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AND TEACH ALL
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AN EVANGELICAL, INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SPECIALIZING IN ON AND OFF CAMPUS THEOLOGICAL AND MINISTERIAL TRAINING

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1970, five students gathered in a living room in Orlando, Florida, to begin studies under their local pastor, my father, Rev. Glenn E. Tyler. The phenomenal success of International Seminary since that time, with more than 20,000 alumni in 78 countries, cannot be explained as a plan of one man or a committee, but the will of Almighty God. Literally millions of souls have been won to the Kingdom of God as a result of the efforts of International Seminary graduates. Our mission to *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”* is well underway.

Several factors greatly influence the way in which the Seminary mission is accomplished. First of all, many seminaries have simply failed to provide adequate training for ministers. One study indicates that 80 out of 100 seminary graduates quit the ministry within two years of graduation. Reasons cited for this high failure rate include: 1) Unrealistic expectations, 2) Lack of practical ministry skills, 3) Inability to relate to the common, uneducated man, and 4) A spirit of academic competition. The educational philosophy at International Seminary is summarized in Romans 12 and Joshua 1:8, the “success verse.”

The second factor comes as a source of amazement and bewilderment to many intellectuals (I Corinthians 1:27). In studies of the largest and most successful churches, ministries, and para-church organizations, most are pastored by ministers who did not attend seminary. In fact, many did not attend college, and some were high school dropouts. At International Seminary, successful ministers can document and validate their learning experiences and complete their earned degrees through a combination of transfer credits, experiential credits, and courses taken at International.

Finally, the resurgence of home study education as an acceptable option has not only influenced International Seminary, but every other college in America in recent years. Every child is taught in elementary school that the great American leader and president, Abraham Lincoln, was successful primarily because of his home study practices. The National Home Study Council reports: “every major research project in the last 50 years has shown that home study students perform as well as, if not better than, resident trained students who studied the same subjects.” International Seminary offers continuing education opportunities through resident studies, correspondence courses (diploma programs), and directed home study courses.

Many years ago, my father had a dream that changed his life forever. He dreamed he was in a large field, and in the center of the field was a deep pit thirty or forty yards across. The hole was so deep he could not see the bottom. From all directions people began to walk across the field to the edge of the hole, where they would blindly and silently fall out of sight into the darkness. Others were beginning to form a human hedge by joining hands around the circle, but occasional openings still allowed people to pass through unblocked. Several minutes passed and a voice speaking from behind him said, “Glenn, if you will take your place, you can help stop this.” Without hesitation he walked to the edge of the pit and joined hands with those on either side. He then felt the pressure of a human soul against his back. Shortly after this dream, Rev. Dr. Glenn E. Tyler entered the ministry as the founder of what is now called International Seminary.

As you prayerfully consider continuing your education, I trust you will seek God’s guidance and wisdom in your choice of colleges. If God is speaking to you about pursuing your education, won’t you join hands with us as we fulfill the great commission to *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations....”*

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel J. Tyler
President



ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

» Personal Information

Born on November 27, 1953, in Orlando, FL. He resides in Apopka with his wife, Renee'. They have two adult daughters and one grandson, all of whom have been active in church ministry. His hobbies include music and exploring new places. During his travels he has collected more than 300 eagle replicas and over 250 coffee mugs from around the world.

» Ministerial Experience

Began traveling with his evangelist father in 1965 at the age of twelve. Entered the music ministry in 1968 at the age of fifteen. Licensed - February 22, 1970; Orlando, Florida, Ordained - October 8, 1972; Orlando, Florida. Has ministered in all fifty states in America, and conducted thirty-four mission trips to foreign countries. Interestingly, he has made 64 trips to Washington, DC, as of January, 2015. He is a soloist & musician. He traveled for several years in a Gospel quartet, playing piano and singing the lead. He has produced a number of music albums and written several original compositions including: Two Suns Rose and Hold Me Up A Little Longer, Lord. He is a registered songwriter with BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.). He is an Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent with the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, Department of Defense, and a chaplain with the Justice Department. In October, 2001, he served as a Critical Incident Stress Manager during operation "PENTTBOMB" at ground zero, the temporary morgue, and the Staten Island Joint Task Force Recovery Operation in New York City.

» Military & Chaplaincy Experience

Resident Chaplain Law Enforcement Academy, Quantico, Virginia, January 1996, February 2003, May 2006, January 2011 and October, 2011. Chaplain, Lieutenant, City of Apopka Police Department, May 1990 - May 1999. Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Florida Wing - United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol 1988 - 1996. Religious Education Specialist, United States Army, 1974 - 1977. Served with the 46th Engineer Combat Unit.

» Professional Education Doctor of Ministry, North Florida Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, 1989. Master of Arts (Biblical Studies), Liberty Christian College, Pensacola, Florida, 1986. Bachelor of Science, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, 1980. Bachelor of Religious Education, International Seminary, Plymouth, Florida, 1980 .

» Other Training

Justice Department Chaplains' Inservice Training: Atlanta, GA, Jul, 2009; LE Academy, Sep, 2007; Seattle, WA, Aug, 2004; Spokane, WA, Jul, 2003; Philadelphia, PA, June, 1999; San Jose, CA, Jul, 1996; Birmingham, AL, July, 1995; LE Academy, Sep, 1993. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training: LE Academy, 1995; ICPC Seminar, 1993; Basic certification with ICISF - July, 2003. Certified Senior Chaplain: International Conference of Police Chaplains, 1995. Graduate of the United States Air University National Staff College: Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, 1991.

» Positions Held

President and Senior Minister, International Seminary, Plymouth, Florida, 1988 to Present. Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent, Armed Forces Chaplains Board - Department of Defense, 1989 to Present. Justice Department Chaplain, Tampa Division, 1993 to Present. Founding Pastor, New Vision Community Church, Plymouth, Florida, September 1996 to Present. Vice-President, International Seminary, Plymouth, Florida, 1971 - 1988.

» Memberships

Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, International Conference of Police Chaplains, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

Dr. Tyler has been given numerous awards and honors including; Distinguished Service Medal, Bronx Chaplaincy Com. of NYC, Nov, 2006; Outstanding Service Award, Volusia County Sheriff's Chaplaincy, May, 2005; Certificate of Recognition, Employee Assistance Program, FBI, June, 1999; Private Meeting with Director of FBI, Washington, DC, December, 1995; Key to the City of Apopka, 1993; Letter of Appreciation, President of the United States, 1993; Southeast Region Commanders Commendation, USAF Auxiliary, 1992; Gill Robb Wilson Award, United States Air Force Auxiliary, 1992; Outstanding Chaplain of the Year, Florida Wing, USAF Auxiliary, 1990; and various other civic, military, and religious awards.

HISTORY

International Seminary is the educational outreach of Tyler Crusades, Inc., a 501(C)(3) non-profit church organization founded in Orlando, Florida, in 1966. The ministry began in 1950 primarily as a missionary, evangelistic outreach, with crusade meetings in tents and auditoriums across the United States and in numerous countries. On several occasions during the early years, the Founding President, Rev. Dr. Glenn E. Tyler, ministered in locations where he was the first white missionary to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nationals. By 1968, a small church had formed in Orlando and in 1970, the first class was conducted in a living room setting with only five students. After conducting classes in church and rental facilities for ten years, a search for property in the greater Orlando area began.

In 1982, the Board of Directors authorized the purchase of property and the building of a new facility. Subsequently, International purchased a 40-acre, lakefront, orange grove located in Plymouth, about 15 miles northwest of Orlando. The property is located on a major highway with 1,500 feet of road frontage, 2,200 feet of lake frontage, and situated one block from the Orlando Country Airport. The most unusual feature is the beautiful hilly terrain which is unique for Central Florida.

Choosing a site in rural Orlando was not without its problems. With no postal service delivery available, it was necessary to use a post office box for mail. Orlando students were required to commute further to attend classes, and a change in area code (because of Orlando's growth) resulted in a loss of contact with many alumni and potential students.

Meanwhile, in order to develop the campus, a \$30,000 water main was purchased by International, deep wells were dug for irrigation, and water retention areas were formed. Topographical surveys were created, detailing every bush and tree with a diameter of six inches or more. In 1984, a chapel complex was completed, providing offices, classrooms, and bookstore and library facilities. All of this was done while remaining virtually debt free, and without denominational, federal, state, or corporate financial support.

On August 27, 1988, the Founding President, Rev. Dr. Glenn E. Tyler, passed away suddenly; and at an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors on Sunday, August 28, 1988, Rev. Dr. Daniel James Tyler was appointed as the seminary's second president. In November of 1988, permission was granted by Orange County to construct major signage on the property, a seven year dream of the administration.

On April 1, 1989, during the official Flag Raising Ceremony, the campus was formally dedicated and set apart for use by the community, the residents of the State of Florida, and Christians from around the world. The unusual campus dedication involved the use of a fire-fighting helicopter that "anointed" the property with 500 gallons of red-tinted water symbolic of the Blood of Christ. Shortly thereafter, the first all-night prayer meeting was conducted with thirty-nine in attendance.

Concerts, ministerial meetings, and other community events are conducted on campus. Additionally, local church groups conduct fellowship gatherings, campouts, and youth meetings on campus. Facilities include a 300 seat amphitheater; gazebos dedicated to God's Word, solitude, and fellowship; an 85 foot walkway in the shape of a cross from the flag overlook to the Gazebo of Solitude; sidewalks; walkways and pathways.

Future plans include the development of a ten-million dollar campus as God supplies the finances. Meanwhile, the park-like atmosphere of the 40 acre campus will be preserved as city growth continues to engulf the surrounding area.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Note: The following is an excerpt of the eulogy given by Dr. Daniel J. Tyler at the funeral service of International Seminary's Founding President, Dr. Glenn E. Tyler.

Dad always said to study and be prepared to speak twice as long as needed, then cut it in half, and keep it "short and sweet." That will be difficult today because Dr. Tyler was such a great man, and there is so much that could be said about him. He was a beloved brother, a faithful husband and father, a wise grandfather, a trusted friend and counselor. But today I would like to "share with you" some things you might not know about the Founder of International Seminary, Dr. Glenn Tyler.

He was an educator. As a child he walked to school through the northern woods of New Hampshire, until one day in 9th grade a panther stalked him home from class. The next day that same panther followed him again as he walked the 2 1/2 miles from the bus stop to home. After the third day of this, he dropped out of school. Twenty-five years later, while in full-time ministry, he went back and got his G.E.D., then studied for the bachelor degree, then the master's, and finally, his earned doctorate. He has also received numerous awards and several honorary doctorates.

Dr. Tyler was also a minister. I remember as a child that there were two closets in my parents' bedroom. One had clothes in it and the other had an altar in it. And we knew that when the door was closed, Dad was seeking God, and we knew not to disturb him during this time, even though to us it seemed like he was in there for days at a time. And I believe he was. In those early days, he spent so much time on his knees that later he suffered with stomach problems as a result.

Dad was also a great preacher, the best I've ever heard. He was a preacher's preacher, and I've never seen a more anointed preacher. He preached when he was sick, when he was tired, when there were only a few, and when there were 10,000. Nothing seemed to affect him when it was time to preach.

Finally, Dad was a theologian. He believed and lived as though Christ could return at any moment. It was his blessed hope and he never thought he'd see death. But then a few months ago, we were in a planning meeting and Dr. T. (his nickname) said, "The rest of you can work this out later, because I'm going on a long journey." Naturally, this shocked us and someone asked him where he was going - on a cruise, a sabbatical, or what - and he replied, "It won't be long and I'll be walking the Streets of Gold."

A few weeks ago he stopped by this church and told Pastor Cox, "If there is going to be a funeral soon, I would like mine to be here at Apopka Assembly." Early this month, Dr. Tyler wrote several people who owed him money and he canceled

the debts, stating "you don't owe me anything." On the tenth of this month, he gathered as many of his brothers and sisters as he could for dinner at his house. He told them that he felt Christ would return very soon, and he wanted to make sure each one was ready to go.

Several times in the last few weeks he walked through the Chapel where we have a photograph of his mother and he said, "Mom, I'll see you in a couple of weeks." Then last week, he told someone that he had to get the shelves finished in his dining room by Saturday (he died at 2:00 on Saturday) ... and did you know that we had to put the lid on the can of wood stain and clean out the brush he was using.

Dr. Glenn E. Tyler was an honorable man, and he will always remain special in our hearts. In closing, I'd like to tell you some of his peculiarities:

He liked to put brown sugar in spaghetti.

He would come in on Mondays and ask (mainly our Baptist employees), "Well did you stay saved over the weekend?"

He used to say, "It's what I don't understand that amazes me!"

He said that his students were the "jewels in his crown." And can you imagine him right now wearing a crown with ten-thousand jewels in it?

He liked roses.

And finally, he liked to take a nap in the afternoon. And so it was on Saturday, August 27, 1988; he worked around the house, ate lunch with Mom, watched wrestling on TV, and as he did so often at home, he lay down on the floor and stretched out for a nap. We've seen him like that a thousand times, but this time was different. I believe an angel came and put his arms around Dad and led him through the Heavenly Gates.

Note: The coroner indicated that Glenn E. Tyler did not expire due to a heart attack or stroke as was first thought. Instead, his heart, brain waves, and breathing simply stopped while he was asleep.

After the death of her husband Glenn in 1988, Rebecca Tyler, co-founder, continued to work full-time at the seminary. In mid-2011 she underwent testing at the Mayo Clinic and was diagnosed with a rather rare genetic disease. Though there were no symptoms prior to 2011, this disease had caused severe liver damage, and within 60 days of the diagnosis, she passed away.

Rebecca worked right up to the very end. Like her husband, she was fully devoted to the advancement and education of ministers. Some of her most enjoyable moments were the numerous office visits made by our alumni.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE

Matthew 28:19 *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”*

International Seminary is a non-profit, evangelical, interdenominational ministry specializing in on and off campus theological and ministerial training.

The purpose of this seminary is to provide basic training and continuing education opportunities for ministers, Bible teachers, and Christian workers. This task is achieved with a positive commitment to the Bible as the final authority in all matters. Our basis of fellowship with other believers is the Cross of Christ.

Graduates have gone into “all the world” as commanded by Christ in Mark 16:15. They include pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, education directors, professors, musicians, denominational officials, and chaplains.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in the Bible as the divinely-inspired Word of God, the revelation of His mind and will to man, our infallible, all-sufficient guide for salvation and for the Christian life.

We believe in one God, the Creator of all, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He is true God and true man begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and that He had a perfect and sinless humanity.

We believe in the depravity of the nature of man through his fall in the Garden of Eden, and the absolute inability of man to save himself from eternal punishment by his own works.

We believe in the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary, through which sacrifice Christ has affected complete and eternal redemption, God setting His seal of approval on the work of Christ by raising Him from among the dead and enthroning Him at His own right hand in Heaven; He is the Head of the Church, the Lord of the individual, the High Priest over the House of God and advocate in the family of God.

LOCATION

International Seminary is located in the heart of sunny Florida, fifteen miles northwest of Orlando, at 3927 W. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, 32712 (actually in Plymouth). NOTE: Do not use this address for mailing packages as the Post Office does not deliver to this rural area. For USPS use: PO Box 1075, Plymouth, FL 32768. Central Florida is known as the world’s tourist mecca, with attractions such as Walt Disney World Vacation Kingdom and EPCOT Center (the world’s number one tourist destination), Universal Studios, Sea World, the Kennedy Space Center, Lego Land, and some of the best beaches in the world, including Daytona Beach.

At one time, Central Florida was called the “preacher’s graveyard” since many ministries died shortly after being established. Now several thousand churches thrive in Central Florida and a number of these are the largest churches in the United States. International Seminary has trained more than 2,000 students in Central Florida, many of whom now serve as successful pastors and ministers in the area.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMPUS

You can get a map from mapquest by using 3927 W. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL; or simply input “International Seminary.”

