

# ACADEMIC CATALOG



GREENVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Something momentous occurs when God calls a man to preach. It sets in motion a series of events that will shape and mold this man to be a herald for the Most High God. While the gifts for ministry are sovereignly given, the training a man receives to develop those gifts is crucial. When handling the eternal truth of God's Word, the preacher must get it right. He must properly administer the sacraments to God's people. He must lovingly govern the bride of Christ. When God calls a man to preach, it is a high calling. He must begin well.

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary has been - and continues to be - committed to training passionate preachers of the gospel in the historic Reformed faith for over 30 years.

Our hope and desire is to see faithful churches led by faithful ministers. God transforms men and women as He blesses His Word as it goes forth in preaching. We advocate a return to ministerial practice that prioritizes the ordinary means-of-grace ministry that God has blessed in all of the great epochs of the church. The great need of our day is an unflinching Christ-exalting, Grace-driven, and Scripture-defined ministry that exhibits a burden for the souls of men.

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is committed to such a ministry. As you peruse this catalog, I hope you will note our distinctives: a Bible-based curriculum committed to stringent academic requirements, equipping men to be godly preachers, pastors, and churchmen who proclaim with accuracy, authority, and passion the inerrant Word of God.

Thank you for reaching this catalog. Please contact us at [info@gpts.edu](mailto:info@gpts.edu) or by calling 864.322.2717 if you are interested in partnering with us for our enduring Reformation.

With Warm Regards,



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President

Professor of Systematic & Homiletical Theology

# VISION

For our enduring Reformation

# MISSION

Our mission is to equip men to be preachers, pastors, and churchmen for Christ's Kingdom in the context of biblical fidelity, confessional integrity, experimental piety, and ecclesiastical accountability.

# CORE VALUES

Biblical Fidelity

Confessional Integrity

Experimental Piety

Ecclesiastical Accountability

# DISTINCTIVES

Individual Instruction

Affordability

Accessibility

*for more information, visit [gpts.edu/about](http://gpts.edu/about)*

# PHILOSOPHY OF INSTRUCTION

The Seminary primarily prepares men for the gospel ministry through the Divinity Program, but offers other opportunities for study also. The Master of Arts is offered to those who desire a general biblical and theological education. The Master of Ministry for Ruling Elders and Master of Ministry for Deacons are degrees for ordained Ruling Elders and Deacons seeking further education, and for other men approved by their church leadership. All programs emphasize personal piety, knowledge, and application of the Word.

## *Personal Piety*

Without personal piety, study is futile. The Seminary expects students to have daily personal devotions and family worship, led by the head of the household. Such tools as M'Cheyne's Calendar of Daily Readings and the 1647 Directory for Family Worship of the Church of Scotland are recommended to the students to encourage them in these exercises of piety.

## *Knowledge of the Word*

All instruction in the Seminary is based on the conviction that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. Since the curriculum is to ground the student firmly in the Word, the study of the Bible in the original languages is central to all instruction. In the M.Div. program, the student is trained in the grammars of Biblical Greek and Hebrew and is expected to be proficient in these languages upon completion of the program. M.A., M.M.R.E. and M.M.D. degree candidates are not expected to learn these languages as part of their program of study, but they can expect that what they are taught reflects the use of them. In addition, the Seminary expects the student to read through a translation of the Bible each year.

## *Application of the Word*

It is the desire of the Seminary not only to produce knowledgeable and godly men, but men of action and discernment. Since the Scriptures are "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work," the curriculum shows students how to apply the Word of God. There is special emphasis on how to recognize, avoid, and remedy whims and fads that often sweep through the church to its detriment.

# THE DIVINITY PROGRAM

## *Program Philosophy*

The Seminary recognizes that under God's Providence, even in preparing for the Gospel Ministry, men have various gifts and life situations. Therefore it offers two approaches to equipping men for the work of ministry: the Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) and the Master of Divinity (M.Div.).

## *Master of Divinity*

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a professional degree program for the student who holds a B.A. or its equivalent and whose primary career goals are focused on the pastoral ministry. It can be completed in four years of full-time study. There is a six-year time limit for completing the program that may be extended only by faculty vote.

