHII/THEI 603 Exploring Approaches to Apologetics (3 credits)**

The course compares biblical, historical, and recent approaches to defending faith in God, Christ, and Scripture. It emphasizes the contrast between Peter's method of reasoning among the Jews in Jerusalem (Acts 2) and Paul's among the Gentiles in Athens (Acts 17). It compares the still influential approaches of Augustine and Aquinas. However, the bulk of the course examines six approaches of apologists who led in the resurgence of evangelicalism during the last half of the twentieth century. Each approach uses different starting points and forms of argument: empirical/inductive, rational/deductive, self-authenticating presuppositions, self-authenticating mystical experiences and hypothesis/verification.

### **THEI/PHII 502 Christian Worldview (3 credits)**

*(See PHII/THEI 502.)*

### **THEI 531 Systematic Theology I (3 credits)**

An overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology.

### **THEI 601 Contemporary Theology I (3 credits)**

In this course we shall attempt to examine some of the major trends in contemporary thought. In order to set the background for contemporary theological and philosophical discourse, we begin with a brief philosophical overview of the major developments in Western philosophy prior to Hegel. Discussion then turns directly to Hegel whose influence extends throughout the modern period. Kierkegaard represents not only a reaction to Hegel,



but is also the first of the existentialist-oriented theologians we consider. After Kierkegaard, the course turns to Barth, Bultmann, and Tillich. Parallel to these developments in theology was the development of analytic philosophy. Our emphasis will be the philosophy of the earlier and later Wittgenstein. The course then culminates in the “God is Dead Theologies” of Paul Van Buren and Thomas Altizer.

**THEI 602 Contemporary Theology II (3 credits)**

In this course we continue to examine some of the major trends in contemporary theology. Discussion focuses on theologies prevalent especially since the 1960's. Theologies covered are Theology of Hope, Liberation Theology, the Feminist Theology of Elizabeth Johnson, Process Theology, New Age Theology, and four forms of Postmodern Theology.

**THEI/PHII 603 Exploring Approaches to Apologetics (3 credits)**

*(See PHII/THEI 603.)*

**THEI/MCSI/MSSI/PTHI 604 Ministry on the Edge: The Mission to Post-Christian America (3 credits)**

*(See MCSI/MSSI/PTHI/THEI 604.)*

# Financial Information

## Tuition and Fees

The seminary makes every effort to provide an affordable education at the most reasonable cost possible. Tuition covers only 60% of the cost of a master's program at AGTS. The other 40% comes through various other sources, including contributions and support from The General Council of the A/G. The following fee schedule is effective at the time of publication. Tuition and fees are subject to change each fall. For an updated fee schedule, please contact the Business Office.

<b>TUITION</b>	\$ 356 per credit
<b>AUDIT FEE</b>	\$ 89 per credit
<b>OTHER FEES</b>	
Analytical paper rewrite fee	\$ 30
Application for admission	\$ 35
Change of course	\$ 6 each
Change of degree	\$ 15
Change of grade	\$ 30 each
<i>(include change from incomplete to a grade, 3 weeks after semester ends)</i>	
Comprehensive exam retake	\$ 30 each
Continuing Education reservation deposit	\$ 30
<i>(appl. to tuition; nonrefundable, nontransferable)</i>	
Deferred payment fee	\$ 50
Delinquent accounts collection fee	40% of unpaid balance
Diploma replacement fee, no cover	\$ 25
Directed research fee <i>(plus tuition)</i>	\$ 60 per credit
Graduation fee	\$ 125
Lab fee <i>(Instructor's. Media)</i>	\$ 20 per credit
Lab fee <i>(other courses, where applicable)</i>	\$ 10 per credit
Late payment fee	\$ 25 per month
Late registration for classes	\$ 20
Portfolio Evaluation*	\$ 50 per course
Proctor fee for exams	\$ 10 each
Professional counseling fee	\$ 125 fall \$ 250 spring
Proficiency exam fee, nonrefundable	\$ 50
Readmission fee <i>(after two semesters)</i>	\$ 15
Returned check fee	\$ 15
Student services fee <i>(per semester)</i>	\$ 100
Student ID card or replacement	\$ 25
Technology fee <i>(per semester)</i>	\$ 125
Transcripts	\$ 4 each

**D.MIN. TUITION/FEES** (See [Doctor of Ministry, Financial Information.](#))

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## Financial Registration

During registration for classes, all students are required to submit to the Business Office a Promissory Note indicating how they plan to pay their tuition, books and fees for the semester. Failure to complete financial registration will result in cancellation of the student's class schedule. The following payment options are available.

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## Payment of Bills

**FULL CASH PAYMENT**—must be made on or prior to the first day of class (checks and credit cards accepted: Discover, MasterCard and Visa). Accounts not paid in full on or before the first day of class will be assessed a monthly late fee of \$25.

Students who pay their account balances in full on or before the first day of class will receive a 1% discount on net tuition. Net tuition is full tuition charge less tuition discounts and institutional scholarships. This discount applies only to master's level resident students.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT**—provides a plan for students who are unable to pay the semester charges in full at registration. A \$50 deferred payment fee is added to the student account and the balance is divided into 3 equal monthly installments due on specified dates. Payments made after the specified dates will be subject to a \$25/month late fee.

**TUITION DISCOUNTS**—AGTS provides several tuition discounts. Please see [Tuition Discounts for Resident and Continuing Education Students](#).

**SCHOLARSHIPS**—Several scholarships and grants are available to new and returning students. See [Financial Aid Programs](#).

**FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID**—For information on student loans and work study program, please refer to [Federal Loan Programs](#).

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**—Arrangements for billing to AGWM, employers, home churches, etc., must be made prior to registration with the AGTS Business Office.

All tuition and fees are due and payable in full at the time of registration. Students whose accounts are not current will not be allowed to register for subsequent classes and will be denied requests for transcripts and diplomas.

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## Refund Policy

**(Applies to students not receiving Federal Financial Aid)**

Any student dropping a course(s) or withdrawing totally after registration, without completing the necessary forms and receiving the consent of the registrar, will not receive a refund. Failure to attend classes does not guarantee a refund.

Students may change or drop courses anytime during the first two academic weeks of each semester

(see [calendar for summer sessions](#)). If a course is dropped and a substitute course taken, there is no charge other than the \$6 change of course fee. When a course is dropped (*or withdrawn from*) and no substitute taken, the following refund policy will apply for the fall and spring semesters. Contact the Business Office regarding the brief refund period for accelerated summer and module sessions.

## Fall and Spring Semesters

1. No refund on fees.
2. Refund on tuition:
  - Up to and including the first day of class 100%
  - First week (2nd-6th day) 90%
  - Second week (7th-12th day) 80%
  - Third week (13th-19th day) 70%
  - No refund after the third week (20th day).
3. Independent Studies Program
4. Students receiving federal financial aid who totally withdraw from seminary, see [Financial Aid Refund Policy](#).