From the northwest - Take I-75 south to the Florida Turnpike. Take the Florida Turnpike south to the SR 429 exit. Take SR 429 north (approx 13 miles) to the Highway 441 exit. Take Highway 441 north .75 miles. The campus is on the right.

From the north-east - Take I-95 south to I-4. Take I-4 west to SR 46. Take SR 46 west to Plymouth-Sorrento Rd. Turn left, and go to Highway 441. Turn right and go 1 mile. The campus is on the right.

From the south-west - Take I-4 to SR 429. Take SR 429 north (approx 33 miles) to the Highway 441 exit. Take Highway 441 north .75 miles. The campus is on the right.

From the south-east - Take the Florida Turnpike north to SR 429. Take SR 429 north (approx 13 miles) to the Highway 441 exit. Take Highway 441 north .75 miles. The campus is on the right.

ALUMNI IN 78 COUNTRIES

As a world-wide outreach, International Seminary has students or alumni in the following countries:

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| 1. Angola | 27. Guyana | 53. Panama |
| 2. Antigua | 28. Haiti | 54. Paraguay |
| 3. Argentina | 29. Honduras | 55. Peru |
| 4. Australia | 30. Hong Kong | 56. Philippines |
| 5. Bahamas | 31. Hungary | 57. Republic South Africa |
| 6. Barbados | 32. Iceland | 58. Saudi Arabia |
| 7. Belgium | 33. India | 59. Scotland |
| 8. Bermuda | 34. Indonesia | 60. Sierra Leone |
| 9. Bolivia | 35. Ireland | 61. Singapore |
| 10. Botswana | 36. Israel | 62. Spain |
| 11. Brazil | 37. Italy | 63. Sri Lanka |
| 12. Burma | 38. Jamaica | 64. Swaziland |
| 13. Cameroon | 39. Japan | 65. Sweden |
| 14. Canada | 40. Jordan | 66. Switzerland |
| 15. Cayman Islands | 41. Kenya | 67. Tanzania |
| 16. Chile | 42. Korea | 68. Thailand |
| 17. Columbia | 43. Kuwait | 69. Trinidad |
| 18. Cyprus | 44. Liberia | 70. Uganda |
| 19. Dominican Republic | 45. Malaysia | 71. United Arab Emirates |
| 20. Ecuador | 46. Mexico | 72. United States |
| 21. England | 47. Netherlands Antilles | 73. Venezuela |
| 22. Ethiopia | 48. New Guinea | 74. Wales |
| 23. Finland | 49. New South Wales | 75. West Germany |
| 24. Ghana | 50. New Zealand | 76. West Malaysia |
| 25. Greece | 51. Nigeria | 77. Zambia |
| 26. Guatemala | 52. Pakistan | 78. Zimbabwe |

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL

As an interdenominational ministry, International Seminary has enrolled students from virtually every major denomination. The following is a partial listing of denominations, fellowships, associations, or faith groups whose members have studied with International:

Adventist
African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Association
American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.
American Evangelical Christian Churches
Anglican
Assemblies of God, General Council of
Baptist
Baptist Bible Fellowship, International
Baptist General Conference
Brethren
Christian and Missionary Alliance, The
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ
Christian Reformed Church
Church of God
Church of God, The (Huntsville, Alabama)
Church of God, The (Original)
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
Church of God In Christ
Church of God General Conference
Church of God of Prophecy
Church of the Nazarene
Church of Christ
Churches of God, General Conference
Conservative Baptist Association of America
Eastern Orthodox
Episcopal
Evangelical Covenant Church of America
Evangelical Free Church of America

Fire-Baptized Holiness Church
Foursquare Gospel, International Church of the
Free Methodist Church of North America
Free Will Baptist
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
General Baptist
Independent Assemblies of God, International
Independent Baptist
International Christian Church and Ministerial
Association
International Pentecostal Holiness Church
Lutheran
Mennonite
Methodist
Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc.
Pentecostal
Plymouth Brethren
Presbyterian
Presbyterian Church in America, The
Primitive Baptist
Reformed
Reformed Presbyterian Church
Roman Catholic Church
Salvation Army
Seventh-Day Adventist
Seventh-Day Baptist General Conference
Southern Baptist Convention
United Brethren
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church, The
United Pentecostal Church International

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF



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President



Angela Smith
Executive Assistant



Rev. Timothy D. Tyler
Director of External Studies



Dr. Cherie McCoy
Professor



Dr. Cloretha James
Professor



Dr. Harvey Pittman
Academic Dean/Professor

(See complete Faculty listing on page 22)

ACCEPTANCE OF CREDITS AND DEGREES

No college can guarantee the acceptance of credits or degrees since each student is evaluated and then accepted or denied based upon a number of individualistic factors. For instance, courses in theology would not normally be applied toward a degree in physical education; therefore, those credits, even if they were from a regionally accredited college, would not be transferable. Other factors that influence the acceptance of credits or degrees include the grade point average, entrance exam score, the degree major, ability to pay, etc.

In past years, International Seminary has sent official transcripts to more than 107 colleges, at the request of students applying for transfer. To help determine the acceptability of an International Seminary degree, the seminary conducted a survey of colleges, seminaries, and universities to determine whether the International Seminary degree graduate was actually accepted. More than 50 institutions responded, in writing, stating that they had accepted, or were willing to accept, credits and degrees from International Seminary. A number of these colleges are regionally accredited.

In a 1978 study, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services documented acceptance of nontraditional or non-regionally accredited programs. Of the thousands surveyed, 97 percent were admitted to the traditional graduate school of their choice, 94 percent experienced no problems in graduate school admission because of having an unaccredited degree, and 99 percent of the holders of nontraditional degrees felt that their degree was as good as, or better than, a traditional degree. In addition to this, a survey of the top personnel officers at 81 large corporations indicated they felt that a nontraditional degree was just as useful as one from a traditional school with a "strong reputation." As the report said, these findings "run counter to some popular beliefs." Source: Sosdian, Carol P. and Laure M. Sharp, *The External Degree as Credential: Graduate's Experiences in Employment and Further Study*, Washington D.C., U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1978.

For the most part International Seminary graduates experience little difficulty in the acceptance of their degrees. Between 5 and 10 percent do experience some difficulty because of life experience credit, or a nontraditional transcript, but this means that 90-95 percent have no problem when it comes to job placement, career advancement, or acceptance to graduate school. International Seminary graduates have been accepted in virtually every position in the Gospel ministry, and presently serve as:

- Associate Pastors
- Authors
- Christian Counselors
- Christian School Administrators
- Christian School Principals
- Christian School Teachers
- Church Administrators and Leaders
- College Deans and Presidents
- Conference Speakers
- Denominational Officials
- Educators
- Evangelists
- Large-Church Pastors
- Military Chaplains
- Missionaries
- Music Ministers
- Para-Church Ministry Leaders
- Pastoral Counselors
- Police Chaplains
- Prison Chaplains
- Professors
- Religious Musicians and Vocalists
- Small-Church Pastors
- Theologians
- and others

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Credits and degrees from International Seminary have been accepted in various states for teacher certification in non-public school systems.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is found only in the United States of America, as all other countries regulate colleges and universities through government approval. In the United States, accreditation is a voluntary process governed by independent accrediting agencies that are either recognized by the federal government or not. The license to operate a college or university is regulated by the state government and is not considered accreditation. Each state has different guidelines concerning universities, seminaries, and Bible colleges.

REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

There are six private corporations, referred to as agencies, that provide accreditation for universities within certain regions of the country. These agencies are recognized by the federal government and all colleges accredited by them are listed in a publication produced by the Department of Education.

Many excellent colleges and universities have chosen to become regionally accredited, while others of equal standing and reputation have chosen, for Biblical or theological reasons, to remain non-regionally accredited.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Almost 100 different professional accrediting associations such as the American Dental Association, The American Bar Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Home Study Council, have been established to provide accreditation for a particular field of study or professional occupation.

Obtaining a regionally or professionally accredited degree is not important to most of the ministers who apply to International Seminary since they are in church-related occupations. Those interested in military chaplaincy, government-affiliated positions, or teaching positions in regionally-accredited colleges, are concerned with regional accreditation. These students have, in many cases, been accepted by virtue of International Seminary's position in the academic community. For example, military chaplains are required to have a Master of Divinity degree or the equivalent, from a regionally accredited seminary, or from a seminary whose credits and degrees are accepted by regionally-accredited colleges. Since International Seminary's credits have been accepted in regionally accredited colleges, a number of our graduates have received appointments as military chaplains.

INDEPENDENT ACCREDITATION

Since accreditation is purely voluntary, and since all accrediting agencies are private corporations, a number of agencies have formed to provide recognition in areas where regional or professional accreditation has left gaps. For instance, no college or seminary offering all three levels of instruction (bachelor, master, doctoral) through home study, has ever been regionally or professionally accredited.

International Seminary was a member of the Accrediting Commission International for Schools, Colleges, and Theological Seminaries, in good standing from 1979 through 2010. This agency is not affiliated or recognized by the federal government; however, acceptance by state agencies, church organizations, and businesses has been relatively good. Furthermore, the Commission never received a formal complaint against International Seminary.

For many years International Seminary was the flagship college with this agency, being the largest and, by far, the most recognized. In 2010 we did not renew our membership, deciding instead to rely on the high level of recognition and acceptance we have earned based on our own merit.

International Seminary is listed in the Directory of Postsecondary Institutions produced by the Postsecondary Education Statistics Division, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

STATE ACCREDITATION

The term "state accreditation" is a misnomer, as states do not provide accreditation for colleges or seminaries.

SUMMARY

Accreditation is basically an organized way of determining the acceptance of credits or degrees from any particular institution. Credits and degrees from International Seminary have been accepted in virtually every aspect of the Gospel ministry. Academic recognition is a continual process and the administration, faculty and staff of International Seminary have a commitment to provide the highest quality standards of education without compromise to the Biblical and theological philosophies of Christianity.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Bachelor Degree Programs

FIRST YEAR

Pr.Dip.

Diploma of Practical Theology

SECOND YEAR

Pr.Adv.

A.A.

Diploma of Practical Theology - Advanced Level
Associate of Arts in Ministerial Studies (optional)

THIRD YEAR

Th.G.

Graduate of Theology

FOURTH YEAR

Th.B.

B.Min.

B.B.S.

B.R.Ed.

B.A.

Bachelor of Theology
Bachelor of Ministry
Bachelor of Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Religious Education
Bachelor of Arts (in a religious major)

Master Degree Programs

Th.M.

M.Min.

M.B.S.

M.R.Ed.

M.Min.C.C.

M.A.

M.Div.

Master of Theology
Master of Ministry
Master of Biblical Studies
Master of Religious Education
Master of Ministry in Christian Counseling
Master of Arts (in a religious major)
Master of Divinity

Doctoral Degree Programs

Th.D.

D.Min.

D.B.S.

D.R.Ed.

Ph.D.

Doctor of Theology
Doctor of Ministry
Doctor of Biblical Studies
Doctor of Religious Education
Doctor of Philosophy (in a religious major)

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

First Year (freshman) - Diploma of Practical Theology

The Diploma of Practical Theology is awarded to students who successfully complete the 30 credit hour course titled “Be Successful In Your Ministry I.” This proven and effective program is a condensed two year course of study designed for ministers, teachers, Bible students, youth leaders, lay leaders, and other Christian workers. It is designed especially for those who are entering the Gospel ministry; however, many seasoned ministers take it as a refresher course. A high school diploma or the equivalent is required for college credit; however, those without a high school diploma may take the course for personal enrichment, without college credit. Several faith groups recognize this program as a prerequisite for ordination. Subjects covered include the following:

Homiletics - HO 101	Early Church History - CH 101
Doctrines of the Bible - CD 101	Eschatology - CD 112
Thanatology - CD 110	Tripartition of Man - CD 113
Bible Translations - BI 101	Spiritual Gifts - CD 102
Dispensations - CD 111	Church Growth and Evangelism - PA 101

Second Year (Sophomore) - Diploma of Practical Theology - Advanced Level

The Diploma of Practical Theology - Advanced Level is awarded to those who successfully complete the 30 credit hour course titled “Be Successful In Your Ministry II.” Prerequisites for this program are a high school diploma or the equivalent, and 30 earned, transferable, theological credits. Students without a high school diploma may take the course for personal enrichment, without college credit. Subjects covered include the following:

Introduction to Old Testament - BS 201	Introduction to Theology - CD 201
Introduction to New Testament - BS 202	Survey of Christian Education - CE 201
Survey of Church History - CH 201	Worship - MI 201
Introduction to Ethics - CP 210	Introduction to Pastoral Administration - PA 201
Christian Psychology - CC 201	Christian Counseling - CC 210

Associate of Arts in Ministerial Studies (optional)

The Associate of Arts in Ministerial Studies degree is awarded to those who successfully complete “Be Successful In Your Ministry I” and “Be Successful In Your Ministry II.” Additional requirements include the reading of the entire Old and New Testaments within the last two years, and a research project (RE 230) between 50 and 75 pages in length. A high school diploma, GED, or the equivalent is required. There is a nominal processing and grading fee.

Third year (junior) - Graduate of Theology

The Graduate of Theology diploma is awarded to those who successfully complete the 30 credit hour course titled “Be Successful In Your Ministry III. Prerequisites for enrollment include a high school diploma or the equivalent, and 60 earned, transferable, theological credits. Students without a high school diploma may take the course for personal enrichment, without college credit. Subjects covered include the following:

Doctrine of the Resurrection - CD 303	Marriage & Family - CC 301
Cosmic Ages - CD 304	Doctrines - CD 307
Ministry to the Community - MI 302	Bible Survey - BS 301
Spiritual Gifts - CD 305	Ministry Trends - MI 304
Occult Doctrines - CD 306	Church Administration - PA 302

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Fourth Year (Senior) - Options

The bachelor degree is awarded to those who successfully complete at least 120 semester credit hours of approved study. A high school diploma, GED, or the equivalent, and at least 90 earned, transferable, theological credits are required for enrollment at this level. The required courses (3 credits each) are listed below. In addition, all students must complete the non-credit Student Orientation course (RE 401).

Prerequisites are:

1. Verification of high school (or GED or equivalent)
2. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) reflecting at least 90 earned, transferable, theological credits (or the completion of our freshman, sophomore, and junior year programs or equivalent)

The General Requirements are:

- A. Student Orientation (RE 401) ... (non credit)
- B. Course work 30 semester hours

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (Th.B.)

The Bachelor of Theology is designed for pastors and church leaders interested in the study of God and how He relates to man through Scripture. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Early Church History - CH 401 | 6 World Religions - CP 410 |
| 2 Study of Paul - NT 412 | 7 Life of Christ - NT 410 |
| 3 Basic Psychology - CC 401 | 8 Reformation - CH 405 |
| 4 Applied Psychology - CC 420 | 9 Pastoral Counseling I - CC 450 |
| 5 Christian Psychology - CC 410 | 10 Christian Minister I - CH 403 |

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (B.Min.)

The Bachelor of Ministry is designed for pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and music ministers, who deal with the practical aspects of church work. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Basic Psychology - CC 401 | 6 Christian Minister II - CE 401 |
| 2 Applied Psychology - CC 420 | 7 Christian Minister III - PA 401 |
| 3 Christian Psychology - CC 410 | 8 Pastoral Counseling I - CC 450 |
| 4 World Religions - CP 410 | 9 Pastoral Counseling II - CC 451 |
| 5 Christian Minister I - CH 403 | 10 Pastoral Counseling III - CC 452 |

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (B.B.S.)

The Bachelor of Biblical Studies is designed for pastors and teachers interested in a book-by-book research of Scripture. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Historical Books I - OT 403 | 6 The Apocrypha - BS 401 |
| 2 Old Testament Historical Books II - OT 404 | 7 Study of Paul - NT 412 |
| 3 Study of David - OT 410 | 8 Christ in Every Book - NT 411 |
| 4 Minor Prophets I - OT 401 | 9 Eschatology - CD 410 |
| 5 Minor Prophets II - OT 402 | 10 Research Project - RE 410 |

BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (B.R.Ed.)