## *Bachelor of Divinity*

The Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) is a degree program for the student who, for whatever reason, does not hold a B.A. or its equivalent. The applicant must be at least 30 years old to apply for this program of study. The Bachelor of Divinity degree should not be seen as a substitute for a B.A. Instead, it is a professional graduate degree designed solely to prepare qualified men for the ordained ministry. The course requirements of the B.D. program are identical to the M.Div. and can be completed in four years of full-time study. There is a six-year time limit for completing the program that may be extended only by faculty vote.

## *Foundations (Propædeutic) Year*

Traditionally, the man arriving for seminary training had a college liberal arts degree. This meant, among other things, that he had a background in languages (Latin and Greek), logic, rhetoric, and philosophy. For many students this no longer holds true. Faced with this situation and realizing that the classical theological curriculum at GPTS presupposes a strong liberal arts background, GPTS has added a Foundations or Propædeutic year to fill the knowledge gap. However, recognizing that some students do still come to Seminary with a liberal arts degree, all or part of the Propædeutic year may be waived on the basis of proficiency examinations and one of the following: 1) college transcripts showing comparable course work completed with at least a B average, or 2) distance education/taped classes on those topics with a grade of B or better.

# THE DIVINITY CURRICULUM

The course listing below gives a concise overview of the divinity curriculum. Two electives of two credit hours each, in any discipline, are required along with the following courses:

## *Old Testament*

- OT11 - Pentateuch (3)
- OT13 - Hebrew I (3)
- OT14 - Hebrew II (3)
- OT16 - History & Poets (3)
- OT21 - Hebrew Exegesis I (3)
- OT22 - Hebrew Exegesis II (3)
- OT24 - Prophets (3)
- OT32 - OT Biblical Theology (2)

## *New Testament*

- NT12 - Beginning Greek I (2)
- NT21 - Beginning Greek II (2)
- NT22 - Intermediate Greek (3)
- NT24 - Gospels & Acts (3)
- NT31 - Greek Exegesis I (3)
- NT32 - Greek Exegesis II (3)
- NT33 - Pauline Epistles (3)
- NT34 - Hebrews to Revelation (2)
- NT41 - NT Biblical Theology (2)

## *Historical Theology*

- HT10 - Presbyterian Church History (2)
- HT21 - Ancient Church History (3)
- HT22 - Medieval Church History (3)
- HT31 - Reformation Church History (4)
- HT32 - Modern Church History (3)

*\*for suggested course sequences tailored to different paces of study, please visit [gpts.edu/sequences](http://gpts.edu/sequences)*

## *Systematic Theology*

- ST11 - Introduction to Reformed Theology (3)
- ST31 - Prolegomena & Theology (3)
- ST32 - Creation, Man, & Sin (3)
- ST41 - Christ & Salvation (3)
- ST42 - Ecclesiology & Polity (3)
- ST44 - Eschatology (2)

## *Applied Theology*

- AT11 - Reformed Spirituality (2)
- AT12 - Introduction to Biblical Counseling (2)
- AT20 - Introduction to Homiletics (3)
- AT21 - Hermeneutics (3)
- AT23 - Marriage & Family Counseling (2)
- AT30 - Reformed Worship (2)
- AT31 - Homiletics Practicum I (2)
- AT32 - Homiletics Practicum II (2)
- AT40 - Reformed Pastor (3)
- AT41 - Evangelism & Missions (4)
- AT42 - Christian Education (2)

## *Apologetics & Ethics*

- AP11 - Rhetoric (2)
- AP14 - Logic (2)
- AP21 - Introduction to Apologetics (3)
- AP22 - Advanced Apologetics (2)
- AP41 - Cults (2)
- AP42 - Ethics (3)

Electives (4)

*Total Credit Hours - 122*

# DIVINITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

As helpful as practical courses may be, they are no substitute for personal experience. Therefore, an integral part of the Divinity program is Field Education. Here, the Seminary works in concert with Presbyterian and Reformed churches to provide a structured training experience for Divinity candidates. The Seminary will make every effort to assist the nonPresbyterian candidates in locating a church of their denomination in which to complete their Field Education requirements. This segment of the Divinity Program is designed specifically to help enable prospective Teaching Elders to complete internship requirements while attending Greenville Seminary. However, it will be the candidates' responsibility to ensure that their work meets the internship requirements of their particular presbyteries.