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## Delinquent Account

AGTS begins in-house collection procedures on the outstanding account balances of students who have not fulfilled the conditions of their Promissory Notes or who have not made payment for at least 30 days. This procedure involves a series of letters and/or telephone calls from the AGTS Business Office.

If at the end of 120 days the account has not been paid in full or satisfactory arrangements have not been made to pay off the debt, the account will be referred to the seminary's collection agency. Students whose accounts have been referred to outside collection agencies will be required to pay all legal and collection costs in addition to the outstanding balance. These costs can be an additional 40-60% of the unpaid balance.

Accounts are considered delinquent after 30 days past due. Students with delinquent accounts will not be permitted to enroll in subsequent classes and will be denied requests for transcripts and diplomas.

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## Financial Aid Programs

### Financing Your Education

AGTS is especially sensitive to the financial challenges students face today in seeking to finance graduate education for master's programs. Fund-raising to increase the number of scholarships continue to be a priority at AGTS.

Most students are financing their programs through personal savings, employment, church support, loans, and scholarships.

AGTS encourages careful planning and stands ready to assist students in identifying all possible

financial resources. The process begins by completing and returning the appropriate forms to AGTS for financial aid, scholarships, and tuition discounts.

To have financial aid available for the first day of registration, deadlines have been established for submitting all documents necessary to process financial aid. Please be sure to check the [calendar](#) or call the financial aid office so that you will not miss the deadlines established for fall, spring, and summer semesters.

## Scholarship For New Resident Students

The following scholarships are available for new resident students. Applicants must have an application for admission, recommendation forms, and college transcripts on file in the Enrollment Office. All awards are equally divided between the fall and spring semesters and will be prorated for students not entering the seminary until the spring semester. The seminary reserves the right to make changes to the scholarship program as deemed necessary and without advance notice

### **PRESIDENTIAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Presidential Honors Scholarship is for new students who have undergraduate grade point averages of at least 3.5 and demonstrate strong leadership skills and high aptitude for ministry. These \$3,000 annual awards are automatically renewed up to one additional year for M.A. students and two additional years for M.Div. students who maintain grade point averages of 3.5 and uphold credible Christian life-styles.

### **MINISTERIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ministerial Merit Scholarship is for new students who have undergraduate grade point averages of at least 3.0 and demonstrate leadership skills and aptitude for ministry. These \$2,000 annual awards are automatically renewed up to one additional year for M.A. students and two additional years for M.Div. students who maintain grade point averages of 3.0 and uphold credible Christian life-styles.

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Christian Service Scholarship is for new students who have undergraduate grade point averages of at least 2.5 and demonstrate leadership skills and aptitude for ministry. These are one-time, nonrenewable awards of \$2,000.

## Scholarships For New and/or Returning Resident Students

The following scholarships are available to new or returning resident students. Applicants must be accepted for admission to AGTS. Most awards are determined in the semester prior to disbursement and are posted to student accounts after the add/drop period the following semester provided the recipients continue to meet the conditions for the award. Unless otherwise stated, most awards are between \$500 and \$1,000.

### **AGTS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

The AGTS Women's Fellowship Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have grade point averages of at least 3.2, be enrolled full time, and have completed at least 18 *credits* at AGTS.

### **PHILIP BONGIORNO SCHOLARSHIP**

The Philip Bongiorno Scholarship offers assistance to new or returning minority students

who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have passing grade point averages, be enrolled full time, and demonstrate potential for ministry.

**CORDAS C. BURNETT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Cordas C. Burnett Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have passing grade point averages and be enrolled full time.

**DAISY COLE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Daisy Cole Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have passing grade point averages, be enrolled full time, and hold ministerial credentials with the A/G.

**FAMILY COUNSELING SCHOLARSHIP**

The Family Counseling Scholarship offers assistance to returning students intending to pursue a ministry in the area of counseling. Applicants must have passing grade point averages and be enrolled full time in the M.A. in Counseling.

**JOSEPH R. FLOWER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Joseph R. Flower Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need and potential for ministry. Applicants must have passing grade point averages and be enrolled full time.

**ROBERT E. AND MARY M. HANF SCHOLARSHIP**

The Robert E. and Mary M. Hanf Scholarship offers assistance to returning students committed to foreign missions. Applicants must have passing grade point averages, demonstrate financial need and be enrolled full time in a missions degree at AGTS.

**HARVEY AND DAWN HENNINGTON CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Harvey and Dawn Hennington Chaplain Candidate Scholarship offers assistance to returning M.Div. students who demonstrate financial need and who have a grade point average of at least 3.2. Priority consideration will be given to military chaplain candidates from other denominations.

**GRACIE HIGHFILL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gracie Highfill Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have passing grade point averages and be enrolled full time.

**CARL AND MARIE HYLLBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Carl and Marie Hyllberg Memorial Scholarship offers financial assistance to new and returning students enrolled in the M.A. in Intercultural Ministries or the M.Div. with an intercultural ministries concentration. Candidates must have a grade point average of 3.0, be enrolled full time, demonstrate financial need and responsible handling of personal finances and seminary bills, and have a firm intention to serve as a foreign or home missionary upon graduation.

**JEWISH MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jewish Ministries Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need and strong academic achievement at the seminary. Applicants

must have firm intentions of pursuing ministry among Jewish people.

**EDGAR R. LEE DOUBLE HONORS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Edgar R. Lee Double Honors Scholarship offers financial assistance to M.Div. students who have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0, demonstrate financial need, and have strong potential for ministry. Full-time enrollment is required.

**ANN JONES MARTINEZ SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ann Jones Martinez Scholarship offers assistance to returning students and is based on merit. Applicants must have a firm intention to serve as a church planter or foreign missionary, have grade point averages of at least 3.0, be enrolled full time and demonstrate strong ministry and leadership skills.

**NOEL PERKINS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Noel Perkins Scholarship offers assistance to returning students committed to foreign missions. Applicants must have firm intentions to pursue ministry as a foreign missionary and a passing grade point average.

**POWERS-AKER MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Powers-Aker Missions Scholarship offers assistance to returning students committed to evangelism ministry. Applicants must have a firm intention to pursue ministry as a foreign or inner-city missionary, have completed at least 12 credits of study at AGTS, have grade point averages of at least 3.0, be enrolled in the M.A. in Intercultural Ministries, M.A. in Theological Studies or M.Div. with an intercultural ministries concentration, and be active in Christian service while enrolled at AGTS.

**ANDREW AND MYRTLE ROBECK DOUBLE HONORS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Andrew and Myrtle Robeck Double Honors Scholarship offers financial assistance to returning students who plan to pastor rural or small town churches after graduation. Candidates must have completed at least nine credits toward their degree, demonstrate financial need, be enrolled full time, and have a grade point average of 3.0

**JOHN SEREGOW SCHOLARSHIP**

The John Seregow Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have a passing grade point average.

**DELLA Z. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Della Z. Smith Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have passing grade point averages and be enrolled full time.