The Bachelor of Religious Education degree is designed for teachers and administrators of Christian elementary and high schools. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Basic Psychology - CC 401 | 6 Christian Teacher II - CE 411 |
| 2 Applied Psychology - CC 420 | 7 Christian Teacher III - CE 412 |
| 3 Christian Psychology - CC 410 | 8 Christian Counseling I - CC 450 |
| 4 World Religions - CP 410 | 9 Christian Counseling II - CC 451 |
| 5 Christian Teacher I - CE 410 | 10 Christian Counseling III - CC 452 |

BACHELOR OF ARTS (In a Religious Major)

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded to those who successfully complete 120 semester credit hours of study, with at least 25 percent of the courses earned in general studies. These credits may be earned by: 1) completing qualified courses with International Seminary; 2) transferring credits from approved colleges, universities, and seminaries; 3) successful completion of CLEP tests or end-of-course examinations; and 4) awarding credit for learning achieved through life experience. A number of courses offered through International Seminary are considered general studies, including subjects in church history, psychology, and counseling. The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in the following four majors:

Bachelor of Arts in Theology - The study of God and how He relates to man through his Word.

Bachelor of Arts in Ministry - Deals with practical aspects such as evangelism, missions, music, etc.

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies - A book-by-book research of Scripture.

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Education - Concerned primarily with teaching in and the administration of Christian schools.

To determine if a student qualifies to pursue (or must pursue) the B.A. degree, you can speak with an advisor in the Admissions Office. To make a determination, we will need transcripts from all previously attended colleges, and completion of all informational forms.

MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

REQUIREMENTS

The master degree is a 45 credit hour course of study designed for those in Christian ministry. A bachelor degree from an approved college or seminary is required for acceptance into this program. Acceptance is subject to approval by the Admissions office. The average time for completion of the master degree is one-and-one-half to three years depending on the student's pace, the degree major, and the time required to complete the master thesis. The master thesis is a mandatory requirement worth 18 credit hours. Credits may be earned by: 1) Transfer of graduate-level courses from an approved college, university, or seminary, 2) Completing courses with International Seminary, and 3) Awarding of credit for learning achieved through life experience.

Prerequisites are:

1. Verification of high school.
2. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) reflecting an earned bachelor degree from an approved college.
3. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) of all other studies.

The general requirements are:

- A. Student Orientation (RE 501) . (non credit)
- B. Course work 27 semester hours
- C. Master thesis (RE 520) 18 semester hours

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (Th.M.)

The Master of Theology degree is designed for pastors and church leaders interested in the study of God and how He relates to man through Scripture. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Theology - CD 508 | 6 Eschatology - CD 513 |
| 2 New Testament Theology - CD 509 | 7 Thanatology - CD 517 |
| 3 The Spirit World - CD 518 | 8 The Occult - CP 590 |
| 4 Biblical Archaeology - BS 502 | 9 Greek Word Studies - BL 506 |
| 5 Bible Atlas - BS 504 | 10 Thesis - RE 520 |

MASTER OF MINISTRY (M.Min.)

The Master of Ministry degree is designed for those interested in the practical aspects of the church including missions, music, evangelism, etc. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Theology - CD 508 | 6 Eschatology - CD 513 |
| 2 New Testament Theology - CD 509 | 7 Pastoral Counseling - CC 527 |
| 3 The Spirit World - CD 518 | 8 Occult Religions - CP 590 |
| 4 Biblical Archaeology - BS 502 | 9 Greek Word Studies - BL 506 |
| 5 Bible Atlas - BS 504 | 10 Thesis - RE 520 |

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (M.B.S.)

The Master of Biblical Studies degree is designed for those interested in a book-by-book study of the Word of God. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Major Prophets - OT 501 | 6 Old Testament Theology - CD 508 |
| 2 The Pentateuch - OT 502 | 7 New Testament Theology - CD 509 |
| 3 Poetical Old Testament Books - OT 503 | 8 Greek Word Studies - BL 506 |
| 4 Bible Atlas - BS 504 | 9 World Religions - CP 571 |
| 5 Biblical Archaeology - BS 502 | 10 Thesis - RE 520 |

MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (M.R.Ed.)

The Master of Religious Education degree is designed for teachers and administrators of Christian elementary and high schools. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Theology - CD 508 | 6 Old Testament Education - CE 511 |
| 2 New Testament Theology - CD 509 | 7 New Testament Education - CE 510 |
| 3 The Spirit World - CD 518 | 8 Greek Word Studies - BL 506 |
| 4 Biblical Archaeology - BS 502 | 9 Christian Education - CE 501 |
| 5 Bible Atlas - BS 504 | 10 Thesis - RE 520 |

MASTER OF MINISTRY IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING (M.Min.C.C.)

The Master of Ministry in Christian Counseling program is designed specifically for those interested in the study of Christian Counseling. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Biblical Theology - CD 503 | 6 Occult Religious Practices - CD 520 |
| 2 The Counseling Session - CC 535 | 7 Marriage and Family - CC 521 |
| 3 World Religions and Denominational Beliefs - CP 570 | 8 Current Social Issues - CC 560 |
| 4 Demonology - CD 512 | 9 Practical Application of Christian Counseling - CC 530 |
| 5 Thanatology - CD 517 | 10 Thesis - RE 520 |

MASTER OF ARTS (In a Religious Major)

For the Master of Arts degree the student must complete two required courses and seven electives as follows:

The General Requirements are:

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| A. Student Orientation (RE 501) | (non credit) |
| B. Two required courses: | |
| Philosophy of Christian Psychology - CC 501 | 3 credits |
| Biblical Ethics: Finances - CP 520..... | 3 credits |
| C. Seven elective courses | 21 credits |
| D. Master thesis (RE 520) | 18 semester hours |

Seven elective courses are chosen by the student. Any graduate level course (500 series) may be chosen (with the approval of the faculty mentor) that relates to the program major. Also, the course RE 505 - Independent Study may be used to create a course that is not found on the normal graduate curriculum. The master thesis (RE 520) is a mandatory requirement worth 18 credit hours.

The Master of Arts degree is offered in four major fields of study - Biblical Studies, Theology, Ministry, and Religious Education. Within any of these fields however, the student can concentrate studies in any religious discipline culminating with the M.A. degree in more specific areas such as: New Testament Theology, Pastoral Counseling, Apologetics, Old Testament Studies, Pastoral Administration, Church Leadership, and many others.

THE MASTER THESIS

The master degree student is required to complete an intense course of study culminating in a master thesis that relates directly to the degree major. The master thesis must contain the following components:

- 1) Reading assignments equal to about 9,000 pages (approximately 26 textbooks).
- 2) Footnotes or end notes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
- 3) A complete bibliography of all resources.
- 4) A soft-bound copy is to be submitted for review and evaluation.

MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity degree is a 91 semester hour, professional degree for ministers. It prepares persons for effective ministry as pastors, evangelists, chaplains, missionaries, and other church-related ministries.

Prerequisites are:

1. Verification of high school.
2. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) reflecting an earned bachelor degree (from an approved college).
3. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) of all other college-level work.

The General Requirements are:

- A. Student Orientation (RE 501) (non-credit)
- B. Biblical studies 34 semester hours
- C. Church history & theology 24 semester hours
- D. Applied ministries 33 semester hours

Graduate level courses may be transferred with the prior approval of the seminary. A minimum of 30 hours must be earned with International Seminary. Credit for ministry experience is not available for this program.

All courses are three semester hours unless otherwise noted, and must be taken in the order listed. A GPA of 3.0 must be maintained. The specific courses are:

BIBLICAL STUDIES

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| 1 Greek I (4 semester hours) - BL 501 | 7 Hermeneutics - BI 501 |
| 2 Greek II (4 semester hours) - BL 502 | *8 Exegesis: Old Testament - BI 510, New Testament - BI 511, or Methods - BI 512 |
| 3 Hebrew I (4 semester hours) - BL 510 | 9 Old Testament Book Analysis - OT 512 |
| 4 Hebrew II (4 semester hours) - BL 511 | 10 New Testament Study of Paul - NT 511 |
| 5 Old Testament Survey - OT 510 | |
| 6 New Testament Survey - NT 510 | |

CHURCH HISTORY & THEOLOGY

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| 11 Early Church History - CH 501 | 15 Apologetics - CP 510 |
| 12 Medieval & Reformation History - CH 503 | 16 Systematic Theology - CD 505 |
| 13 *Modern Church History - CH 505, or American Church History CH - 510 | 17 Ethics - CP 522 |
| 14 *Philosophical Theology - CP 501, or Patristic Theology - CD 501 | 18 *Doctrine/History of (any) Church - CH 520, or Sacramental Theology - CD 507 |

APPLIED MINISTRIES

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| 19 Educational Ministry - MI 530 | 23 Crisis Counseling - CC 525 |
| 20 Homiletics - HO 501 | 24 Human Development - CC 507 |
| 21 *Missions - MI 540, or Worship - MI 501, or Black Ministries - MI 520 | 25 Marriage and Family Counseling - CC 520 |
| 22 Preaching Practicum - HO 520 | 26 Field Study (4 semester hours) - RE 580 |
| | 27 Thesis Project (8 semester hours) - RE 530 |

* Student's choice

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

REQUIREMENTS

The doctorate is awarded for completion of an advanced course of study culminating in a doctoral dissertation. A bachelor and master degree from an approved college or seminary is required for acceptance into this program. Acceptance is subject to approval by the admissions office. The average time for completion of the doctorate is between two and five years, depending on the student's pace, the degree major, and the time required to complete the dissertation. Only "B" work and above will count toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

Prerequisites are:

1. Verification of high school.
2. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) reflecting an earned bachelor and master degree from approved colleges.
3. Official transcripts (sent directly to International) of all other studies.

Post-graduate courses may be transferred with the prior approval of the seminary. A minimum of 30 hours must be earned with International Seminary. Qualifying for credit for ministry experience is not typical at this level.

The General Requirements are:

- A. Student Orientation (RE 601) (non-credit)
- B. Course work 40 semester hours
- C. Dissertation 20 semester hours
- D. Oral defense of the dissertation

All courses are 5 semester hours unless otherwise noted, and must be taken in the order listed.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY (Th.D.)

The Doctor of Theology degree is designed for pastors, ministers, educators, and other church leaders interested in a program of study in theology. Subjects include areas related to the study of how God relates to man through the Scripture. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 Old Testament Survey - OT 610 | 6 Systematic Theology - CD 605 |
| 2 New Testament Survey - NT 610 | 7 Christian Thought - CP 601 |
| 3 Old Testament Theology - CD 607 | 8 Apologetics - CP 610 |
| 4 New Testament Theology - CD 608 | 9 Dissertation - RE 620, 621, 622 |
| 5 Introduction to Christian Theology - CD 601 | 10 Oral Defense of the Dissertation - RE 690 |

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry degree is designed to increase competency in pastoral ministry and to contribute to the advancement of scholarship in ministry. This involves broadening the student's foundations in the area of ministry, expanding the student's own understanding and philosophy of ministry and allowing greater utilization of ministry skills. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 | Biblical Survey: Old Testament - OT 610 | *7 | Church Management, Accounting, or
Law - PA 601, 610, 620 |
| 2 | Biblical Survey: New Testament - NT 610 | *8 | Black Ministry or Missions - MI 620, 640 |
| 3 | Ethics - CP 622 | 9 | Dissertation - RE 620, 621, 622 |
| 4 | Eschatology - CD 613 | 10 | Oral Defense of the Dissertation - RE 690 |
| 5 | Pneumatology - CD 615 | | |
| 6 | Doctrine/History of (any) Church - CH 620 | | |

DOCTOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (D.B.S.)

The Doctor of Biblical Studies is designed to increase the student's knowledge in the area of Biblical sources, language and methods. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 | Greek - BL 601 | 6 | New Testament Theology - CD 608 |
| 2 | Hebrew - BL 610 | 7 | Biblical Translations - BS 601 |
| 3 | Hermeneutics - BI 601 | 8 | Dead Sea Scrolls - BS 602 |
| 4 | Exegetical Methods - BI 612 | 9 | Dissertation - RE 620, 621, 622 |
| 5 | Old Testament Theology - CD 607 | 10 | Oral Defense of the Dissertation - RE 690 |

DOCTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (D.R.Ed.)

The Doctor of Religious Education is designed to equip the student for competent ministry in the educational work of the Church. The required courses (in order of completion) are:

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| 1 | Old Testament Theology - CD 607 | 6 | Curriculum of Christian Education - CE 620 |
| 2 | New Testament Theology - CD 608 | 7 | Administration of Christian Education - CE 630 |
| 3 | Hermeneutics - BI 601 | 8 | Teaching The Bible - CE 625 |
| 4 | Ethics - CP 622 | 9 | Dissertation - RE 620, 621, 622 |
| 5 | History/Philosophy of Christian
Education - CE 610 | 10 | Oral Defense of the Dissertation - RE 690 |

* Student's choice

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Doctor of Philosophy (In a Religious Major)

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree represents the highest level of academic achievement. The degree major must be in a religious field of study; ideally, one related to the student's present or future ministry needs. The 65 credit hour program of study includes two required courses, seven electives, the doctoral dissertation and the mandatory oral defense of the dissertation. Degree requirements are completed in four separate steps:

1. Required course work:
 - A. Student Orientation - RE 601 (non-credit)
 - B. Biblical Survey: Old Testament - OT 610
 - C. Biblical Survey: New Testament - NT 610
2. Seven elective courses are chosen by the student. Post-graduate level courses (600 series) that relate to the program major, may be chosen (with the approval of the faculty mentor). Also, the course RE 605 - Independent Study may be used to create a course that is not found on the normal, post-graduate curriculum.
3. The doctoral dissertation - (20 semester hours) - RE 620, 621, 622
4. Oral defense of the dissertation - RE 690

Upon completion of the course work, the student will be admitted to the status of Ph.D. candidate. The faculty mentor will then guide and direct the student through the dissertation. The oral defense will be conducted in person if the student lives within a two hour drive of our main campus in Plymouth, or by telephone conference call.

MAJORS OFFERED

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in four broad fields of study - Biblical Studies, Theology, Ministry, and Religious Education. Within any of these fields, however, the student can concentrate studies in any religious discipline, culminating with the Ph.D. degree in more specific areas such as New Testament Theology, Pastoral Counseling, Apologetics, Old Testament Studies, Pastoral Administration, Church Leadership, and many others.

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

The doctoral student is required to complete an intense course of study culminating in a doctoral dissertation that relates directly to the degree major. The dissertation must contain the following components:

1. Reading assignments equal to about 9,000 pages (approximately 36 textbooks).
2. Footnotes as prescribed by the seminary guidelines.
3. A complete bibliography of all resources.
4. Two hard-bound copies submitted for review and evaluation.
5. An oral defense of the dissertation.
6. The dissertation will be submitted in three stages:
 - A. The completed outline, dissertation statement and bibliography (RE 620), five semester hours.
 - B. The completed rough draft (RE 621), five semester hours.
 - C. Two hard-bound copies (black with gold letters) of the final dissertation (RE 622), ten semester hours.

FACULTY LISTING

International Seminary faculty members are selected for their success in ministry, academic background, and concern and care for students. Contrary to the opinion of some educators, International prefers to select faculty who hold degrees from International, just as Fortune 500 companies and the military services prefer to train their own leaders.

Rev. David Adenodi, Adjunct Faculty, Maryland.

Dr. Timothy Agbeja, Adjunct Faculty, California.

Pastor Raymond Alston, Adjunct Faculty, South Carolina.
Th.G & Th.M., Christian Bible College.