- The Seminary requires 12 units of field education. This may be met by:
  - At least six semesters of part-time work (two hours per week) plus one fulltime semester in a church; or
  - Two years of full-time summer work in a church; or
  - One year of full-time work in a church; or
  - Two to three years of part-time work (depending on number of hours per week) in a church.

## *Senior Sermon*

Preaching is at the heart of the Divinity program; therefore, the Seminary requires that each student in his final year of study preach a "Senior Sermon." The student will deliver this sermon before the faculty and student body the semester that he plans to graduate. The sermon will be followed with an evaluation and critique by the faculty. The student must pass this requirement to graduate.

## *Admission*

Those applying for the B.D. program must be under the care of a presbytery or appropriate church governing body. In addition, the seminary requires from the Candidates Committee of the B.D. applicant's presbytery or other ecclesiastical body, a formal statement of approval and support for the applicant's enrollment in seminary.

Those applying for the M.Div. must hold a B.A. degree or its equivalent. These men normally are expected to be under the care of a presbytery when applying. Men applying for either Divinity degree must submit three letters of reference: pastoral, character, and academic (if applicable for the B.D. applicant).

For more information on our Admissions Policies, please consult the Application Packet, available at [gpts.edu/application](http://gpts.edu/application).

# DISTANCE EDUCATION

## *Education Under a Mentor*

In order to meet the need of men who desire to pursue theological education, but are unable to relocate to Greenville for their full course of study, the Seminary provides for this education under the guidance and assistance of approved local mentors. For all mentors and students, the following guidelines apply:

- All students seeking credit from GPTS must make regular application for admission to the Seminary. In addition, each non-resident Divinity (M.Div., B.Div.) student must a) be under-care of presbytery prior to matriculation (certain exceptions allowed), b) have the formal approval of his overseeing presbytery to study via the Mentor Program (letters from presbytery must accompany application), and c) attend orientation on campus in the Fall semester of his first year (certain exceptions allowed).
- All students applying for the distance program must explain in a letter accompanying their application their reason for studying by distance.
- The tuition rate for non-resident students is the same as that of the resident students. The Field Education fee applies to non-resident Divinity students, as well as resident Divinity students. While distance students are not responsible for the per-credit-hour facility use fee that resident students are responsible to pay, distance students are responsible to pay a per-credit-hour technology fee to cover the costs associated with providing distance education (administrative and technological).
- Distance students are expected to follow the course syllabus of the degree programs as they are taught at the Seminary. They will use either internet-based class participation (video conferencing) or class download as part of their study. Distance students are expected to complete all the regular assignments of the course. Mentors have the freedom to require reading and writing assignments in addition to those specified in the syllabus for each course.
- The regular GPTS faculty will grade all examinations and papers required by each course syllabus.
- For Divinity and M.A.R. students, 24 credit hours of residency requirements may be met by a combination of on-campus and live online (videoconferencing) courses. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be taken on-campus via either an intensive or a regular semester offering. For more information, please contact [admissions@gpts.edu](mailto:admissions@gpts.edu). This requirement does not apply to M.M.R.E./M.M.D. students.
- For Divinity students, the course work for the degree must be completed in no more than six (6) years (approximately 16 credit hours per year). For the M.M.R.E., M.M.D., and M.A.R. programs, students have a maximum of five (5) years to complete the degree.
- The student must complete at least 16 credit hours per year. The faculty will consider requests for exceptions to this rule.
- Distance Divinity students who have not completed 31 credit hours by the end of the second year will

be dropped from the program. These limits may be extended only by faculty vote.

The Seminary has several approved mentors who serve students in their areas. Please contact the Registrar ([registrar@gpts.edu](mailto:registrar@gpts.edu)) to inquire as to whether there is currently an approved mentor in your area. Local pastors may inquire about being accepted as mentors.

#### *Extension Classes*

At the invitation of several churches in the United States and around the world, the Seminary is offering some courses by extension. Members of the regular Seminary faculty, as well as qualified ministers, will be teaching the courses. As with the mentor program, all students seeking credit from GPTS must make regular application for admission to the Seminary. Please contact the Seminary for details.