**DEL TARR MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Del Tarr Missions Scholarship offers financial assistance to a seminary student who plans to minister as a foreign missionary after graduation. First consideration will be given to applicants intending to serve on the continent of Africa.

**VALBORG FRANSDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Valborg Frandsen Memorial Scholarship offers assistance to returning students who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must have grade point averages of at least 2.8, be enrolled full time and in their last semester at AGTS.



#### **PHILIP WANNENMACHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Philip Wannemacher Memorial Scholarship is established to offer financial assistance to the student who demonstrates financial need and a strong aptitude for ministry. Applicants must be enrolled full time and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

#### **MORRIS WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Morris Williams Scholarship offers assistance to returning students committed to foreign missions. Applicants must have a firm intention to pursue ministry as a foreign missionary and passing grade point averages.

## Scholarships For International Students

#### **PRINCE GUNERATNAM ASIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Prince Guneratnam Asian Leadership Award offers assistance to new or returning Asian students who demonstrate merit and financial need and who hold ministerial credentials. The amount of the award is based upon current investment rates and will be determined by the AGTS Scholarship Committee each year.

#### **J. PHILIP HOGAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FUND**

The J. Philip Hogan International Student Fund offers assistance to new or returning international students who demonstrate merit and financial need.

## Scholarships For Chaplaincy Students

Chaplaincy Scholarships offer assistance to resident students who intend to serve as institutional, occupational, military or Veterans Affairs chaplains. Applicants must be enrolled for at least 9 credits of graduate work and have completed a Chaplaincy Department application form showing their intent to become credentialed, A/G chaplains after graduation. Additional specific information concerning these scholarships is available semi-annually (during the week of registration for the fall and spring semesters) in the Academic Dean's Office.

#### **VETERANS BENEFITS**

Eligible U.S. veterans may receive many of the GI Bill education benefits at AGTS. Further information is available from the veterans adviser in the Financial Aid Office.

## Tuition Discounts For Resident and Continuing Ed. Students

The following tuition discounts are available for AGTS resident or continuing education students. Only one discount per semester per student will be granted. Applicants must be in good financial standing with AGTS and must submit a *Tuition Discount Application* form for each semester a discount is requested. Independent Studies and D.Min. courses are not eligible for tuition discounts. For discounts, the academic year runs from September 1 through August 31. The seminary Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to the tuition discount policy as deemed necessary and without advance notice.

#### **STUDENT SPOUSE**

Spouses of full-time students (nine or more credits per semester) or full-time continuing education students (2 or more courses per session) are eligible for 50% discount for the resident or continuing education program and/or one free course audit per semester.

Recipient does not need to be a full-time student. Discount will be applied to the spouse enrolled in the lesser number of classes. Spouses of students receiving the Presidential Honors and Ministerial Merit Awards are not eligible.

#### **COLLEGE SENIOR**

College seniors are eligible for a 50% tuition discount on their first resident or continuing education course taken at AGTS, and a 25% discount on each subsequent course (up to nine credits) while concurrently enrolled at their undergraduate college. Only one course may be discounted per semester.

#### **LOCAL PASTOR**

Senior A/G pastors living within a 50-mile radius of Springfield are eligible to audit one resident or continuing education course free of charge per academic year. This discount does not apply to courses taken for graduate credit.

#### **HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEE**

Springfield-based employees of The General Council of the A/G are eligible for a 50% tuition discount on all continuing education or resident courses after one year of uninterrupted full-time employment.

#### **RESIDENT AGTS EMPLOYEE**

Full-time AGTS faculty and administration, their spouses and children are eligible for a 100% tuition discount on all continuing education or resident courses. AGTS staff are eligible for three credits of free tuition per semester after one year of full-time service. Spouses and single, dependent children are eligible for six credits of free tuition per semester after three years of full-time service.

#### **ADJUNCT FACULTY**

AGTS adjunct faculty are eligible for one free course within 12 months of service. Their spouses and single, dependent children are eligible for one free resident or continuing education course during the adjunct's semester of service.

#### **A/G COLLEGE PROFESSOR OR ADMINISTRATOR**

Full-time faculty, administrators of endorsed four-year A/G colleges and their spouses and single, dependent children are eligible for a 50% tuition discount.

#### **DISTRICT OFFICIAL**

Full-time A/G district officials are eligible for one free course per academic year. This includes district youth directors and christian education directors.

#### **AGTS GRADUATE ALUMNI**

AGTS graduate alumni are eligible for three free master's level credit audits per academic year in the resident program or at any extension site participating in the alumni scholarship program.

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## **Federal Loan Programs**

The federal loan programs listed are available to AGTS students. To be eligible, a student must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or an eligible noncitizen. Students must also be in compliance with the

Selective Service, not owe a refund or be in default to any Title IV program.

### **FAFSA FORM**

All students interested in determining their eligibility for Federal loan programs or Federal work study positions are required to complete a FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This is a federally approved need analysis which determines the student's financial need to attend AGTS. Forms are available from the Financial Aid Office.

A brochure will also be provided that discusses the various types of financial aid available. Changes in these programs are at the discretion of federal and state governments.

### **FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN**

There is a limited amount of funds available for this need-based, low interest (5%) loan. Repayment is to AGTS, based upon a ten-year period. The loan limit is \$3,000 per year, divided between two semesters. This loan may change the Federal Stafford Student Loan amount for which you may qualify.

Student must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits per semester) and complete the FAFSA form and AGTS Financial Aid Application.

Upon approval, student receives an official award letter to be signed, and one copy returned to AGTS. Each award also requires a signed Perkins Promissory Notes which when signed obligates the student to repay the loan as agreed. Repayment does not begin until nine months after graduation, upon termination of program either by the student or school, or if enrollment drops below half-time status.

### **FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN**

This loan enables an eligible graduate student to borrow up to \$8,500 per scheduled-based academic year (fall, spring, summer). Loans are made through an outside lender, and the federal government pays interest while the student is at school in at least half-time status (six credits per semester). A student may borrow if his cost of attendance allows.

Repayment begins six months after graduation, termination of school program by either the student or school, or dropping below the half-time status (six credits per semester). The interest rate is variable with a 8.25% cap for new borrowers.

To apply for the Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan, students are required to submit the FAFSA, AGTS Financial Aid Application, Stafford Loan Application, and any other forms requested by AGTS.

### **UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN**

This loan enables an eligible graduate student to borrow up to \$18,500 per scheduled-based academic year (fall, spring, summer) less any Subsidized Stafford Loan Award. Loans are made through an outside lender, and the federal government does NOT pay any interest.

Interest accrues for the date of disbursement and will be capitalized by the lender unless paid by the student while in school. Principal payments begin immediately but may be

deferred for students who are enrolled at least half-time. The interest rate is variable with a 8.25% cap.

To apply for the Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan, students are required to submit the FAFSA, AGTS Financial Aid Application, Stafford Loan Application, and any other forms requested by AGTS.

#### **FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK-STUDY**

This award provides a few on-campus jobs for students with financial need. Enrollment of at least half-time (six credits per semester) is required. The amount awarded depends upon calculated financial need and availability of federal funds granted to AGTS.