Dr. G. Llewellyn Armstrong, Adjunct Faculty, New York.
B.A., University of West Indies; B.D. University of London;
M.A. & M.Ed., Columbia University; Th.D., International
Seminary.

Pastor Aqueela As-Salaam, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.
Bachelor, International Seminary; M.Div.

Dr. Samantha Barfield, Adjunct Faculty, Alabama.
D.Pharm.

Samantha Bell, Adjunct Faculty.

Pastor Howard Bennett, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. B.S.,
M.A.

Rev. Linda Blum, Adjunct Faculty, Vermont. B.R.Ed.,
International Seminary; Th.M. Sweetwater Bible
College.

Dr. Dannie Boykin, Assistant Professor, Florida. Th.B.,
Th.M., International Seminary.

Dr. Donald O. Brewer, Dean Emeritus, Florida. Th.B.,
International Seminary; M.S., Church of God School of
Theology; Th.D., Ph.D., International Seminary.

Rev. Leatha Brockington, Adjunct Faculty, District of
Columbia. B.S., Potomac College.

Rev. Paul Burnes, Adjunct Faculty, Maryland. B.A.; B.S.;
M.A., Global University.

Rev. Melvin Burton, Adjunct Faculty, Michigan.

Pastor Yolanda Butler, Adjunct Faculty, Texas. B.A.,
International Seminary.

Dr. Donald Brett, Adjunct Faculty, Georgia. B.S.; B.S.,
Master, & Th.D., International Seminary.

Rev. Al Capers, Adjunct Faculty, South Carolina. Th.B.,
International Seminary.

Rev. Carlos Carrillo, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.
Bachelor.

Pastor Beatrice Carswell, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.

Pastor Patricia Carter, Adjunct Faculty, Nevada.
Bachelor.

Pastor Mae Chester, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.

Ruth Clahar, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. Bachelor, Barry
University.

Dr. Bruce Clark, Professor, Florida. B.A., North Central
University; M.Div., Assembly of God Theological
Seminary; D.Min., Luther Rice Seminary.

Rev. Levi Clarke, Adjunct Faculty, Ontario, Canada.
B.R.Ed, M.Min.C.C.

Pastor Ron Colangelo, Adjunct Faculty, New York.

Dr. Elindra Coleman, Adjunct Faculty, South Carolina.
B.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Rev. Anthony Cubello III, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. B.A.,
International Seminary.

Pastor Norman DaCosta, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.
B.S.

FACULTY LISTING

Pastor Gabriel S. Dada, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. Th.B., Th.M.

Dr. Barbara Daubon, Adjunct Faculty, Jamaica.

Rev. Myron Davis, Adjunct Faculty, Virginia.

Sylvia Davis, Adjunct Faculty, North Carolina. B.Ed.

Dr. Willie Davis, Assistant Professor, Florida. B.S., Bethune-Cookman; M.Min., International Seminary.

Dr. Pearline Donalds, Adjunct Faculty.

Pastor Janice Flowers, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. Th.B.

Bishop Gregory L. Fly, Adjunct Faculty, Ohio. Th.B.

Pastor Lou Franks, Adjunct Faculty, Texas. Ph.D.

Rev. Joseph Frierson, Adjunct Faculty, North Carolina. B.S.

Rev. Sezra Gay, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. B.S. & M.A., Webster University.

Rev. Johanna E. Gilyard-Tooley, Florida. B.A.

Dr. Wendell Grant, Adjunct Faculty, Virginia

Rev. Ronald Gree, Adjunct Faculty, New Jersey.

Dr. James Guth, Professor, Florida. B.S., Salisbury University; Ed.D., North Carolina State University.

Alicia Halstead, Adjunct Faculty, Florida.

Pastor Mark Hancock, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. M.A., University of Central Florida, M.A., Cornerstone University.

Pastor Hazel Hardy, Adjunct Faculty, District of Columbia. B.A., M.S.T, D.S.T.

Rev. Steve Harrell, Adjunct Faculty, Florida. B.S.

Hope Harris, Adjunct Faculty, California.

Rev. Steve Harvell, Adjunct Faculty, Delaware. B.S., M.Div.

Pastor Andrew Hawk, Adjunct Faculty, Michigan. B.A.

Pastor Donald Hayes, Adjunct Faculty, Texas. B.Min., International Seminary; M.A., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jacquelyn Hodges, Adjunct Faculty, California. B.S.

Dr. Thomas Hudson, Adjunct Faculty, Washington. B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Cheryl Jackson, Adjunct Faculty, Washington. B.A.

Rev. Charlie Jackson, Adjunct Faculty.

Dr. Cloretha James, Professor, Florida.

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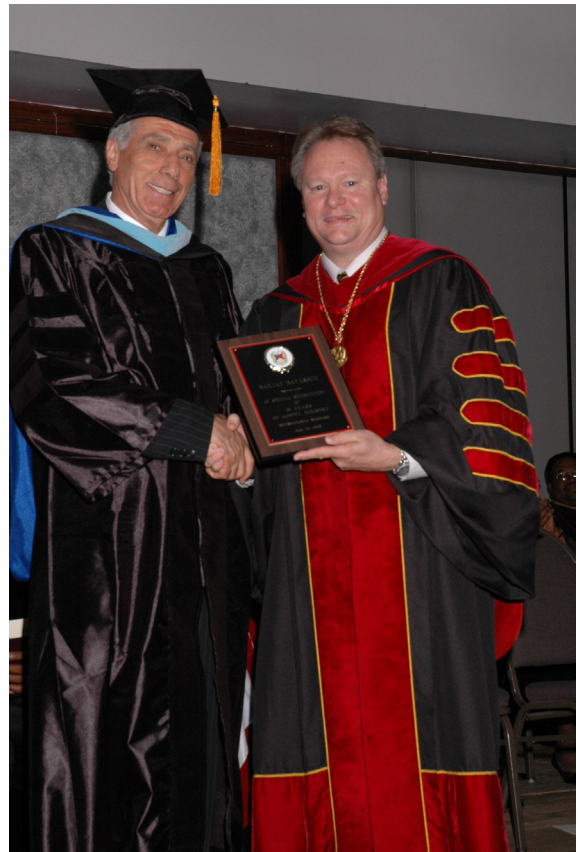
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Dr. Tyler making a presentation to Dr. Bahjat S. Batarseh at our annual commencement

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible Interpretation (BI)

BI 101 - Bible Translations - A study of various Biblical translations and where they came from. It discusses the infallibility of the Word of God, the canon of Scripture, as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Apocrypha, and the Pseudepigraphal books.

BI 501 - Hermeneutics - An in-depth study in the principles and processes of Biblical interpretation.

BI 510 - Exegesis (O.T.) - Basic principles and practice of exegesis in the Old Testament.

BI 511 - Exegesis (N.T.) - Basic principles and practice of exegesis in the New Testament.

BI 512 - Exegesis (Methods) - Basic methods of exegesis.

BI 601 - Hermeneutics - This course is an in-depth study in the principles and processes of Biblical interpretation

BI 612 - Exegetical Methods - The basic methods of exegesis.

Biblical Languages (BL)

BL 501 - Greek I - A basic instruction of New Testament Greek with emphasis on reading actual text.

BL 502 - Greek II - Continuation of Greek I with emphasis on reading and grammar.

BL 506 - Greek Word Studies - A study of New Testament Greek with an emphasis on preparation for using basic reference tools. It includes the examination of a basic vocabulary to increase familiarity with the Greek language.

BL 510 - Hebrew I - A basic instruction of Biblical Hebrew.

BL 511 - Hebrew II - A continuation of Hebrew I with

emphasis on reading.

BL 520 - Biblical Aramaic - An introductory study of the basic grammar. Students read selections of the Old Testament (Hebrew prerequisite).

BL 530 - Theological German - A single-semester course that introduces the student to the language as a tool of research.

BL 540 - Ecclesiastical Latin - Designed to give a knowledge of basic Latin for Biblical research.

BL 601 - Greek - A basic instruction of New Testament Greek with emphasis on reading actual text.

BL 610 - Hebrew - A basic instruction of Biblical Hebrew with some reading of actual text.

Biblical Studies (BS)

BS 201 - Introduction to Old Testament - This course provides a look at portions of the Old Testament. There is also a review of Jewish customs that gives insight to the Holy Scriptures.

BS 202 - Introduction to New Testament - This course provides a look at portions of the New Testament. There is also a study of the rules and principles concerning the interpretation of Scripture.

BS 301 - Bible Survey - This course highlights the historical, cultural, and archaeological aspects of the various authors of the Bible.

BS 401 - Apocrypha - The study of those books considered non-canonical by the Protestant Church and deuterocanonical by the Roman Catholic Church. The books include: Baruck, Bel and the Dragon, I and II Esdras, Judith, I and II Maccabees, The Prayer of Manasseh, The History of Susanna, and The Wisdom of Solomon.

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BS 501 - Bibliology - A study of Scripture and what it teaches. Includes guidelines for correctly dividing or studying the Word of God.

BS 502 - Biblical Archaeology - A study of the most important archaeological findings in the Middle East, including the current activity in the Dead Sea and Temple Mount areas. It includes past findings in Ancient Babylon, Assyria, and Egypt.

BS 503 - Archaeological Discoveries - An introduction to archaeological methodology and a review of current discoveries.

BS 504 - Bible Atlas - This course examines the ancient and modern boundaries of past and present nations of the Middle East.

BS 601 - Biblical Translations - This course is designed to present the development of the Bible in its many translations. It will examine the individual translations reflecting both the success and shortcomings of each.

BS 602 - Dead Sea Scrolls - An analysis of the background and content of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their implications on Scripture.

Christian Counseling (CC)

CC 201 - Christian Psychology - a study of abnormal behavior, anti-Christian behavior, and psychological problems in the church. Includes a discussion of how the human personality develops with an emphasis on how to walk in the Spirit. There is also a special section dealing with ministerial burnout, the major signs and the road to recovery.

CC 210 - Christian Counseling - a study of Christian counseling, the role of the Biblical counselor, various counseling techniques, types of crises, responses to crises, and the stages to recovery. Also a study of conflict resolution, the four stages of a group, and the effective group leader.

CC 301 - Marriage & Family - This study takes an in-depth look into God's view of marriage. It includes studies of, the crucial elements of good communication, effective parenting skills, the roles of the husband and the wife, and sex and intimacy.

CC 401 - Basic Psychology - An overview of the history and development of modern psychology, including a summary of the theories of Sigmund Freud and other early writers.

CC 410 - Christian Psychology - A study of psychology from a Christian perspective.

CC 420 - Applied Psychology (Psychology II) - A study of the practical aspects of psychology, with an emphasis on the philosophies of positive thinking.

CC 450 - Pastoral/Christian Counseling I - This course covers basic counseling principles, involving human behavior and typical problems found in the church environment.

CC 451 - Pastoral/Christian Counseling II - This is a study of abnormal human behavior, as viewed by Christianity. It includes a discussion of drug addiction, alcoholism, and immorality.

CC 452 - Pastoral/Christian Counseling III - This practical study involves a discussion of the counseling environment, including location, duration of the counseling session, how to set up a counseling center, etc.

CC 501 - Philosophy of Christian Psychology - An in-depth study of psychology as it relates to the Christian environment, with an emphasis on environmental, hereditary, and spiritual influences. The student completes a stress test with emphasis on correcting or adjusting to the stresses that often lead to ministerial burnout.

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CC 507 - Human Development - A stage-by-stage examination of the human life cycle from birth to death.

CC 510 - Christian Counseling - A study of the psychology of Christian counseling, including certain aspects of secular psychology such as memory, learning, cognition, etc., that are relevant to the Christian counselor.

CC 520 - Marriage & Family Counseling - A study of general and theological information regarding marriage and family living, divorce, remarriage, and human sexuality.

CC 521 - Marriage & Family - This is a study of the complexities of marriage and family, various problems and solutions. This includes, but is not limited to, discussions on finance, communication, sexual attitudes, and interpersonal relationships.

CC 525 - Crisis Counseling - Designed to present the nature and the dynamics of crisis situations with proper intervention techniques.

CC 527 - Pastoral Counseling (advanced) - This course is an in-depth study of counseling as it relates to the pastoral setting. It examines the operation of a counseling center, referral procedures, and various theories of Biblical counseling.

CC 530 - Practical Application of Christian Counseling - This course is a study of practical counseling techniques. Students are required to submit video or audio tapes of actual or role-played counseling sessions.

CC 535 - The Counseling Session - This course involves a study of the methods and parameters of an actual counseling session.

CC 560 - Current Social Issues - This is a study of the major social and moral issues of today's promiscuous, God-rejecting, rebellious society. Such issues as alcoholism, pornography, drug abuse, prostitution, etc., are discussed.

CC 610 - Christian Counseling - A study of the psychology of Christian counseling, including certain aspects of secular psychology such as memory, learning, cognition, etc., that are relevant to the Christian counselor.

Christian Doctrine (CD)

CD 101 - Doctrines of the Bible - A study of various Biblical doctrines, including the Doctrine of God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, salvation, justification, angels, and Satan. It also covers the ancient Biblical practice of fasting for personal, spiritual renewal.

CD 102 - Spiritual Gifts - This is a study of the ministry principles described in Ephesians 4:11-12 and the utilization of the 23 spiritual gifts in helping the local church reach its fullest potential.

CD 110 - Thanatology - This is a study of the doctrine of death and dying. Included is a study of Hell and the doctrine of the two resurrections; that of the just, and that of the unjust.

CD 111 - Dispensations - A study of the ages or divisions of time in which God used different methods in the great work of redeeming man from his fallen state. This includes a study of the age of Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law, Grace, and the Kingdom. Also covered is the concept of earth's seven cosmic ages; Original Earth, Chaotic Earth, Edenic Earth, Shielded Earth, Turbulent Earth, Millennial Earth, and New Earth.

CD 112 - Eschatology - A study of end time events, including the second coming of Jesus, Daniel's seventieth week, the seven trumpet judgments, seven vials, Battle of Armageddon, Anti-Christ, tribulation period and millennial reign of Christ.

CD 113 - Tripartition of Man - This is a study of the body, soul and spirit of man, and the functions of each. The Gifts of the Spirit are discussed, as well as the true meaning of "walking in the

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Spirit.”

CD 201 - Introduction to Theology - Some of the greatest discussions in theological history will be studied and criticized. These topics include apologetics, Anabaptists, Arminianism, Calvinism, anthropomorphism, etc. Also included is a study of the theology as taught by Paul, with an emphasis on expiation, reconciliation and glorification, and a study of the work of an evangelist and the implications of the Great Commission.

CD 301 - Prayer - This is a study of the fundamentals of spiritual warfare, providing a deeper understanding of who we are in Christ, and how to more effectively witness for Christ.

CD 302 - Doctrines - This is an in-depth study of the teachings of Jesus. The focus of this series is on what Christ taught, rather than what He did.

CD 303 - Doctrine of the Resurrection - This study details the second coming of Christ, and the two resurrections; the just and the unjust.

CD 304 - Cosmic Ages - This study outlines the various stages of the Planet Earth, including the original Earth, the pre-flood conditions on Earth, and the final Earth.

CD 305 - Spiritual Gifts - This is an in-depth study of the nine basic spiritual gifts as well as a study on Satan’s counterfeits of those same gifts.

CD 306 - Occult Doctrines - This study covers several areas of false teaching prevalent in the world today, including reincarnation.

CD 307 - Doctrines - This includes a comprehensive study of the primary topics Jesus emphasized in His ministry.

CD 410 - Eschatology - A systematic study of the major prophecies concerning the end-time events.

CD 501 - Patristic Theology - A survey of doctrinal development in the early church.

CD 503 - Biblical Theology - This course deals with the theology of man as a spiritual, psychological, and physical being. It also deals with personality development from a Biblical perspective.

CD 505 - Systematic Theology - An introduction to Christian theology and the examination of doctrines of revelation, God, creation, and man.