#### *Video-Conferencing*

Greenville Seminary broadcasts almost all of its classes via videoconferencing. Qualified students are able to participate in classes interactively. If the remote site has installed the recommended equipment and has a broadband Internet connection, the student can expect acceptable video along with high-quality audio. Students participating by live video-conferencing will be provided course materials by the individual course instructor. For details on technical requirements and setup, please email [info@gpts.edu](mailto:info@gpts.edu).

# MASTER OF MINISTRY FOR RULING ELDERS & DEACONS (MMRE/MMD)

## *Program Philosophy*

The quality of the ministry of a Ruling Elder (RE) or a Deacon (D) depends on his personal devotion to the Lord, his knowledge of the Word, his understanding of biblical church government, and his specific function within that system of government. Therefore, the proper training for a RE/D or for a candidate for those positions is of great importance to the church. The M.M.R.E. and M.M.D. programs include training in personal piety, knowledge of the Bible, understanding of Presbyterian church government, and the role of the RE/D in the church. The M.M.R.E. program is designed to help the Ruling Elder function not only at the local church level, but at presbytery and General Assembly level. The M.M.D. program is designed to help the Deacon see his role in terms of the local church and the wider church.

## *Residency and Degree Requirement*

The requirements of the M.M.R.E. and M.M.D. program may be completed in as little as two years of full-time study. The degree may also be completed under the Mentor-supervised Distance Education program. However, the Seminary cautions against a Ruling Elder over-extending himself by rushing through the program. Therefore, the candidate may take up to five years to complete the program. This time limit may be extended by faculty vote.

## *Admission*

Admission to the M.M.R.E./M.M.D. program is restricted to ordained Ruling Elders/Deacons, or other men who have been recommended by their church leadership to enter the program. Applicants seeking the M.M.R.E./M.M.D. degree must hold a B.A. degree or its equivalent. Applicants without a B.A. may be admitted to the program but will receive a Certificate in Ministry for Ruling Elders or Deacons. All interested men who meet the above qualifications are invited to apply. Applications can be obtained by writing to the Admissions Office or completed online.

## *The Curriculum*

The curriculum is divided into two segments. Segment 1 gives the candidate a solid grounding in Bible knowledge and basic Reformed doctrine. Segment 2 grounds the RE/D in the practice of ministry and its relation to the broader work of the church. The 34-credit-hour MMRE/MMD Program includes:

### *Segment 1*

AT11 - Reformed Spirituality (2)  
AT21 - Hermeneutics (3)  
ST11 - Introduction to Reformed Theology (3)  
ST32 - Creation, Man, & Sin (3)  
ST41 - Christ & Salvation (3)  
AP41 - Cults (2)

### *Segment 2*

HT10 - Presbyterian Church History (2)  
AT12 - Introduction to Biblical Counseling (2)  
AT30 - Reformed Worship (2)  
AT40 - Reformed Pastor (3)  
AT41 - Evangelism & Missions (4)  
AT42 - Christian Education (2)  
ST42 - Ecclesiology & Polity (3)

# MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION (MAR)

## *Program Philosophy*

This program is designed for both men and women involved in the various non-ordained ministries of the church who wish to gain a sound biblical education for their particular work. Those involved in youth ministry, missions, or Christian education will find the M.A. program particularly suited to give them a thorough theological education. The M.A. program can be an excellent opportunity for men and women in non-church professions to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith.

## *Admission*

All interested men and women who hold a B.A. degree or its equivalent are invited to apply. Applications may be obtained by visiting [gpts.edu/application](http://gpts.edu/application). Three references, one from the applicant's pastor, one character reference, and one from an academic source are required.

## *Degree Specializations*

The Master of Arts program may also be designed to provide a concentration in one of the following areas: Biblical Languages, Church History, Apologetics, and Systematic Theology. For further information about courses required in these degree tracks, please contact Dr. Ryan McGraw (Academic Dean) at [rmcgraw@gpts.edu](mailto:rmcgraw@gpts.edu).

## *Residency & Degree Requirements*

The M.A. program can be completed in two years of full-time resident study. There is a five-year time limit that may be extended by faculty vote.