College Work-Study provides jobs for students in various offices and departments on campus. The average job is 20 hours per week. To apply, the FAFSA form is necessary. The College Work-Study form must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. If eligible, you will be notified in an award letter. (See *Financial Registration for corroborating information.*)

## Entrance and Exit Interviews

Students receiving a Federal Stafford Student Loan, a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan or Perkins Loan are required by the federal government to attend entrance and exit interviews. The entrance interview must occur before receiving any loan funds. The exit interview is required when withdrawing, dropping below half-time or graduating from AGTS. Contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

## Debt Load

The goal of AGTS is to provide financial aid to all students in a fair and equitable way. When borrowing money for a seminary education, AGTS encourages borrowing conservatively so that future plans and opportunities for ministry are not limited or curtailed because of a high debt load.

## Loan Deferments

Student may receive deferments of undergraduate loans while attending AGTS. Federal regulations stipulate specific requirements for eligibility and AGTS serves only as that certifying agent. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

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## Withdrawal and Financial Aid Refund Policy

AGTS abides by the following fair and equitable refund policies for Title IV programs which refunds students for unearned tuition and fees for periods of time if the student withdraws or fails to complete the period of enrollment.

## Withdrawal Procedure

Students who withdraw from AGTS are required to complete individual *Withdrawal from Class* forms for each course, and the *Withdrawal from seminary* form.

## Financial Aid Refund Policy

(Applies only to students receiving federal financial aid who drop to less than half-time status or who totally withdraw from seminary)

Students who withdraw completely from the seminary or who drop to less than halftime status prior to completing at least 60% of the semester or payment period must repay all of the unearned portion of the federal aid received. The amount of federal aid earned is determined by the number of days enrolled at AGTS within the semester or payment period up to 60% of that semester. The number of days a student is not enrolled equals the unearned portion of the semester or payment period. This amount will be returned to the lender and the student must make arrangements in the Business Office for repayment of these funds. If a student is enrolled for at least 60% of the semester or payment period, he/she has earned 100% of the federal funds received. For detailed information about the Federal Withdrawal Policy, see the Financial Aid Office.

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## Satisfactory Progress Standards For Financial Aid Recipients

See the current AGTS Student Handbook online at [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu), for policy on “Satisfactory Progress Standards for Financial Aid Recipients.”

# Academic Policies and Procedures

## Introduction

While attending AGTS, it will be necessary to become familiar with details and procedures relative to academic policies and procedures for master's programs.

In the section that follows, some situations have been anticipated and procedures or policies described.

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## Catalog

When admitted to AGTS, the student is subject to the requirements in the catalog which is current at the time of initial enrollment, rather than the catalog that was current when applying for admission. The catalog is updated annually and published on the internet. The catalog can be downloaded in PDF file or requested in CD or printed formats.

Students who interrupt their studies and are out more than two semesters must formally apply for readmission and may be subject to the requirements of the catalog which is current in the semester when reenrolled.

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## Student Handbook

Detailed information regarding registration, financial aid, and other academic matters is contained in the resident AGTS Student Handbook (see [www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu)).

Nonresident students enrolled in the continuing education program should secure the handbook prepared for them from the Office of Continuing Education.

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## Fitness For Ministry

As a theological seminary whose primary mission is the preparation of men and women for the service of the Church, AGTS is committed to the personal and professional growth of all students and reserves the right to require the following of all students, either as a part of their classroom experience or as a part of their personal and professional development:

1. The completion of one or more personality and assessment inventories which become a part of the student's seminary file. These inventories may be utilized in academic, personal, and professional guidance counseling.
2. Periodic reviews of the student's academic and personal growth may be required to assist in his or her adjustment to seminary life and his or her fitness for ministry as an ordained clergyperson or professional. The student may be required to undergo counseling at his or her own expense or enter into particular growth contracts to address specific fitness for ministry concerns.



3. A final review before graduation may be required to insure that all contractual expectations regarding fitness for ministry have been met.

The seminary reserves the right to suspend a student for a stipulated period of time to address specific emotional and behavioral fitness for ministry issues, or to dismiss the student with no hope of readmission if it is concluded that candidacy for ministry or other helping professions is not viable at this time.

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## Academic Advisers

The adviser-advisee relationship is important to the seminary's curriculum. Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser. In keeping with the requirements of each program, the adviser assists the student in planning the initial academic program, keeping in mind the student's background as well as professional goals. The adviser, chairperson, and academic dean will be available for counsel in academic, vocational, and spiritual matters. Each student is responsible for completing the requirements of the degree program maintained by the Registrar's Office.

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## Academic Status

A student will remain in good academic standing at the seminary if maintaining a satisfactory grade point average (2.0, M.Div.; 2.5, M.A.; 3.0, D.Min.), meeting financial obligations to the seminary, conducting personal life with spiritual and moral integrity. No student will be considered to have made satisfactory progress when failing or withdrawing from all courses taken in a semester. The administration reserves the right to dismiss any student whose academic, financial, spiritual, moral integrity is unsatisfactory or unacceptable.

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## Exceptions to Academic Policies

Requests by students for exceptions to academic policies and regulations should first be submitted to the appropriate faculty member, department chairperson, academic dean or the registrar. Requests should be in written form and submitted well in advance of the particular requirement or deadline change requested. In the event the request is a matter that must be determined by the Academic Affairs Committee, the written request should be submitted to the academic dean.

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## Academic Probation

A student may be admitted to the seminary on academic probation in either of the following circumstances: 1) Due to nonacademic strengths in the applicant's file, the student has been admitted with a low undergraduate grade point average; 2) The student received a baccalaureate degree from a nonaccredited institution. In such cases, the probationary status may be removed upon completion of nine-12 credits with a satisfactory gpa (2.0, M.Div.; 2.5, M.A.; 3.0, D.Min.). The student cannot register for more than 12 credits until satisfactorily completing the probation period.

A student will be placed on academic probation at the conclusion of any semester in which the cumulative grade point average falls below the required grade point necessary to maintain

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satisfactory academic progress in the degree program being pursued, and will remain on probation as long as the cumulative grade point average remains below the level required.

A student will also be placed on probation at the conclusion of any semester in which the required cumulative gpa is not earned. In unusual circumstances, the academic dean may, at his discretion, simply issue a letter of warning.

Students who do not raise their cumulative average to the required level or higher by the end of two semesters on academic probation, or do not make a substantial reduction in grade point deficiencies while on probation, will be academically dismissed from the seminary.

The Admissions Committee will consider applications for readmission to the seminary after academic dismissal only if readmission is warranted by exceptional circumstances and reasonable grounds are given for an expectation that the student can remove grade point deficiencies. Such appeals will require the approval of the Admissions Committee and academic dean before the student can be readmitted and register for classes. If approved for readmission, no student will be permitted to enroll until one semester (15 weeks) has elapsed following the student's dismissal.