CD 507 - Sacramental Theology - A study of the role of the sacraments in Christian worship.

CD 508 - O.T. Theology - A study of God as He has revealed Himself to man in the Old Testament Scriptures.

CD 509 - N.T. Theology - An intensive study of God as He reveals Himself to man through the New Testament Scriptures.

CD 510 - Angelology - This course deals with the study of angels and the doctrine of Satan as presented in Scripture.

CD 511 - Christology - The study of the person and qualities of Christ, as both God and man.

CD 512 - Demonology - A systematic study of the psychological and spiritual effects of demon possession or satanic oppression.

CD 513 - Eschatology - A Biblical study of prophetic events including a correlation between the books of Revelation and Daniel.

CD 514 - Hamartiology - A Biblical study of the doctrine of sin and temptation.

CD 515 - Pneumatology - This course presents a study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, His personality and present work in the redemptive plan of God.

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CD 516 - Soteriology - This is a study of the doctrine of atonement and salvation as effected by Christ.

CD 517 - Thanatology - This course is a study of the doctrine of death, dying, and the afterlife. It discusses infanticide, euthanasia, and issues of the aged or those facing terminal illness.

CD 518 - Spirit World - This is a study of angelology and demonology, including the origin, work, and ultimate disposition as presented in Scripture.

CD 519 - Ecclesiology - An intense study of the church and its mission, nature, and present work. It includes a historical look at the church and its early development.

CD 520 - Occult Religious Practices - This is a study of occult practices such as transcendental meditation, hypnosis, mind-control, astrology, and witchcraft.

CD 601 - Introduction to Christian Theology - This course surveys significant theological topics with a view to helping students grip the importance of theology for the practice of ministry.

CD 605 - Systematic Theology - An introduction to Christian theology and the examination of doctrines of revelation, God, creation, and man.

CD 607 - O.T. Theology - A study of God as He has revealed Himself to man in the Old Testament Scriptures.

CD 608 - N.T. Theology - An intensive study of God as He has revealed Himself to man in the New Testament Scriptures.

CD 613 - Eschatology - A Biblical study of apocalyptic literature including the books of Revelation and Daniel, with special emphasis on current prophetic events and their relationships to

the overall plan of Salvation.

CD 615 - Pneumatology - This course presents a study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, His personality and present work in the redemptive plan of God.

CD 617 - Thanatology - A study of death and dying, including topics such as infanticide, euthanasia, counseling the aged and those facing terminal illness.

CD 619 - Ecclesiology - An intense study of the church and its mission, nature, and present work. It includes a historical look at the church and its early development.

CD 620 - Spirit World - An in-depth study of angelology, demonology, and the origin, work, and ultimate disposition of angelic beings. It includes a discussion of the good and evil aspects with a discussion of the principle demonic activities found on Earth.

Christian Education (CE)

CE 201 - Survey of Christian Education - This course includes studies in teaching techniques, a summary of the Christian school movement, discussions of several courses of study available, and an in-depth review of secular humanism, including its history, how it is currently being taught in public schools, and our Christian responsibilities to oppose it.

CE 401 - Christian Education (Christian Minister II) - This course is an overview of various Sunday School techniques, accelerated Christian education programs, and Vacation Bible School.

CE 410 - Christian Teacher I - A study of church history with particular emphasis on the principles of pedagogy.

CE 411 - Christian Teacher II - A discussion of the methods used in Sunday School operation of medium to large-sized churches. It includes

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an overview of the bus ministry and Vacation Bible School.

CE 412 - Christian Teacher III - An in-depth study of the curriculum programs presently used by most Christian schools grades K-12.

CE 501 - Christian Education - An in-depth study of the pedagogical imperatives for today's evangelical and missionary-minded churches.

CE 510 - New Testament Education - This course involves an in-depth study of the methods and manner of teaching as practiced by those in the early New Testament.

CE 511 - Old Testament Education - This course examines the methods and manner of teaching as practiced by the Jewish nation in the Old Testament Scriptures.

CE 601 - Christian Education - This course is a study of basic pedagogical imperatives in today's evangelical and missionary-minded churches. It includes methods and aids used in teaching children, young adults, adults, and seniors; the operation of a Christian day school, and Sunday School youth activities.

CE 610 - History/Philosophy of Christian Education - This course is a study of the historical and philosophical foundation of Christian education in Judeo-Christian tradition with primary emphasis on the Christian era. This course integrates the theory and practice of ministry to modern problems of Christian education.

CE 620 - Curriculum of Christian Education - This course studies the principles, aims, selection and use of materials and resources to fulfill the educational task of the Church. The student will develop a complete unit plan.

CE 625 - Teaching the Bible - This course explores the teaching, learning process as a foundation for Bible study and teaching. Learning,

teaching theory and process, objectives, lesson planning will be studied. The student will develop a complete unit plan.

CE 630 - Administration of Christian Education - This course will study Biblical principles and processes of guiding the church program in assessing needs, setting goals, long range planning, organizing work, training, and evaluating personnel.

Church History (CH)

CH 101 - Early Church History - This is a study of the life of Christ, the life of Paul, and a synopsis of the book of Acts.

CH 201 - Survey of Church History - This is a study of church history since A.D. 96, including the rise of Catholicism, the reformation, and a history of denominations in the U.S.A. This study also includes discussions of the most dangerous cults in America.

CH 401 - Early Church History - A study of the early Christian church beginning from the days of the Apostles to the development of Catholicism and the spread of Christianity in various parts of the world.

CH 403 - Modern Church History (Christian Minister I) - This course covers modern church history, including a study of John Calvin, Dwight Moody, Charles Finney, and a summation of the growth and spread of modern Christianity from the turn of the century.

CH 405 - Reformation - A study of Martin Luther and the events that led up to the Reformation and the beginning of the Protestant denominations of today.

CH 501 - Early Church History - Covers major historical movements and theological issues of the period.

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CH 503 - Medieval & Reformation History - includes the various lines of thought of the period and life.

CH 505 - Modern Church History - A look at current events and thoughts of the church in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

CH 510 - American Church History - An investigation of the life, thought and development of churches in America.

CH 520 - Doctrine/History of (any) Church - A study of a denominational group, their historical and theological setting.

CH 620 - Doctrine/History of (any) Church - A study of a denominational group, their historical and theological setting.

Christian Philosophy (CP)

CP 120 - Occult Doctrines - This course investigates the doctrine of devils, Satan's gospel of reincarnation, and his counterfeit gifts of the spirit.

CP 210 - Introduction to Ethics - A Biblical study of areas such as: finances, with an emphasis on tithes and offerings (including a practical guide to money management); sexual misconduct, drug use and dependency, plagiarism in preaching, etc.

CP 410 - World Religions - A study of at least three of the major world religions, excluding Christianity.

CP 501 - Philosophical Theology - A study of the philosophical question surrounding religion.

CP 502 - Philosophy of Religion - A study of the relationship of religion and philosophy and their effect on each other and our view of reality.

CP 507 - Overview of Logic - This course is a basic

overview of logic. The basic principles and definitions of logic and the use of statements as proofs are considered.

CP 510 - Apologetics - An intensive study of the defense and proof of Christianity.

CP 520 - Biblical Ethics: Finances - This is a study of the Biblical principles of finances, including the concepts of tithes and offerings, with an emphasis on personal debt reduction. The root causes of personal and church financial difficulties are discussed.

CP 522 - Ethics - A study of the ethical norms used for guidance of ethical choices and methods.

CP 540 - Anthropology - An in-depth study of the doctrine of man as presented from a Christian and theological perspective.

CP 560 - Philosophy of Christian Art During the Reformation - This course looks at art at the time of the Reformation, and seeks to correlate the history and art.

CP 570 - World Religions & Denominational Beliefs - This is an overview of world religions with an in-depth emphasis on the history, beliefs, dogmas, doctrines, and practices of various denominations or faith groups.

CP 571 - World Religions - This is an advanced study of at least three major world religions excluding Christianity.

CP 590 - Occult Religions/Occult - This is a study of various occult religions and their false doctrines, philosophies, and manner of worship. Various occult movements are identified and analyzed.

CP 601 - Christian Thought - This course is designed to acquaint students with current theological issues in order to evaluate them intelligently.

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CP 602 - Philosophy of Religion - A study of the relationship of religion and philosophy and their effect on each other and our view of reality.

CP 607 - Overview of Logic - This course is a basic overview of logic. The basic principles and definitions of logic and the use of statements as proofs are considered.

CP 610 - Apologetics - An intensive study of the defense and proof of Christianity.

CP 622 - Ethics - A study of the ethical norms used for guidance of ethical choices and methods.

CP 660 - Philosophy of Christian Art During the Reformation - This course looks at art at the time of the Reformation, and seeks to correlate the history and art.

Homiletics (HO)

HO 101 - Homiletics - A study in the art of preaching; including sermon preparation (outline and construction), sermon psychology, pulpit presentation, platform psychology, dramatizing, and definiteness of purpose.

HO 501 - Homiletics - A study in the art of preaching: including sermon preparation (outline and construction), sermon psychology, pulpit presentation, platform psychology, dramatizing, and definiteness of purpose.

HO 520 - Preaching Practicum - Preparation and delivery of six sermons recorded on tape for evaluation.

Ministries (MI)

MI 201 - Worship - This is a series of studies including prayer, praise/worship, music, and a look at Christian symbols.

MI 301 - Church Growth - This is a detailed study of the ten biggest ministry opportunities, and how you can take advantage of them.

MI 302 - Ministry to the Community - This is a review of the work of a chaplain in an institutional setting. This includes a study of defending the Christian faith and a study of working in small groups

MI 303 - Ministerial Disciplines - This is a study of ten closely guarded secrets in ministry work today. It also includes a review of personal and professional development.

MI 304 - Ministry Trends - This is an in-depth study of the current trends in ministry, particularly in regards to age-specific ministry

MI 501 - Worship - A foundational study of the worship ministry through the integration of Scripture, music, proclamation, and prayer.

MI 510 - Women's Ministries - This course develops both how to establish and how to maintain a women's ministries program.

MI 520 - Black Ministries - A study of ministry in the Black perspective.

MI 530 - Educational Ministries - An in-depth study of the pedagogical imperatives for today's evangelical and missionary-minded churches.

MI 540 - Missions - A study of the place of missions in the life and practice of the church.

MI 610 - Women's Ministries - This course develops both how to establish and how to maintain a women's ministries program.

MI 620 - Black Ministries - A study of ministry in the Black perspective.

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MI 640 - Missions - This course focuses on the local church in missions and the role of the pastor. Emphasis is on teaching missions, recruiting, planning, leading and evaluating the missions program.

New Testament (NT)

NT 301 - Synoptic Gospels - A systematic study of the first three New Testament books of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It also discusses synoptic problems involved with the similarities and differences between these three Gospels.

NT 302 - Book of Acts - This is a study of early church history including an overview of the journeys of Paul.

NT 303 - Pauline Epistles - An exegetical study of Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

NT 304 - Hebrews - A study of this book with an emphasis on the Jewish-Christian perspective.

NT 305 - General Epistles - A study of the books of James; I and II Peter; I, II, and III John; and Jude.

NT 306 - Revelation - An exegetical study of this apocalyptic book.

NT 410 - Life of Christ - A detailed study of the life of Christ as presented in Scripture.

NT 411 - Christ in Every Book - A study of Christ as presented in shadows and types in each book of the Bible.

NT 412 - Study of Paul - This is a detailed study of the life of Paul as presented in Scripture.

NT 510 - N.T. Survey - An intensive study of God as He reveals Himself to man through the New Testament Scriptures.

NT 511 - N.T. Study of Paul - The life and theology of Paul.

NT 610 - N.T. Survey - An intensive study of God as He reveals Himself to man through the New Testament Scriptures.

NT 611 - Christology - This course is a study of the work, words, and life of Christ, His mission and ministry, with an emphasis on His redemptive mission in God's plan of salvation for mankind.

Old Testament (OT)

OT 301 - Genesis - A detailed study of the book, with emphasis on the origins of man and the beginning of Israel's redemptive history.

OT 302 - Exodus - Exegesis of the book with an emphasis on its Biblical theology.

OT 303 - Joshua - A detailed study of the book of Joshua.

OT 304 - Daniel - A study of the book as a whole. Emphasis is placed on its interpretation as prophetic literature.

OT 401 - Minor Prophets I - This is an exegetical study of the minor prophetic books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah.

OT 402 - Minor Prophets II - This is an exegetical study of the prophetic books Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

OT 403 - O.T. Historical Books I - This course discusses the historical books of Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, and I and II Kings.

OT 404 - O.T. Historical Books II - This is a study of the historical books of Joshua, I and II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

OT 410 - Study of David - This course details the life of David as presented in Scripture.

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OT 501 - O.T. Major Prophets - This is an exegetical study of the prophetic books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

OT 502 - The Pentateuch - An exegetical study of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

OT 503 - Poetical O.T. Books - This is an exegetical study of the Old Testament poetical books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

OT 510 - O.T. Survey - A study of God as He has revealed Himself to man in the Old Testament Scriptures.

OT 512 - O.T. Book Analysis - An Old Testament book is reviewed by the student.

OT 610 - O.T. Survey - A study of God as He has revealed Himself to man in the Old Testament Scriptures.

Pastoral Administration (PA)

PA 101 - Church Growth & Evangelism - Includes how to start a church, church organization, and successful church growth, as well as evangelism in the United States and overseas.

PA 201 - Introduction to Pastoral Administration - Church organization, including discussions on job descriptions for church leaders, techniques of time management, and techniques of strategic long-range planning. There is also a practical guide to systemized Bible study, prayer, and fasting.

PA 301 - Spiritual Gifts - This is a study of the five-fold ministry, as well as a detailed look at some twenty-three spiritual gifts.

PA 302 - Church Administration - This is a review of the various ordinances/sacraments of the Church. It also includes a study on marriage

and funeral customs and procedures.

PA 401 - Pastoral Organization (Christian Minister III) - This study deals with pastoral duties, including pulpit, administration, and external clerical responsibilities.

PA 601 - Church Management - This course deals with the process of planning and implementing administration in accordance with theological purposes of the church and leadership styles.

PA 610 - Church Accounting - This course looks at various methods of how a church maintains its records.

PA 620 - Church Law - An overview of the general principles involved in daily church activities. The role of the pastor is also considered.

Research (RE)

RE 230 - Research Paper - The study of a current social issue from a Biblical perspective.

RE 401 - Student Orientation - It involves an overview of International Seminary, its history, the various divisions and philosophy of education. There is also a study of the personality makeup of the student. After completing a personality questionnaire, each student receives a computer-generated profile which is reviewed and analyzed for self-help purposes.

RE 405 - Independent Study - These courses are designed to stimulate individual research and study in areas which have not been adequately examined by the student in previous studies. The course may be repeated with a different topic, subject to approval of the Seminary.

RE 410 - Research Project - This is a research paper completed on any Biblical subject of the student's choice (with prior approval of the Seminary).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RE 501 - Student Orientation - It involves an overview of International Seminary, its history, the various divisions and philosophy of education. There is also a study of the personality makeup of the student. After completing a personality questionnaire, each student receives a computer-generated profile which is reviewed and analyzed for self-help purposes. Note: This course is not repeated if previously taken on the bachelor level.

RE 505 - Independent Study - These courses are designed to stimulate individual research and study in areas which have not been adequately examined by the student in previous studies. The course may be repeated with a different topic, subject to approval of the Seminary.

RE 520 - Thesis - This is the master thesis. This study is completed on any subject relating to the program major (with prior approval of the Seminary).

RE 530 - Thesis Project (M.Div.) - The master degree student is required to complete an intense course of study culminating in a Master Thesis.

RE 580 - Field Study - An opportunity to serve under a Pastor in an area of interest (three interim reports and an evaluation by the Pastor).

RE 590 - Oral Defense - This defense is given only if deemed appropriate by the faculty mentor or other academic official.