Students on academic probation may be required to review employment and other commitments with their academic adviser.

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## Writing Tutorial

If a student presents a consistent pattern of turning in papers that demonstrate insufficient writing skill for graduate-level study, any professor may place him or her on Writing Tutorial. In such cases, students will be required to complete a program remediation and pass a writing proficiency exam as determined by the Office of the Academic Dean. A fee of \$150 will be charged to their account for the remedial instruction and exam. Student will no be allowed to graduate until they have passed the writing proficiency exam and been officially removed from Writing Tutorial. Students who believe they have been inappropriately placed on probation may file an appeal with the academic dean.

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## Class Attendance

Each instructor sets class attendance policies as announced in the course syllabus. Barring a serious emergency, credit cannot be granted for courses in which a student has been absent beyond 20% of the class time. The professor's individual attendance policy may be stricter. Exceeding the absence limits shall be regarded as an unofficial withdrawal and result in a grade of F.

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## Degree Changes

A student desiring to change to another degree program must first receive counseling from the currently assigned academic adviser. If the degree program is mutually agreed upon, the student must obtain the proper form from the Registrar's Office and secure the required signatures (fee: \$15). If the degree program change is approved, the student must complete all requirements of the new degree program as currently stated in the catalog without course substitutions.

Exception: Students who have been accepted for admission but have not yet registered for classes should submit a written request for a change of degree to the Enrollment Office

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## Degree Time Limits

Students are expected to complete the requirements for their degree under the catalog in effect at the time of initial degree candidacy. They may elect to meet modifications in the program announced in subsequent catalogs with the approval of the academic dean.

All requirements for the D.Min. degree must be completed within six years. Requirements for the M.Div. degree must be completed within seven years from the date of initial admission to degree candidacy. Requirements for the Master of Arts degree must be completed within six years. Exception: Active missionaries may complete their degree within 10 years.

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## Degree Residency Requirement

All degrees require resident studies at AGTS (or, in some cases, an AGTS extension site). Minimal residency requirements, normally at the end of the degree program, are as follows:

M.Div.	one-third of degree program
M.A. (professional)	one-half of degree program
M.A. (academic)	two-thirds of degree program
M.A. (continuing education)	two-thirds of degree AGTS extension site

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## Registration for Classes

Students must register for classes in the Registrar's Office on the days and hours designated. Current students should register earlier (*see [Academic Calendar for dates](#)*).

The registration process includes obtaining registration materials, conferring with the faculty adviser, securing approval of course selections, completing financial arrangements, the implementation of the student's class schedule, and the receiving of student identification materials. Course changes may be made after initial registration (*see [Course Changes](#)*).

Students who have not been formally accepted for admission prior to registration day may be required to register late for classes. Admission clearance must first be secured from the director of enrollment management.

### Late Registration

A late registration fee will be assessed to students who are unable to register during the designated registration period. Late students should notify the Registrar's Office in advance when possible so that special arrangements may be made to register.

Students are not permitted to register for credit in any course after the deadline for each semester or accelerated summer session designated in the calendar.

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## Course Changes

Students may drop/add courses any time after their initial registration until the semester begins. Course changes will continue to be accepted through the first two weeks of the semester (two to three days for summer sessions and modules). See the [calendar](#) for exact dates. In no case will a student be permitted to drop/add courses after the deadline denoted in the academic calendar.

To make a course change, obtain the proper form in the Registrar's Office, secure the required signatures, and return it to that office. **(Fee: \$6)**

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## Course Credit

Courses taken in resident study at the seminary are worth three credits unless indicated differently in the course description. Some courses taken through the continuing education program are two credits.

Courses may be audited at one-fourth the tuition rate.

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## Course Load

The average full-time course load for the master's programs at AGTS is nine to 12 credits. The maximum full-time resident course loads are as follows: fall or spring semester, 15 credits; first summer session, six credits; second summer session, six credits; post summer session, three credits; or module sessions, six credits. Note: Regardless of the configuration of courses taken, no student may take more than 15 credits per semester.

Students must take a minimum of nine credits-to be considered full time. Students working 20 hours or more should not take more than nine credits.

**Note:** For information regarding the D.Min. program, see [Doctor of Ministry, Course Load](#).

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## Class Scheduling

Course offerings are presented with flexibility in order to accommodate ministers, missionaries, and persons who cannot arrange their schedules for prolonged periods of time. A 4-4-1-1 calendar year is observed.

The fall and spring semesters consist of 15 weeks each. The summer semester consists of accelerated sessions of varying lengths. **(See [Academic Calendar for dates](#).)**

Resident classes are usually held throughout the day on Tuesday through Friday and in the evening on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Classes may occasionally be scheduled on Mondays or weekends. During the summer sessions, classes meet on Mondays as well.

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## Withdrawal From Classes

A student who desires to withdraw from any class must secure approval. To withdraw from a class the proper form should be obtained in the Registrar's Office, the required signatures secured, and the form returned immediately.

Students withdrawing from all courses for which they are enrolled should refer to the procedure for *Withdrawal from seminary*.

No refund of tuition or fees will be granted after the third week of a semester (three to six days for summer sessions and modules). Students receiving financial aid should refer to *Financial Aid Refund Policy*.

Grades for official withdrawals will be withdrawn passing or failing. After the eleventh week (third week during five-week summer sessions, first week during two-week session and modules), an automatic grade of WF will be given unless extenuating circumstances warrant special consideration. A nonexcused absence of two consecutive weeks (three days summer sessions and modules) shall be regarded as an unofficial withdrawal and result in a grade of F.

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## Withdrawal From Seminary

A student who desires to withdraw from seminary must secure a withdrawal form in the Registrar's Office and schedule an exit interview with the director of spiritual formation prior to completion of the form. Instructions are printed on the form advising the student to file the form with that office after the necessary signatures are obtained. The student's I.D. card must be returned with the form. Refunds and adjustments to the student's account are governed by the Financial Information section of the AGTS catalog.

Failure to withdraw officially from seminary will result in automatic failing grades in the courses for which the student is enrolled and possible refusal of reentry.

Official withdrawals are graded the same as withdrawal from classes.

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## Grading

Grades are issued three times yearly: **December** for the fall semester, **May** for spring classes, and **August** for summer sessions. Master of Arts students are required to maintain a 2.5 cumulative gpa, M.Div. students a 2.0, and D.Min. participants a 3.0. (See [Academic Probation](#).)

### Grading System

AGTS uses a 4-point grading scale. Grades are assigned the following numerical values for the purpose of computing the grade point average:

**GRADE POINTS PER CREDIT:**

Publishable	A+	Superior	4.0
100-94%	A	Superior	4.0

93-90%	A-		3.7
89-87%	B+		3.3
86-84%	B	Good	3.0
83-80%	B-		2.7
79-77%	C+		2.3
76-74%	C	Satisfactory	2.0
73-70%	C-		1.7
69-67%	D+		1.3
66-64%	D	Poor	1.0
63-60%	D-		.7
0-59%	F	Failure	0.0*
	I	Incomplete	0.0*
	IP	In Process	0.0
	M	Marginal	0.0
	P	Pass	0.0
	S	Satisfactory	0.0
	U	Unsatisfactory	0.0
	NC	No Credit	0.0
	N	No Credit	0.0
	V	Audit	0.0
	WD	Withdrawn	0.0
	WP	Withdrawn Passing	0.0
	WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0*
	CR	Credit	0.0

\* Affects grade point average

One credit equals one class hour per week for 15 weeks (summer and accelerated sessions are based on equivalent numbers of contact hours).

## INCOMPLETE GRADES

Students are expected to complete all course work as specified by the instructor by the end of the semester. An incomplete may be given at the option of the instructor and only under extenuating circumstances. In the event the instructor grants a grade of incomplete, he/she will have the option of lowering the final grade for the course one letter grade lower than it would have been had the work been submitted on time.

If an incomplete is received, all course work must be submitted by the date specified by the instructor (not to exceed later than two weeks before the end of the following semester). An automatic grade of failure will be issued if the work is not submitted. No student will be permitted to begin courses in a new semester if carrying more than two incomplete courses. **Note: A \$30 fee will be charged to the student's account for every grade change even if the instructor has approved an extension for completing the work. Any exception to the policy will be made by the registrar.**

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## Repeating Courses

When failing a required course (or earning a **D** in an admission prerequisite course where a **C** is required), the student may petition the academic dean for approval to repeat the course.



If the course is successfully repeated, the new grade rather than the **F (or D)** will be used in calculating the student's gpa. However, the **F or D** will remain on the transcript.

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## Transcripts

Official transcripts are issued only upon written authorization by the student. The Registrar's Office must be notified at least one week in advance if the transcript is to be issued by a given date (**fee: \$4**). Each student receives a complimentary transcript upon graduating. No transcript will be issued for any student indebted to the seminary.

All courses taken at AGTS, including first-year Greek and other prerequisites, are averaged into the student's grade point average and will appear on the transcript. However, when determining the student's eligibility for graduation, with regard to the minimum gpa requirement, only those courses applicable toward the student's degree program will be considered in calculating the gpa.

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## Graduation Requirements

Students must register for graduation no later than January 31 through the Registrar's Office.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Satisfactorily complete all degree program requirements. (*See [Academic Program for exact requirements.](#)*)
2. Maintain a degree grade point average of at least 2.5 (M.A.), 2.0 (M.Div.), or 3.0 (D.Min.) and be a student in good standing at the seminary. (*See [Academic Status](#)*)
3. Satisfy specific degree program graduation requirements (e.g., comprehensive examination, analytical reflection paper).
4. A final review before graduation may be required to insure that all contractual expectations regarding fitness for ministry have been met. (*See [Fitness for Ministry.](#)*)
5. Receive approval for graduation from the Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty.
6. Attend the commencement exercises (approval to be absent must be secured from the Academic Affairs Committee through the registrar by April 1).

Commencement is held once each year (*See [Academic Calendar](#)*) Students completing requirements during the summer months will participate in commencement but will not be eligible to receive recognition for honors until grades are posted in August.

Continuing Education graduates are encouraged to participate in graduation exercises at AGTS. Approval to participate at the extension site where the majority of their course work was completed must be secured through the AGTS Registrar's Office. Commencement dates will vary according to location.

Students are personally responsible for following the course requirements for timely completion of their respective degrees and for confirming with the Registrar's Office to insure that these requirements are satisfied. The requirements are published in the catalog under which the student matriculates or is readmitted. Suggested course-sequencing guides for degree programs are available in each department and utilized at registration. AGTS faculty advisers and staff are available to provide guidance in course scheduling but do not assume final responsibility for each student's enrollment decisions. The published

requirements of each degree prevail except for occasional and appropriate exceptions approved by the academic dean.

The degree earned is recorded on the transcript at the end of the semester in which all the degree requirements are completed. The last day of the semester as indicated by the academic calendar is considered to be the official graduation date. Diplomas will not be distributed prior to commencement (*see Tuition and Fees for fee*).

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## Honors

### Academic Honors

**THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR HONORS ARE MAINTAINED:**

3.90-4.0	Summa cum laude
3.80-3.89	Magna cum laude
3.70-3.79	Cum laude

These standards were implemented beginning with the graduating class of 1995. Honors cannot be posted retroactively before that date.

Eligible summer graduates must postpone this honor at commencement until all grades are processed at which time it will be posted on the transcript.

### Honor Society

A limited number of graduates are elected into the Kappa Delta Chi Honor Society each year by the faculty. (*See AGTS Student Handbook for details.*)

# Student Life and Services

## The Springfield Community

### Seminary Location

AGTS is located in the northern section of Springfield, Missouri's third largest city. The quality of life is bolstered by a cost of living that rates 7.5 points below the national average. The area's pleasant climate is complemented by its clean air and makes Springfield a desirable place to live.

Located in Ozark Mountain country, Springfield affords an exciting variety of cultural and sporting events, plus a wide range of recreational activities. Six major lakes lie within a short driving distance, providing a comfortable setting for fellowship, relaxation, and renewal.

### Seminary Campus

#### CAMPUS LOCATION

The seminary community enjoys a 58,000 sq. ft. academic building that houses state of the art classrooms, the Cordas C. Burnett Library, computer lab, bookstore, counseling center, William J. Seymour Chapel, Khoo Kay Peng World Prayer Center, and administrative offices. The campus has recently expanded with the acquisition of the historical O'Reilly Gymnasium which is now being utilized by the seminary as a multipurpose activity center. The campus is adjacent to Evangel University on North Glenstone Avenue.

#### CAMPUS VISITS

We welcome prospective students to visit AGTS whenever they are in the area or in the process of deciding where to attend seminary. If the Enrollment Office knows about the visit, they will arrange a tour of the seminary, consultations with faculty, staff and students, attendance in classes of interest, and guest housing. Call 1-800-467-AGTS.

### Employment

For students and spouses who are interested in securing either full- or part-time employment while at AGTS, the seminary maintains a list of local employment opportunities which is available upon request. A limited number of jobs are available on campus and students interested in work-study positions should complete the necessary application forms in the Financial Aid Office. There are numerous off-campus employment opportunities and most students and spouses seeking work generally find employment. While the area has slightly lower pay scales compared to some cities, these are usually offset by the lower cost of living.

### Housing

The seminary does not own or provide housing, but there are many apartments and houses for rent in the city. The Enrollment Office produces a local housing list for students seeking accommodations. This list is maintained on a regular basis and is available upon request. Students are encouraged not to wait until August to make housing arrangements. Each fall there is an influx of approximately 28,000 students attending 14 educational institutions in the Springfield area that reduces housing

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## The Seminary Community

### Student Life Department

AGTS is more than a “seminary.” It is a “community” of seekers and learners bound together by the common cause of Christ. We recognize that education does not take place exclusively in the classroom and that community life at AGTS enhances the student’s overall seminary experience. Consequently, AGTS takes seriously its role in helping students to be prepared as whole persons who are called to various forms of ministry in the world. The Student Life Department exists to support the student community by providing services, programs and activities which contribute to student development in the social, personal, and spiritual as well as academic areas of life.