RE 601 - Student Orientation - It involves an overview of International Seminary, its history, the various divisions and philosophy of education. There is also a study of the personality makeup of the student. After completing a personality questionnaire, each student receives a computer-generated profile which is reviewed and analyzed for self-help purposes. Note: This course is not repeated if previously taken on the bachelor or master level.

RE 605 - Independent Study - These courses are designed to stimulate individual research and study in areas which have not been adequately examined by the student in previous studies. The course may be repeated with a different topic, subject to approval of the Seminary.

RE 620 - Research I - The completed outline, thesis statement and bibliography are submitted.

RE 621 - Research II - The completed rough draft is submitted. If the rough draft is accepted, then the student is admitted to candidacy.

RE 622 - Research III - Two copies of the completed dissertation, hard bound in black with gold letters, are submitted.

RE 690 - Oral Defense - This mandatory oral defense is a review of the doctoral dissertation in particular, but also reviews the overall program and all courses completed.



Dr. Tyler honoring Dr. Harvey Pittman for his outstanding service as Academic Dean.

ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

Prospective students interested in a preliminary evaluation to determine their standing are encouraged to call the Seminary at (407) 886-3619, or fill out the evaluation form found on our website at www.InternationalSeminary.com. The evaluation provides the potential student with a clear idea of the level in which he would enter, and specific guidelines for enrollment in that program.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

International Seminary admits students of any race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin to all the privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to seminary students. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin.

ADMISSION

Admission to International Seminary is based upon the character, ability, and motivation to satisfactorily complete the academic requirements. It also depends on the Christian experience, call to ministry, and moral character of the individual. Students must maintain personal integrity, respect and tolerance for those from other Christian faith groups, a desire for spiritual growth, and a readiness to accept correction.

All degree-seeking applicants must have a high school diploma, GED, or the equivalent. Overseas applicants must have graduated from secondary (leaving) school or have successfully completed the GCE examination.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

Specific information and enrollment materials can be obtained on campus or are mailed upon request to prospective students. All official enrollments require the following:

1. A completed Student Information and Evaluation Form.
2. A completed Tuition Payment Plan Form.
3. Verification of high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
4. Official transcripts of all college studies (mailed to International directly from the college).
5. A recent photograph.
6. The enrollment fee.

All applications are subject to the approval of the Admissions Office.

LIFE-EXPERIENCE CREDITS

Applicants with substantial ministerial experience (more than five years in a recognizable position in the church) might qualify to receive advanced-standing credits based upon their life experience. Life-experience credits are not automatic, and substantial proof of the learning obtained through life experience must be submitted. This type of credit may be awarded only on certain bachelor and master degree programs. No diplomas or degrees can be awarded based purely upon life-experience credit. A minimum number of credit hours must be completed through International Seminary for the awarding of any diploma or degree. An estimate of life-experience credits is given at the time of academic evaluation, but must be validated using the Seminary Credit Assessment Form and documents demonstrating the ministry experience.

TRANSFER CREDITS

International Seminary accepts transfer credits from approved colleges for courses on which a grade of C or better was earned. The student must contact all previously-attended colleges, and have them send official transcripts directly to the admissions office. Acceptance of transfer credit is subject to the approval of the Admissions Office. The Seminary routinely deals with transfer students whose credits or degrees were earned from non-accredited colleges (especially overseas), or from colleges that are no longer in existence. Every effort is made to provide recognition for these studies.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Qualified under-graduate applicants over the age of 25, who have a minimum of five years of active, ministerial experience, are eligible to apply for credit through examination. Eligibility is determined at the time of academic evaluation.

TRANSCRIPTS OF CREDIT

A transcript of credit will be issued by the Registrar's Office upon receipt of a written, signed request from the student. A transcript request form can be downloaded from our website. Students receive a student copy of the transcript at the completion of their program. Official transcripts are those sent directly from International Seminary to another college or authorized agency. Transcripts are not issued until all academic and financial requirements have been fulfilled. Official transcripts or additional student copies are available at the cost of \$10.00 per transcript.

MINIMUM OF REQUIRED COURSES

Even though students often apply to International with numerous life experience and/or transfer credits, a minimum number of semester credit hours must be completed through International for the awarding of any diploma or degree. This is considered at the time of academic evaluation and is determined by the degree level, the student's major, and the nature of the credit hours being transferred. For more information or an academic evaluation, contact the seminary office.

DISMISSAL POLICY

The Seminary reserves the right at any time to place on probation, suspend, or dismiss a student whose academic standing, financial obligation, progress, conduct, or adherence to the Seminary honor code is not satisfactory.

RE-ADMISSION

Re-admission after withdrawal, suspension or academic probation is never automatic. The student must apply for re-admission through the Admissions Office, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. If re-admission is granted, the student must re-enroll in the program, subject to the rates and academic requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

The three diploma programs (Pr.Dip., Pr.Adv., and Th.G.) are available through true correspondence. In this mode of study written lessons with reading assignments and homework are provided to the student via mail, and all homework is submitted to International via mail. Grades are based upon examinations given during the course of study.

DIRECTED HOME STUDY COURSES

The senior year of the bachelor program, all master programs, and all doctoral programs are completed through directed home study.

Similar to independent study courses at most universities, the student is given a course syllabus, a list of primary and alternative textbooks, and full instructions for beginning studies. After completing the reading and study assignments, a research paper is submitted for evaluation and grading. Standard college and seminary textbooks are used and can be borrowed or purchased from any source.

ON-CAMPUS COURSES

The three diploma programs (Pr.Dip., Pr.Adv., and Th.G.) are available in a classroom setting at our main campus in Plymouth, Florida, and through our Satellite Class program in locations throughout the U.S. and around the world. In this mode of study, students attend class on a weekly basis, reporting to the Class Supervisor who grades all work, and submits regular reports to the main campus.



Satellite Class Director Marnie Thrush, with Dennis Shearer, a Satellite Class Supervisor from Ohio

GRADUATION/COMMENCEMENT

Each year, typically near the end of June, International Seminary conducts commencement exercises in Central Florida. Participation is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. The student must complete all financial and academic requirements and be registered for commencement by the registration deadline, typically early April. Registration is not automatic. The registration form can be found at the seminary website by mid-February. Any student who has graduated from any program (any year) is invited to participate. If the student has already received the certificate, a commemorative certificate, suitable for framing, will be presented at the ceremony.

Souvenir hoods, caps and gowns are used, and ample opportunities for photographs with professors, administrators and peers are available. There is a registration fee for participation in commencement, plus a separate cost for ordering the cap & gown.

HONORS

Students who complete their academic programs with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or above, graduate “Magna Cum Laude” (Latin meaning with high honors), while those with a grade point average of 4.0 graduate “Summa Cum Laude” (with highest honors). Graduating with honors is noted on the official transcript, and indicated on the degree certificate. To qualify for honors, at least half of the total credits for that program must be completed through International Seminary coursework.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are selected for their academic value and non-sectarian doctrinal stances. The cost of textbooks is not included in the tuition. A current list of books and their prices will be provided at enrollment. Students are free to use any public or private libraries to save on book costs. Students may also order their books through online sources. Students are allowed to utilize other textbooks (such as those written by their own denominational writers) with the prior approval of the Seminary.

GRADING SYSTEM

International Seminary uses the following grading system:

Excellent:	A+	4.0
	A	3.8
	A-	3.6
Good:	B+	3.4
	B	3.0
	B-	2.6
Average:	C+	2.4
	C	2.0
	C-	1.6
Poor:	D+	1.4
	D	1.0
Not Acceptable:	F	0.0
94 - 100	A	Excellent
85 - 93	B	Good
76 - 84	C	Average
70 - 75	D	Poor
Below 70	F	Not Acceptable

Note: On some graduate and all post-graduate programs, only 3.0 (B) work and above is counted toward degree requirements.

HONORARY DEGREES

The honorary degree is typically awarded to outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to Christianity or to the awarding college. International Seminary awards no more than five honorary degrees per year. The selection process is extremely tedious and candidates must be nominated by an alumnus of the seminary, or a member of the Board of Regents. The honorary degree is normally awarded during commencement.

SEMINARY HONOR CODE

Professionals with the highest of responsibilities as students of the ministry, are required by society and God to show a level of integrity that is beyond reproach.

There are two reasons an Honor Code is needed:

1. There should be a sense of satisfaction that you have done what is Biblically correct.
2. There should be a recognition that people around you see and know that you are a Christian in all you say and do.

INTEGRITY STARTS IN THE CLASSROOM!

LYING

Lying is making an assertion which intentionally deceives or misleads. This deceitful assertion may be oral, written, or clearly communicated by a gesture.

Your responsibility for the truth goes beyond what is said or written. It includes what is understood and perceived by others.

STEALING

Stealing is defined as intentionally depriving someone else of property or service without permission.

CHEATING

Cheating is defined as attempting or aiding in the attempt to receive undeserved credit or to give an unfair advantage.

The essence of cheating is the act of deceiving an instructor into thinking that some piece of work is your own, when in fact, it is not.

CONDUCT

At all times and in all situations the student will conduct himself in a Christ-like manner. This applies to both classroom and personal situations. At all times you must reflect the values a minister of Christ would hold, at home, work, recreation, and in the classroom.

All students of International Seminary are required to sign and abide by the Seminary Honor Code or they may be dismissed from the program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Current tuition fees are reflected on the Tuition Payment Plan form (available online), and are subject to change without notice. Enrollments are subject to the financial and academic policies in effect on the date of official enrollment.

All fees for examinations, tuition, books, and supplies must be paid in United States currency. Any funds received in foreign currency are subject to bank acceptance, and will incur a service charge of at least \$25.00, subject to the bank. International accepts personal checks, money orders, cashier checks, or cash (please do not send cash by mail). In addition, Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express are accepted for those who wish to pay their tuition over an extended period. Do not use any type of telegram service or similar program that requires our staff to go collect from a branch office. Using this type of service will result in a service charge of at least \$25.00. If completion of a program is contingent upon a final tuition payment, we suggest your last payment be in the form of a money order as there will be a three week delay placed on all program completions made by personal check.

DISCOUNTS

All programs (except the A.A. degree) offer a 20 percent discount for payment in full within 30 days of enrollment. This tuition discount is not valid in connection with any other discount.

When a husband and wife enroll in the same diploma program (Pr.Dip., Pr.Adv., or Th.G.) together, one will receive a spouse discount of 50 percent. This discount is not valid in connection with any other discount, and both husband and wife must enroll in and complete the program together.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ministerial Scholarships are given, under specific circumstances, to ministers with substantial pastoral or ministry related experience, who qualify for credit through life experience. Students who qualify for this 50 percent scholarship are notified in writing, and the entire tuition is due within 30 days of enrollment. Extended payment plans are not allowed for this scholarship without the express written approval of the Admissions Office.

Missionary Scholarships are given, under specific circumstances, to active, full-time missionaries currently serving outside the United States and its territories. This is a 50 percent scholarship with the tuition balance to be paid under any of the normal payment plans.

The Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded based upon extreme financial need. To be considered for this fund, the student must complete a "Request For Scholarship Form," and submit it to the Seminary. First priority is given to students enrolling in the Diploma programs. Scholarships are awarded based upon the availability of scholarship funds.

Hart Fund - This is an endowment fund scholarship awarded to needy students. Applications are not accepted for this scholarship since the recipients are selected by the Board of Regents.

Note: If you are interested in supporting the education of others, please contact our office at (407) 886-3619. All donations are tax deductible and can be designated by the donor for its intended use.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

REFUND POLICY

Tuition Paid In Full

Students who officially withdraw may be granted a refund of tuition based on the following schedule:

within 3 days of date of payment.....	100%
within 30 days of date of payment	80%*
within 60 days of date of payment	60%*
within 90 days of date of payment	40%*
after 90 days of date of payment	none

A student must notify the seminary in writing of intentions to withdraw. The withdrawal date will be the date the notification is received by International, and this date will be used in calculating the amount of tuition refunded.

*the enrollment fee is non-refundable

Tuition Paid On A Payment Plan

No refund will be made for tuition paid on any payment schedule. All tuition paid on a payment schedule will be considered forfeited if the student withdraws.

RETURNED CHECKS

A service charge of 5% or \$35.00 (whichever is greater) will be added to the student account for any check returned unpaid by the bank. If a problem persists, the student will be required to submit all subsequent tuition payments by money order.

Note: Because of processing methods, International will not be responsible for holding post-dated checks. Every effort will be made to identify such a check and hold it as specified; however, if it is deposited early and returned unpaid by the bank, the normal service charge will be applied.

LATE FEE

A \$15.00 late fee will be charged to any account that is late with the monthly payment.

DONATIONS

International Seminary is a non-profit, inter-denominational college which is funded almost entirely by tuition and student donations. There are several methods in which an interested individual may assist International Seminary in its mission to *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.”* Funds, property, and life insurance benefits may be given to the Seminary with considerable tax advantages to the donor. For further information, please contact the Seminary.

Contributions may be made by remembering International Seminary in your will. The legal form of bequest for International Seminary is as follows: I give, devise and bequeath to International Seminary, a Florida non-profit corporation located in Plymouth, Florida, the sum of \$_____ (or property herein described), to be used by the Board of Regents as it may deem advisable for the benefit of the students at International Seminary.



View of flag overlook from Highway 441 (Orange Blossom Trail)



The Seminary Crest

A college crest is symbolic of the mission, goals, or objectives of the organization it represents. The crest of International Seminary contains seven main elements as follows:

1. A Lighted Lamp representing intelligence, learning, wisdom and knowledge. Psalms 119:105 says, *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*

2. The Cross and Crown representing a reward to the believer who is faithful unto death. Matthew 16:24 says, *"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."* James 1:12 says, *"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."*

3. The Scroll and Quill representing wisdom and education. Jeremiah 36:4 says, *"So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the Lord had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll,"* (N.I.V.). Matthew 5:18 says, *"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished,"* (N.I.V.).

4. The Open Bible - The Word of God. John 5:39 says, *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."* II Timothy 3:16 says, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"*

5. The Scripture verse Matthew 28:19. This is the Seminary mission statement which gives the Great Commission as commanded by Jesus, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."*

6. The Three Division Shield representing the trinity of God and the trichotomy of man. Matthew 28:19b, *"...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"* I Thessalonians 5:23 says, *"And the very god of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

7. Olive Branches represent peace and deliverance from anxiety and the hardships of life. Genesis 8:11 says, *"And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth."*

The official Seminary crest is either gold or black with the school colors within the shield as follows:

1. Royal Blue for philosophy is the color of heaven and stands for wisdom and truth. It serves as a backdrop for the cross and crown.

2. Scarlet for theology is often symbolic of Christ's blood or the robe He wore just before the crucifixion in Matthew 27:28. This is the background color for the scroll and quill.

3. White for divinity is symbolic of Christ's nature, and represents regenerated man's justification before God, through Jesus Christ. White is the background color for the open Bible and Seminary mission statement.

THE SEVEN DIVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY

The seven divisions of International Seminary involve a network of over 100 people working together to serve the needs of students and alumni around the world. The Seminary is committed to serving students, not only while actively pursuing a course of study, but for many years after graduation as well.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The two primary goals of the Alumni Association are to provide opportunities for fellowship between alumni and to raise scholarship funds for needy students. Alumni membership is open to anyone ever enrolled in any degree or diploma program. There are more than 20,000 alumni in 78 countries throughout the world.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

After several years of meeting in church facilities and a rental complex, a 40-acre lakefront orange grove, located on a major highway adjacent to an airport, was purchased for development of the Seminary campus. Developments have been made as God supplied the funds, and continual progress is evident in all areas. Campus development is an on-going process which includes the construction of additional classroom space, recreational areas, meeting and retreat facilities, and pavilions with varying spiritual emphasis.