### Spiritual Formation

#### CHAPEL SERVICES

To promote the spiritual life of the community, mid-morning chapel services are held Tuesday through Friday. Faculty, staff, students, and speakers from off-campus contribute to these services which provide the opportunity for corporate worship in the midst of the daily academic activities. At AGTS, we consider these daily chapel gatherings to be a vital aspect of one’s seminary experience for they foster an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth. While attendance is not required, students are encouraged not to miss these opportunities for spiritual refreshing, encouragement, and growth.

#### COVENANT GROUPS

The seminary seeks to promote fellowship through community accountability groups. One day each week the chapel hour is reserved for these small groups where students meet together with faculty and administrators for prayer, Bible study, sharing of concerns, and discussion of topics of interest.

#### PRAYER GROUPS

Various student and faculty prayer groups meet at specific times during the semester—often before classes, during the noon hour, and some evenings. Some pray for the work of God in various locations of the world, others pray for revival and salvation for the lost, and others pray for our seminary community or specific areas of interest.

#### CHAPEL LECTURESHIP SERIES

During the fall and spring semesters special guest lecturers come to the campus to address topics of interest to seminarians. Past lecturers have included: Miriam Adeney, “World Christian Connections”; Len Bartlotti “The Gift of Apostleship”; Joseph Cumming, “Islam in a Post 9-11 World”; Alice Curtis, Donald Johns, and Bryan Sanders, “Ministry of Conflict Resolution in the Church”; Richard Dresselhaus, “Ministry, Management, and Mediation”; Stanley Grenz, “What Does It Mean to Be Trinitarians”; Paul Hiebert, “Missions”; Steven Land, “Pentecostal Spirituality and Leadership”; Sherwood Lingenfelter, “Transforming Culture”; Frank Macchia, “Life in the Spirit”; Russell Spittler, “Marks of Christian Community”; Siang-Yang Tan, “The Holy Spirit in Counseling”; Ingrid Trobisch, “Family Life”; Grant Wacker, “Exploring the Everyday Lives of Early Pentecostals”; and George Wood, “Pastoral Leadership.”

## Student Organizations

### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The seminary has an active Student Advisory Council (SAC) elected by the student body annually. The council coordinates projects and activities that enhance student life, oversees a variety of student ministries groups, and serves as a liaison between the student body and faculty and administration. The SAC president serves on the seminary's Board of Administration.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

AGTS is blessed to have students from around the globe studying on our campus. We believe that students from various cultures contribute significantly to the community. The diversity that comes from their experiences enhances our environment of faith and learning. To better serve these students AGTS has an international students association. The objectives of the association are to provide fellowship among AGTS international students, promote international cultural understanding, encourage participation in group activities, and assist new international students in adjusting to seminary life. The Student Life Office coordinates occasional multi-cultural activities to facilitate fellowship for international students.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The AGTS Women's Fellowship, Klasis, exists to build friendships among the women in the seminary community and others interested in serving the cause of higher Christian education; to provide programs of enrichment to the members; to facilitate prayer and support groups; and to provide assistance to students and the seminary.

## Bookstore

The seminary operates a bookstore which is open Monday through Friday as a service to students, faculty and staff, and others. The Bookstore carries all required textbooks, general books and supplies, logo clothing, and an array of miscellaneous items. Bookstore purchases may be paid with cash, check, credit card or charged to the student's account. Students automatically receive a discount on most purchases. Each semester textbooks are shelved about one month before classes begin. Book expenses per semester are estimated to be \$275, depending upon course load and major. Students are encouraged to expand their personal libraries while at seminary, an investment which will provide rich benefits both now and in the years to come.

## Food Services

While AGTS does not provide cafeteria food services, there are many local eating establishments within close proximity to the seminary. In addition, several vending machines and kitchen facilities are provided in the student lounge. One day each month, an informal lunch is held in the student lounge. These community meals do much to foster a wonderful sense of community at the seminary.

## Health Insurance

Students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements to provide health insurance coverage for themselves and their families. Policy requires international students to carry health insurance while enrolled at the seminary. Contact the Business Office or the Enrollment Office for further information.

## Student Handbook

A student handbook is available to all students and can be accessed on the AGTS website [[www.agts.edu](http://www.agts.edu)]. A copy can be downloaded free of charge in the AGTS computer lab. The handbook provides detailed policies, privileges, and procedures for academic and student life. Updates and revisions to the handbook are made on a regular basis. The monthly campus newsletter, the *Communiqué*, also serves to keep students informed of updates in procedures and policies.

## Lifestyle

As Christians, the seminary strives to maintain high standards of integrity in all areas of life including interpersonal and community relationships, academic work, and ministry. Students, faculty, and staff are expected to live exemplary Christian lives, practicing respect and concern for all people, honesty, appropriate behavior, and wise judgment as outlined in Scripture.

Believing that all persons are created in God's image and that the body of a believer in Christ is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the seminary interprets the Bible to forbid fornication, adultery, homosexuality, use of pornography, drunkenness, and use of illegal drugs. Seminary policy prohibits the use of alcohol and tobacco while enrolled at AGTS.

Seminary students are expected to conform to these standards, thereby giving evidence of a Christian life and character so as to commend the Gospel, strengthen the Church, and honor the Lord.

## Placement Assistance

The Student Services and Development/Alumni Offices coordinate services for graduates by disseminating a monthly position announcement listing, providing guidelines for job interviews and resumés, and coordinating recruitment visits by church leaders and other professional recruiters. Faculty and administration frequently work directly with church leaders and graduates in securing professional appointments.

## Accommodations For Students With Physical Disabilities

AGTS complies with the regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Sec. 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Inquiries or complaints concerning the application of Sec. 504 or the ADA may be referred to the academic dean or the director of student services.

## Accommodations For Students With Learning Disabilities

A student with learning disabilities may request academic assistance during their time of study at AGTS. In such cases, the student is required to provide official documentation (medical, educational, etc.) of the disability, along with all records pertaining to academic assistance provided by any previous institution(s). Documentation may be submitted to the director of admissions and records and must be provided at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the semester for which accommodations are requested. After the documentation is reviewed by the administrative committee, the student will be advised of the committee's determination.