THE CHURCH DIVISION

New Vision Community Church, the campus church of International Seminary, was started based on the need for a refreshing, vibrant, interdenominational church in the northwest portion of Orange County. From the beginning, the goal has been to have high-quality praise & worship, and anointed and gifted teaching, all within an atmosphere of love, through caring people. Through multiple, identical, Sunday morning services, we pursue our mission to turn unchurched people into genuine followers of God. We believe the local church truly is the hope of the world.

EXTERNAL STUDIES

The external studies division is one of the most active with up to 1,000 enrollments each year. Basic ministerial training programs and continuing education for pastors are offered through the external division. The studies are self-paced and cross denominational barriers by offering textbooks and research materials that are non-sectarian. Courses are completed through correspondence, or directed home study.

There is also a Representatives Department whose main purpose is the recruitment of new students. Representatives assist prospective students through an academic evaluation to determine their level of entry. The student is supervised through the enrollment process. Representatives must enroll at least five students per year to remain active. Benefits include reduced tuition at International Seminary and a finders fee for each referral.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is an advertising, marketing, research and development division. The mission statement for this division is found in Ephesians 4:29, *“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”*

THE INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

This ministerial association has approximately 350 ministers, 134 churches and a constituency of 48,248 church members. Last year more than 8,341 souls were saved through the efforts of this division. The association is open to all International Seminary graduates who may apply for mission worker, licensed minister, or ordained minister credentials. Some members belong to mainline denominations, but the majority have no other affiliations. The association’s three missions are found in Mark 16:15, Galatians 6:2, and Matthew 4:19.

The International Christian Church is a subdivision that provides a pastoral supply and referral service, basic training and continuing education opportunities, and benefits such as ecclesiastical endorsement for military, law enforcement, and industrial chaplains.

SATELLITE CLASS DIVISION

The satellite class department offers the opportunity for qualified ministers to conduct Bible classes in their church settings, using curriculum from International Seminary. Thousands of students have completed studies through hundreds of classes across the United States and around the world.

The diploma programs, Pr.Dip., Pr.Adv., and Th.G., are the foundation courses of the satellite class department. Students can complete up to three years of Bible training covering basic doctrines, homiletics, the life of Christ, etc. Graduates receive a Diploma of Practical Theology for the first year, a Diploma of Practical Theology - Advanced Level for the second year, and a Graduate of Theology for the third year. Students who desire to continue work toward a degree may do so directly with International Seminary through the External Studies division.

There is also a Representatives Department whose main purpose is the recruitment of new satellite classes. Representatives assist prospective class supervisors by presenting the satellite class model, and helping them to set up and begin their new class. Benefits include a representative fee based on the class size, and income from the new class.

TESTIMONIES OF GRADUATES

Dr. Omar Cabrera, Pastor, Vision of the Future Church, Argentina (world's 2nd largest church with 140,000 members): "For many years I thought about finishing my education, but it wasn't until I learned of International that I knew I could complete the doctorate. This will be used for the glory of God."

James R. Osborne, Th.M., Associate Pastor, Chapel Hill Harvester Church, Georgia: "My experience with International Seminary has been personally and spiritually beneficial. For years, I had looked for a way to pursue additional educational training and to expand my scholastic status. International Seminary's policies made it possible. The results of my experiences are immeasurable."

Larry Meeks, Th.M., Assistant to the President, Evangel College, Missouri: "More and more, ministers are realizing the need for advanced degrees. International Seminary offers an educational strategy that is academically sound and feasible for anyone who desires to refine and improve his skills."

Dr. Richard Heinrich, Pastor, Buffalo Run United Methodist Church, Pennsylvania: "I commend the Seminary and its leaders for offering this alternative in education, and would recommend this program to all those who want to fulfill their credit and degree advancements."

Dr. Toshio Hirose, Superintendent, Kansai District, Japan Assemblies of God: "For those planning on involving themselves in ministry, International Seminary is an important tool for training and preparation. The greatest appeal in the system is the fact that, in addition to training in ministry, one can earn seminary credit."

Samuel H. Boyd, Th.M., Pastor, Balls Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mississippi: "It was through the innovative teaching program of International that I received the Master of Theology degree, which was a long sought after scholastic achievement."

Dr. Franklin Hunt, Pastor, Cedar Creek Church of God: "In addition to pastoring, I work with the CEPHAS Christian Counseling program, where my work and my degree are accepted by both the medical and psychological professionals that I work with. I am thankful to International for giving me the opportunity to achieve my educational goals."

Dr. Russell A. Adams, Pastor, Lakeview Baptist Church, California: "International Seminary opened avenues for me to continue my studies preparing me for the ministry, giving me opportunities to achieve goals at a modest cost. I have sincerely appreciated the promptness, efficiency and dedication of all whom I have been in contact with at International."

Dr. Patrick Donadio, Home Missions Representative for MAPS and RV Ministries, the Assemblies of God: "International Seminary has proven to be a gratifying educational experience in my life. In preparing for my Doctoral dissertation, new avenues of learning were opened. For those who are interested in pursuing their education, I would recommend this school without equivocation."

Dr. Aaron Munford, Pastor, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Florida: "As a working pastor with years of experience, I had almost given up the idea of credentials until I heard about International Seminary. The faculty and staff worked with me patiently and personally. Thanks International!"

TESTIMONIES OF GRADUATES

Dr. Walt Spradling, Pastor, Crystal Rock Cathedral, Oklahoma: “International Seminary is unquestionably a valuable asset to the Kingdom of God the world over. Its purpose in training ministers and lay-leaders as disciples for Christ is having a great impact upon literally tens of thousands both in America and in foreign lands.”

Dr. Clyde B. Wasdin, Pastor, Christ Cathedral, California: “Credibility in ministry begins with a firm Biblical foundation. It is incumbent upon the aggressive minister of the Gospel to properly study to show himself approved of God. International Seminary offers an excellent study program for the sincere minister.”

Dr. Bob Dennis, Pastor, Maranatha Baptist Church, North Carolina: “International Seminary was certainly a ‘Godsend.’ I felt the need to further my education, but I felt I could not afford the time away from my church. Through extension classes, I was able to receive a quality education without neglect to my pastorate. Without hesitation, I recommend International Seminary to anyone who may be looking for a quality education at an affordable price.”

Dr. Wes Weekly, Wes Weekly Missions, Florida: “I count it a privilege to be a graduate of International Seminary. Through the years, I have had the opportunity to test my theological education and training among peoples of many nations and cultures, yet, in all cases, it has stood the test. I can tell you from experience that the graduates of International are making an impact for Christ on every continent.”



Seminary staff:

1st row (l-r) - Marnie Thrush, Joan Sperring, Angela Smith
2nd row (l-r) -Dr. Cherie McCoy, Jennifer Scally, Dr.Cloretha James
3rd row (l-r) - Rev. Tim Tyler, Dr. Harvey Pittman, Dr. Daniel J. Tyler

EIGHTEEN REASONS WHY INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS YOUR BEST CHOICE

1. **YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR BACHELOR, MASTER, OR DOCTORAL DEGREE WITHOUT LEAVING THE MINISTRY.** More than 20,000 students have taken advantage of International Seminary's directed home studies program. At a time when 40% of all college studies are being completed through home studies, International Seminary is on the cutting edge of non-traditional education.
2. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY OFFERS CREDIT FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE.** Using formulas designed to equate life experience learning into college credit hours, the minister with five or more years of ministry can often receive college credit for ministerial experience.
3. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY ACCEPTS CREDITS FROM OTHER BIBLE COLLEGES, training institutes, and secular colleges.** All your credits can be brought together and evaluated toward the completion of a degree.
4. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY MAINTAINS AN ACTIVE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** with primary goals of fellowship and fund raising for scholarships.
5. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY MAINTAINS A MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** with over 350 members located throughout the United States, and in several foreign countries. The association provides ecclesiastical endorsement for military, law enforcement, and industrial chaplains; placement and referral services for ministers; as well as other support activities.
6. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS DEBT FREE.** At a time when many accredited colleges are going defunct, this issue is of great concern to many potential students. In the last fifteen years, more than 100 colleges have gone out of business in the state of Florida as a result of financial instability.
7. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY USES STANDARD TEXTBOOKS** and not video tapes. Research indicates that video learning is one of the least effective modes of education. One student remarked, "The only thing worse than a boring 45 hour lecture course is a video of a boring 45 hour lecture course." Furthermore, in 1991, the Department of Education ruled that video taped instruction is not suitable for degree level learning.
8. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY MAINTAINS A MODEST 40 ACRE CAMPUS** in Central Florida. Studies show that maintaining a large campus can drive up the cost of tuition by 400% while not increasing the quality of education.
9. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY MAINTAINS A SATELLITE CLASS DIVISION** - whereby the local church can offer our diploma programs (Pr.Dip, Pr.Adv., and Th.G.) in their local area, providing ministerial training for their leaders, theological studies for their lay people, and a financial benefit to the church.
10. **INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT** in Central Florida each year. Graduates from across the United States and around the world converge on Central Florida for one of the most beautiful and inspiring commencements in America.

EIGHTEEN REASONS WHY INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS YOUR BEST CHOICE

11. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS OPEN THE ENTIRE YEAR with no summer delays in your education. The faculty and staff process enrollments and completions almost every day of the year, with no long summer breaks or extended holidays to interfere with your schedule. One student stated, "It took the other seminary 12 weeks to send a transcript, while International responded in just a few days."
12. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COLLEGE with graduates representing more than 63 different denominations or faith groups in 78 foreign countries. International is a truly ecumenical seminary.
13. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY CREDITS AND DEGREES ARE HIGHLY RECOGNIZED - Our graduates have been accepted into hundreds of colleges, including a number of regionally-accredited colleges. Our graduates have been accepted into every area of ministry, including chaplaincy in the United State Military.
14. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY ALUMNI INCLUDE A NUMBER OF PASTORS WITH CONGREGATIONS OF 2,500 OR MORE; numerous authors and Bible scholars; presidents, deans, and professors of other colleges; prison, police, and military chaplains; denominational officials; missionaries; evangelists and other church leaders. One graduate was the pastor of the second largest church in the world with 140,000 members.
15. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY OFFERS A QUALITY EDUCATION AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. No other non-traditional seminary offers as much academic support, excellent student services, or recognition and acceptance of degrees at any price.
16. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS STUDENT CENTERED. One student made this comment, "At the other college I was doing research for my Professor's new book - now I'm doing something that benefits me."
17. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS COMMITTED TO SCRIPTURE as the final authority in all matters of seminary policy and theology.
18. INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY IS RELEVANT. Eighty percent of what is taught at other Bible colleges and seminaries is never used again. International focuses on the twenty percent that is relevant. What you learn today, you put into practice the next Sunday.

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINARY
ALMA MATER**

GO YE THEREFORE

words & music by Jim Byers

Jesus left His Father's throne to come unto His own
To reveal a love from Heaven above that man had never known.
He called disciples unto Him and told them, "Fish for men,
Go preach the word they've never heard,
Lo, I'm with you 'til the end."

CHORUS: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations
To observe all things I've commanded you.
Go ye therefore and teach all nations,
Go ye therefore, go!"

On the day of Pentecost good news came to the lost
Thousands came in Jesus' Name redeemed on Calvary's cross.
So take the sword within your hand and go to every land.
Truth does not change; Christ is the same.
Obey His every command



A few of the platform guests from the
2014 International Seminary Commencement

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Questions

- 1.1 Are you accredited?
- 1.2 Do you have a campus? Where are you located?
- 1.3 I am a foreign student - Can I get a student visa to come to the United States and attend classes on campus?
- 1.4 Other colleges will enroll me into a master degree program even though I do not have a bachelor degree. Will you?
- 1.5 I have an earned master degree but no bachelor degree. Can I enroll in a doctoral program?
- 1.6 My degrees (or credits) are from a non-accredited college. Will you accept them?
- 1.7 How long does it take to earn a degree?
- 1.8 If I have questions or need help, do you have real people available?
- 1.9 Do you have an annual commencement?
- 1.10 How can you teach religious subjects and remain inter-denominational?
- 1.11 Can I come visit the campus?
- 1.12 Can I check out your classes before paying any fees?
- 1.13 What Bible do you require me to use?
- 1.14 Do you offer ministerial credentials?

Academic Questions

- 2.1 Do I have to attend any classes or come to the campus for any reason?
- 2.2 Can I do my work through the internet?
- 2.3 How is my work completed?
- 2.4 Can I get credit for experience?
- 2.5 Can I earn a degree without taking any additional courses?
- 2.6 Is there a time limit for completing a program?
- 2.7 Can I do a masters degree and a doctoral degree concurrently?
- 2.8 I don't want to do a full degree program. Can I take just a course or two?
- 2.9 Can I choose my own mentor for the M.A. and Ph.D. programs?
- 2.10 Can I change majors in the middle of a program?
- 2.11 Can I choose a different major for my next degree?
- 2.12 Who chooses the topic for my thesis/dissertation?
- 2.13 Can I take more than one course at a time?

Financial Questions

- 3.1 Do you have any scholarships?
- 3.2 What do you charge per credit hour?
- 3.3 Why are your prices so expensive?
- 3.4 Why are your prices so cheap?
- 3.5 Does the tuition include the cost of books?
- 3.6 How do I send my tuition payments from a foreign country?
- 3.7 Do you accept Pell Grants/GI Bill/employer assistance programs, vocational rehabilitation programs, etc.?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1.1 ARE YOU ACCREDITED?

Not any longer. From 1979 through 2010, we were accredited with the Accrediting Commission International. This agency is not recognized by the Federal Department of Education so it is not considered regional accreditation. They deal only with colleges like us that are strictly religious in nature, and therefore do not fit under regional accreditation.

For many years, we were their flagship college, being the largest and, by far, the most recognized and respected. In 2010 we chose not to renew our membership, deciding instead to rely on the high level of recognition and acceptance we have earned based on our own merit.

For most of our students, accreditation is not relevant since they are in ministry and are pursuing their degrees for religious or personal reasons. Of more importance to our students is the acceptance of our degrees and credits by religious organizations, and we have been accepted by virtually every major faith group.

Our students have successfully transferred to other religious colleges, including several liberal arts Christian colleges that are regionally accredited. Our students have also been accepted into many chaplaincy areas including law enforcement, hospital, and the U.S. military. In addition, we are listed in the *Directory of Postsecondary Institutions*, a publication by the Department of Education.

1.2 DO YOU HAVE A CAMPUS? WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

Yes. We have a modest 41 acre campus located in Plymouth, Florida just north of Orlando. For directions go to www.mapquest.com and input "International Seminary" or the physical address of 3927 W. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL 32712. NOTE: Do not use this address for mailing packages as the Post Office does not deliver to this rural area. For USPS use: PO Box 1075, Plymouth, FL 32768. The GPS coordinates for our entrance are: 28 degrees, 42 minutes, 01.41 seconds north; 81 degrees, 34 minutes, 28.82 seconds west.

1.3 I AM A FOREIGN STUDENT - CAN I GET A STUDENT VISA TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES AND ATTEND CLASSES ON CAMPUS?

No. Since all of our programs are available through home study, residency is not a requirement, so we do not qualify for student visas.

1.4 OTHER COLLEGES WILL ENROLL ME INTO A MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH I DO NOT HAVE A BACHELOR DEGREE. WILL YOU?

No. Enrolling into a master degree without the prerequisite bachelor degree is a resume time bomb, as it almost always comes back to hurt you, and usually at a very inopportune time. Typically, even the colleges that do this will not allow you to use their own master degree to get into their doctoral program. You then have to go back and complete a bachelor degree anyway. Then, since your bachelor degree is dated later than the master, the master is useless and you end up having wasted your tuition, time, and work for that original "easy" master degree.

We do not allow students to enroll in a master degree without having an earned bachelor degree first. By doing this in a manner that is academically sound, your degrees are more valuable to you, and will not hinder you in your later educational pursuits, nor will it come back to haunt you.

1.5 I HAVE AN EARNED MASTER DEGREE BUT NO BACHELOR DEGREE. CAN I ENROLL IN A DOCTORAL PROGRAM?

Maybe. This practice is becoming more and more common, and causes nothing but problems for the students down the road. Most colleges that allow this won't accept their own master degree for doctoral level studies. Our policy is that we can allow such an enrollment into our doctoral program only if the master degree is from a regionally-accredited college.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1.6 MY DEGREES (OR CREDITS) ARE FROM A NON-ACCREDITED COLLEGE. WILL YOU ACCEPT THEM?

Maybe. International Seminary accepts credits and degrees from many non-accredited colleges. If your college is not listed in any of our books and has not been reviewed by our Admissions Office, we would need to perform an institutional evaluation to determine if we can accept them. This evaluation requires a copy of their most recent printed catalog (online catalogs are not adequate for this purpose) and an official transcript of your studies. If the college is approved, it will be added to our list, and future applicants from that college will also be accepted.

1.7 HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO EARN A DEGREE?

With so many variables involved, there is no simple answer to this question. There are three main variables: 1) how many courses you need to take to complete, 2) how much time you have to devote to your studies, and 3) how easy this type of study is for you.

If you are able to dedicate a significant amount of time for your studies, you will probably move quickly through your program. If you dedicate little time to study, you will probably move slowly. If you have transferable credits or qualify for experience credits, you will have less work to complete. Here is a very basic outline of how the programs are designed:

Pr.Dip. program (freshman year)	eight months
Pr.Adv. program (sophomore year)	eight months
A.A. degree program (optional).....	four months
Th.G. program (junior year).....	eight months
Bachelor program (senior year).....	ten months
Master degree program	eighteen months
Master of Divinity program	three years
Doctoral program	two years

We would love to provide you with a free evaluation to see exactly where you qualify for enrollment. Just contact us by phone, fax, mail, or email.

1.8 IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP, DO YOU HAVE REAL PEOPLE AVAILABLE?

Yes. Depending on what type of help you need or what your question may be, we have several different people who will be able to help you. We have a full staff of employees ready to assist you in all areas. You can get help by phone, email, fax, or regular mail.

1.9 DO YOU HAVE AN ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT?

Yes. Every year, usually near the end of June, we hold our annual commencement. Graduates from around the world will be in attendance. Any graduate who has ever completed a program (any program, any year) is eligible to attend. If you have already received your degree certificate, you would receive a commemorative certificate for your participation. To register, check our website by mid-February to download the registration form. There is a cost to participate, plus a cost for your academic garb.

1.10 HOW CAN YOU TEACH RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS AND REMAIN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL?

At the degree levels, most work is completed through the writing of research papers. We allow you to use books and other resources produced by your own denominational authors. Your work is graded based on your understanding and presentation of the material, not on how closely you agree with the professor.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1.11 CAN I COME VISIT THE CAMPUS?

Absolutely. We are open almost the entire year, only closing for holidays, and one week during the Christmas holidays. Our office hours are:

Monday through Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It is always prudent to call for an appointment, especially if you wish to meet with a specific person or if making a long trip. We do have a few non-traditional holidays, so calling ahead of time is strongly encouraged.

1.12 CAN I CHECK OUT YOUR CLASSES BEFORE PAYING ANY FEES?

Yes. We allow students to visit class up to three times with no charge and no obligation. In fact, we encourage our enrolled students to bring visitors with them to class.

1.13 WHAT BIBLE DO YOU REQUIRE ME TO USE?

Many of the Scripture references found in our material come from the King James Version; however, we also use many other versions/translations as well. You are free to use any version you wish.

1.14 DO YOU OFFER MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS?

Yes. The International Ministerial Association (IMA) offers three levels of credentials: Christian Worker, Licensed Minister, and Ordained Minister. Membership into the IMA is restricted to graduates of International Seminary, and each level of credential has varying requirements for experience in leadership areas of ministry.

ACADEMIC QUESTIONS

2.1 DO I HAVE TO ATTEND ANY CLASSES OR COME TO THE CAMPUS FOR ANY REASON?

For 99.9% of our students, the answer is no. All of our programs are available through home study, and we do not have any residency requirements at all. You can complete any program with us without leaving your family, your ministry, or your current job.

The only time an appearance on campus is required is when a student is having the oral defense for the doctoral dissertation, and even then, only if he lives within a two-hour drive. Otherwise, the defense is done via a telephone conference call.

In addition to home study, the first three years of our bachelor degree are also offered in class at our main campus or through our Satellite Class division. Classes like this are offered in many locations around the U.S.

2.2 CAN I DO MY WORK THROUGH THE INTERNET?

At this time, no. However, all programs are available through home study, so you can still pursue your studies without the burden of attending class or leaving your family & ministry. We are researching several online companies to find one that is suitable for our purposes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2.3 HOW IS MY WORK COMPLETED?

The first three years of our bachelor degree involve lessons that are sent to the student. The student then completes some homework on them, and returns the homework to us. This process is repeated until all program requirements have been met.

The senior year of the bachelor program, the master programs, and the doctoral programs are completed mostly through the writing of research papers. Students are assigned various topics, and then must produce a written research paper on that topic. There are a few courses that involve taking an exam, producing an audio or video tape, or doing some translation work as opposed to doing a research paper.

2.4 CAN I GET CREDIT FOR EXPERIENCE?

Maybe. Since we only offer religious courses, the credit we give for experience is limited to ministerial experience. If a student has over five years of ministry, we can do a free evaluation to determine what, if any, credit can be awarded. Credit for experience is not automatic. We do not give “block” credit (which is a certain number of unspecified credits depending on the number of years of ministry). We actually give credit in the specific areas that you have demonstrated an expertise. This is much more complicated for us, but results in a transcript that is more traditional, thus more accepted.

Credit toward a bachelor degree is common for those who have at least 8 years of ministry. Credit toward a master degree is more difficult to qualify for, and typically requires a minimum of 15 years of pastoral experience to even be considered. Credit toward a doctoral degree is very difficult to qualify for. We can only give credit for experience at the doctoral level if the experience has been reflected in some type of written work produced by the student. This work must be of similar length and depth of research as the normal doctoral requirements, and must be in a subject area similar to a course required for that program. The work cannot have been used for credit at any other college. Once enrolled, a student may submit any such work for review by our professors.

2.5 CAN I EARN A DEGREE WITHOUT TAKING ANY ADDITIONAL COURSES?

No. There are minimum work requirements for every degree so some courses will be required. The exact number of courses needed vary from person to person depending on transferable credits and credit for experience. We can perform a free evaluation to determine what is required for you.

2.6 IS THERE A TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETING A PROGRAM?

Though significant changes are expected in the very near future, at this time there is no specific time limit on any program. We do assign a due date for the next due course, but if you have a problem and need more time, we freely give extensions. The due date is primarily to give us a system to keep up with each student. If the due date is not met and we do not receive a request for an extension, we will contact you with a reminder. If you ignore these reminders you will be placed on probation, and if no response is received, you will be made inactive. We cannot allow a degree program to remain active if there is no activity for several months, but as long as we see some continual progress, you will be fine.

2.7 CAN I DO A MASTERS DEGREE AND A DOCTORAL DEGREE CONCURRENTLY?

No. There is no benefit to pursuing two degrees at once, only problems. When multiple programs are taken concurrently, the final result is two degrees that are issued within a short time frame. This usually equates to a degree that is not readily accepted. We recommend that all energy is put into one program at a time. Then, once it is completed, all energy can be put into the next program. Not only does this provide a normal space of time between degrees, it also allows you to keep your focus on one course at a time.

We understand that some colleges that offer this “dual enrollment” have you take courses for the higher level program, and then when all courses are completed, they issue a back-dated degree for the lower level program with no courses taken at that level. Any college that will issue any degree with no courses required should be of concern to you. Back-dating a degree is even worse. Not only is it contrary to academic standards, it is actually illegal.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2.8 I DON'T WANT TO DO A FULL DEGREE PROGRAM. CAN I TAKE JUST A COURSE OR TWO?

Most of our degree level courses (those with course numbers in the 400 – 699 range) are available as Continuing Education Units (CEU). With this program you pay an enrollment fee, and then pay only for the courses you wish to take. At completion, a CEU certificate is issued; however, these credits are not transferable to a degree at a later date.

2.9 CAN I CHOOSE MY OWN MENTOR FOR THE M.A. AND PH.D. PROGRAMS?

No. For the M.A. and Ph.D. programs, mentors are required primarily to guide you through the selection of the elective courses, and guide you through the production and submission of the thesis or dissertation. Since our professors will be grading you based on the requirements here at International, we only allow our own professors to act as mentors for our students. You are free to receive advice and assistance from other ministers or elders; however, keep in mind that the final acceptance and grading of your work will be based on our requirements.

You can request a particular professor as your mentor; however, the final decision is made by our staff. We take into account each student's background when choosing a mentor, but the primary decision is based on the major chosen.

2.10 CAN I CHANGE MAJORS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROGRAM?

Yes. You must, however, understand that if you are well into a program, you will probably be required to do additional courses which would require additional tuition.

2.11 CAN I CHOOSE A DIFFERENT MAJOR FOR MY NEXT DEGREE?

Yes. Since all of our programs are religious in nature, you can change to a different major for your next degree program. On occasion, however, you might be required to take additional, pre-requisite courses which will increase your tuition.

2.12 WHO CHOOSES THE TOPIC FOR MY THESIS/DISSERTATION?

The topic for the master thesis or dissertation must be in the exact subject area as the major of your program. The choice is made by the student; however, it must be pre-approved by the Seminary.

2.13 CAN I TAKE MORE THAN ONE COURSE AT A TIME?

The methods utilized at International will allow students to move as quickly through the program as the student wishes. Some students prefer to work on more than one course at any given time, while others prefer to devote all of their time and energy to a single course before proceeding to the next. Most of the time, we will provide instructions for several courses, so the choice is yours.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

3.1 DO YOU HAVE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?

At this time, our scholarship fund is depleted. However, since we keep all financial arrangements internal, we can allow you to prepare a written proposal of how you can pay the tuition. Perhaps you need to make a couple of payments to pay the enrollment fee, or maybe you need to stretch the payments out longer than our extended payment plan offers. Just prepare and submit the proposal and we will take it to our Directors for review. They approve virtually every reasonable request.

We do offer discounts under certain circumstances. We offer a 20% discount on most programs for paying in full. We offer a discount to full-time, overseas missionaries. The diploma programs (Pr.Dip., Pr.Adv., and Th.G.) offer a spouse discount when both the husband and wife enroll in the same diploma program, and at the same time. For the spouse discount, one will go at full price, and the spouse will receive a 50% discount.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

3.2 WHAT DO YOU CHARGE PER CREDIT HOUR?

We do not charge on a per credit basis. Our tuition rate is per program, and each program has a different cost. All costs and payment plan options are reflected on our current Tuition Payment Plan which is available on our website.

3.3 WHY ARE YOUR PRICES SO EXPENSIVE?

Our cost is much less than what state universities charge, and only a fraction of what private colleges charge. If it seems expensive, it is probably because you are comparing it to the tuition rates of sub-standard (or even illegally-operating) colleges that do not have the widespread acceptance of credits that our students enjoy. Our students have been accepted into virtually every ministry function and every faith group. They have been able to transfer to several regionally-accredited colleges, get into military chaplaincy, and teach in other Bible Colleges. Be careful in looking for a “bargain” because you might end up with a degree that is has no value and will not meet your educational needs.

3.4 WHY ARE YOUR PRICES SO CHEAP?

Our cost is much less than what state universities charge, and only a fraction of what private colleges charge. There are a number of reasons for this, including - no dormitories, lack of debt, and adherence to the Biblical principles of finance. We own a modest 40-acre campus and are developing it without borrowing funds.

3.5 DOES THE TUITION INCLUDE THE COST OF BOOKS?

No. The tuition listed for each program covers only the tuition cost; however, we have designed all of our programs in such a way as to minimize the cost of books.

The cost of books can vary greatly depending on a couple of factors. The first factor is the program in which you are entering. The first three years of the undergraduate program are completed primarily with lesson material that is included in the tuition cost. There are some outside reading requirements, but the book cost for any of these programs is usually under \$100 for the entire year.

For the degree programs, your cost for books could be anything from \$0 to many hundreds of dollars. We do provide students with a suggested list of textbooks for each course, but we also allow students to use other books that are not on the list (with prior approval). Many of our students use local libraries (public and private) and are able to complete their studies without buying any books at all. Others are striving to develop their own personal libraries and they may spend more on books than they do on tuition.

When purchasing books, we highly recommend online sources such as amazon.com and half.com. Through these sites you can often purchase books (including very expensive books) for just a couple of dollars, and they will be delivered right to your home.

3.6 HOW DO I SEND MY TUITION PAYMENTS FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY?

Tuition payments must be made in U.S. funds, via check, money order, bank draft, or credit card. For foreign students the most convenient method is to send a money order or use a credit card. Any payment that requires our staff to go collect, such as a telegram, will be subject to a service charge of at least \$25.00. At our CPA's insistence, we do not give out our bank information for transfers.

3.7 DO YOU ACCEPT PELL GRANTS/GI BILL/EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS/VOCATIONAL REHAB, ETC.?

There are many different types of tuition assistance programs, and each has its own parameters and qualifications. We will accept any type of tuition assistance that is available; however, as a purely religious college, we do not typically qualify for most secular or governmental programs. Even so, there have been instances of acceptance by all of the above. In particular, employer assistance programs have been approved from several major corporations.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

* Dates in blue only apply to on-campus students . External students may register for enrollment and begin studies at any time during the year. Administrative offices are open throughout the summer months, except for July 4. Please note that some of these dates are tentative and subject to change.

First Semester 2014-2015

Fall 2014

Monday-Friday, August 25 - 29	Registration*
Monday, September 1	Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)
Tuesday, September 2	Classes begin*
Friday, October 3	Founders Day Holiday (offices closed)
Wednesday, November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday (close at noon)
Thursday - Friday, November 27 - 28.....	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
Tuesday, December 16.....	Classes end*
Wednesday - Wednesday, December 24 - 31	Christmas Holidays (office closed)

Second Semester 2014 - 2015

Spring 2015

Thursday, January 1	New Years Holiday (offices closed)
Friday - Tuesday, January 2 - 6.....	Mid-term Registration*
Tuesday, January 6.....	Classes resume*
Monday, January 19.....	Martin Luther King Day (offices closed)
Wednesday, April 1	Academic deadline for commencement
Friday, April 3	Good Friday (offices closed)
Friday, April 10	Registration deadline for commencement
Tuesday, May 19	Classes end*
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day (offices closed)
Thursday - Friday, June 25 - 26	Commencement
Friday, July 3.....	Independence Day (offices closed)

First Semester 2015-2016

Fall 2015

Monday-Friday, August 24 - 28	Registration*
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday (offices closed)
Tuesday, September 8	Classes begin*
Monday, October 5.....	Founders Day Holiday (offices closed)
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday (close at noon)
Thursday - Friday, November 26 - 27.....	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
Tuesday, December 15.....	Classes end*
Thursday - Thursday, December 24 - 31	Christmas Holidays (office closed)

Second Semester 2015 - 2016

Spring 2016

Friday, January 1	New Years Holiday (offices closed)
Monday - Tuesday, January 4 - 5	Mid-term Registration*
Tuesday, January 5.....	Classes resume*
Monday, January 18.....	Martin Luther King Day (offices closed)
Friday, March 25	Good Friday (offices closed)
Friday, April 1	Academic deadline for commencement
Friday, April 8	Registration deadline for commencement
Tuesday, May 24	Classes end*
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day (offices closed)
Thursday - Friday, June 23 - 24	Commencement (tentative)
Monday, July 4.....	Independence Day (offices closed)



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