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# Resident Academic Calendar 2005-2008

	2005 Aug. 25 - Dec. 16	2006 Aug. 25 - Dec. 15	2007 Aug. 24 - Dec. 14
<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>			
New student orientation	Aug. 25, Thurs.	Aug. 25, Fri.	Aug. 24, Fri.
Registration	Aug. 26, Fri.	Aug. 25, Fri.	Aug. 24, Fri.
Classes begin morning	Aug. 29, Mon.	Aug. 28, Mon.	Aug. 27, Mon.
Convocation service	Sept. 1, Thurs.	Aug. 31, Thurs.	Aug. 30, Thurs.
Spring IM practicum approval*	Sept. 1-9, Thurs.-Fri.	Aug. 31-Sept. 8, Thurs.-Fri.	Aug. 30-Sept. 7, Thurs.-Fri.
Labor Day holiday	Sept. 5, Mon.	Sept. 4, Mon.	Sept. 3, Mon.
Last day to reg./change classes	Sept. 12, Mon.	Sept. 11, Mon.	Sept. 10, Mon.
Day of Renewal	Sept. 23, Fri.	Sept. 22, Fri.	Sept. 21, Fri.
Spring practicum approval**	Sept. 27-30, Tues.-Fri.	Sept. 26-29, Tues.-Fri.	Sept. 25-28, Tues.-Fri.
Fall study week	Oct. 11-14, Tues.-Fri.	Oct. 10-13, Tues.-Fri.	Oct. 9-12, Tues.-Fri.
Grad. reg. deadline (all grads)	Oct. 24-28, Mon.-Fri.	Oct. 23-27, Mon.-Fri.	Oct. 22-26, Mon.-Fri.
Exam/paper due (fall grads)	Oct. 31, Mon.	Oct. 31, Tues.	Oct. 31, Wed.
Spring registration	Nov. 7, Mon.	Nov. 6, Mon.	Nov. 5, Mon.
Thanksgiving holiday	Nov. 8-11, Tues.-Fri.	Nov. 7-10, Tues.-Fri.	Nov. 6-9, Tues.-Fri.
Classes resume morning	Nov. 24-25, Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 23-24, Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 22-23, Thurs.-Fri.
Final exam week	Nov. 28, Mon.	Nov. 27, Mon.	Nov. 26, Mon.
Fall semester ends	Dec. 12-16, Mon.-Fri.	Dec. 11-15, Mon.-Fri.	Dec. 10-14, Mon.-Fri.
Offices closed	Dec. 16, Fri.	Dec. 15, Fri.	Dec. 14, Fri.
	Dec. 23-30	Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Dec. 24-Jan. 1
	2006 Jan. 5 - April 28	2007 Jan. 5 - April 27	2008 Jan. 4 - April 25
New student orientation	Jan. 5, Thurs.	Jan. 5, Fri.	Jan. 4, Fri.
Registration	Jan. 6, Fri.	Jan. 5, Fri.	Jan. 4, Fri.
Semester classes begin	Jan. 9, Mon.	Jan. 8, Mon.	Jan. 7, Mon.
Summer IM practicum approval*	Jan. 9-20, Mon.-Fri.	Jan. 8-19, Mon.-Fri.	Jan. 7-18, Mon.-Fri.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 16, Mon.	Jan. 15, Mon.	Jan. 21, Mon.
Last day to reg./change classes	Jan. 23, Mon.	Jan. 22, Mon.	Jan. 21, Mon.
Summer practicum approval**	Jan. 23-Feb. 3, Mon.-Fri.	Jan. 22-Feb. 2, Mon.-Fri.	Jan. 21-Feb. 1, Mon.-Fri.
Final Grad. reg. deadline (all grads)	Jan. 31, Tues.	Jan. 31, Wed.	Jan. 31, Thurs.
Fall practicum approval	Feb. 7-10, Tues.-Fri.	Feb. 6-9, Tues.-Fri.	Feb. 5-8, Tues.-Fri.
Spring study week	Feb. 27-March 3, Mon.-Fri.	Feb. 26-March 2, Mon.-Fri.	Feb. 25-29, Mon.-Fri.
Classes resume morning	March 6, Mon.	March 5, Mon.	March 3, Mon.
Summer/fall registration	March 7-10; 14-17, Tues.-Fri.	March 6-9; 13-16, Tues.-Fri.	March 4-7; 11-14, Tues.-Fri.
Exam/paper due (spring grads)	March 13, Mon.	March 12, Mon.	Mar. 10, Mon.
Good Friday holiday	April 14, Fri.	April 6, Fri.	Mar. 21, Fri.
Final exam week	April 24-28, Mon.-Fri.	April 23-27, Mon.-Fri.	April 21-25, Mon.-Fri.
Spring semester ends	April 28, Fri.	April 27, Fri.	April 25, Fri.
Graduation activities	May 5-6, Fri.-Sat.	May 4-5, Fri.-Sat.	May 2-3, Fri.-Sat.
	2006 May 8 - July 14	2007 May 7 - July 13	2008 May 5 - July 11
First summer session (4 wks)	May 8-June 2	May 7-June 1	May 5-30
Registration	May 8, Mon.	May 7, Mon.	May 5, Mon.
Classes begin morning	May 8, Mon.	May 7, Mon.	May 5, Mon.
Last day to reg./change classes	May 10, Wed.	May 9, Wed.	May 7, Wed.
Memorial Day holiday	May 29, Mon.	May 28, Mon.	May 26, Mon.
Classes end	June 2, Fri.	June 1, Fri.	May 30, Fri.
Exam/paper due (sum. I grads)	June 5, Mon.	June 4, Mon.	June 2, Mon.
Second Session (4 wks)	June 5-30	June 4-29	June 2-27
Registration	June 5, Mon.	June 4, Mon.	June 2, Mon.
Classes begin morning	June 5, Mon.	June 4, Mon.	June 2, Mon.
Last day to reg./change classes	June 7, Wed.	June 6, Wed.	June 4, Wed.
Classes end	June 30, Fri.	June 29, Fri.	June 27, Fri.
Post Session (2 wks)	July 3-14	July 2-13	June 30-July 11
Registration	July 3, Mon.	July 2, Mon.	June 30, Mon.
Classes begin morning	July 3, Mon.	July 2, Mon.	June 30, Mon.
Last day to reg./change classes	July 5, Wed.	July 3, Tues.	July 1, Tues.
Independence Day holiday	July 4, Tues.	July 4, Wed.	July 4, Fri.
Exam/paper due (sum. II/post sum. grads)	July 11, Tues.	July 10, Tues.	July 8, Tues.
Classes end	July 14, Fri.	July 13, Fri.	July 11, Fri.

\* IM = Intercultural Ministry

\*\* Exception: IM Practicums (See GMD Schedule)

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We highly recommend that prospective students plan to visit AGTS. A visit allows you to meet our students, faculty and staff, sit in on classes and get a feel for the community. We would be glad to offer tours, set up appointments, send class schedules and even put you up for two nights in the home of a current student. We ask that you provide us with at least two week's notice if accommodations are desired. To schedule your visit in advance, call us at 800-467-AGTS or 417-268-1000. We look forward to having you on campus.

AGTS is located in Springfield, MO, in the south-central part of the state. Springfield is serviced by its own regional airport and bus terminal. Situated along I-44, Springfield is approximately three hours from the airports of Tulsa, St. Louis and Kansas City. The campus is located on the corner of Glenstone and Division, next to Evangel University. We would be happy to provide you with a complimentary map of the city.