## *The Curriculum*

The 45-credit-hour M.A. program is divided into three segments as shown by the following:

### *Segment 1*

OT11 - Pentateuch (3)  
OT32 - OT Biblical Theology (2)  
NT24 - Gospel & Acts (3)  
NT41 - NT Biblical Theology (2)  
AT11 - Reformed Spirituality (2)

### *Segment 2*

HT21 - Ancient Church History (3)  
HT22 - Medieval Church History (3)  
HT31 - Reformation Church History (4)  
HT32 - Modern Church History (3)

### *Segment 3*

ST11 - Introduction to Reformed Theology (3)  
ST31 - Prolegomena & Theology (3)  
ST32 - Creation, Man, & Sin (3)  
ST41 - Christ & Salvation (3)  
ST42 - Ecclesiology & Polity (3)  
AP21 - Introduction to Apologetics (2)  
AP42 - Ethics (3)

## OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

### *Non-Degree Special Students*

The Seminary realizes that there may be those interested in pursuing theological studies for their personal benefit without the need for a degree. To address this desire, the Seminary offers the option of applying as a one-year special student. During their year of study, the special students may register for courses for credit according to their own interests. This study is not a degree program, but since the courses are for credit, the students must pay full tuition. The students may subsequently apply their credits to the M.A. or M.Div. degrees. Both men and women are invited to apply.

### *Continuing Education*

Greenville Seminary offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for pastors as they continue to develop skills for effective ministry. The Summer Institute is offered each summer. Faculty and guest speakers offer topics relevant to the ministry of pastors and other church leaders. Visit [gpts.edu/summer](http://gpts.edu/summer) for more information about this valuable seminar.

### *Non-Graded Special Student*

This course of study is not a degree program, but courses may be taken as an audit course with the difference being the student may write papers and take exams and receive feedback from the professor. For this program the student must pay one-half the current tuition rate.

### *International Extension Campuses*

The seminary is involved in two programs overseas.

**Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary (WPTS)** in Gateshead, England (GPTS UK) is available for students to complete any of the relevant GPTS degree programs. The WPTS facility and residential faculty are based in Newcastle, England, with library privileges at Durham University. WPTS's own course offerings are supplemented by an annual series of intensive courses taught by GPTS faculty and by online courses through the GPTS campus, as required.

**John Wycliffe Theological College** in Randburg, South Africa is available for students to complete the Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) degree in conjunction with Greenville Seminary. The courses are taught by a group of resident lecturers, adjunct lecturers, and lecturers from Greenville Seminary's faculty.

# COURSE LISTING

Below, you will find a listing of all course codes, titles, hours, instructors, and prerequisites, organized by department. Course descriptions are available at [gpts.edu/courses](http://gpts.edu/courses).

With the exception of electives, courses ending in 0 are regularly offered as intensives during Winter (January) Term. With the exception of electives, courses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5) are regularly offered during the Fall Semester. With the exception of electives, courses ending in an even number (2, 4, 6) are regularly offered during the Spring Semester. Courses beginning with SI are offered during Summer Term.

## *Old Testament*

OT11 - Pentateuch (3) - Morales

OT13 - Hebrew I (3) - Shaw

OT14 - Hebrew II (3) - TBD - OT13

OT16 - History & Poets (3) - Shaw

OT21 - Hebrew Exegesis I (3) - Morales - OT14 (Divinity Students Only)

OT22 - Hebrew Exegesis II (3) - Shaw - OT21, AT20 (Divinity Students Only)

OT24 - Prophets (3) - Morales

OT32 - OT Biblical Theology (2) - Morales - OT22

## *New Testament*

NT12 - Beginning Greek I (2) - Dyer

NT21 - Beginning Greek II (2) - Dyer - NT12

NT22 - Intermediate Greek (3) - Dyer - NT21

NT24 - Gospels & Acts (3) - Dyer

NT31 - Greek Exegesis I (3) - Dyer - NT22, AT20, AT21 (Divinity Students Only)

NT32 - Greek Exegesis II (3) - Dyer - NT31 (Divinity Students Only)

NT33 - Pauline Epistles (3) - Dunson

NT34 - Hebrews to Revelation (2) - Dunson

NT41 - NT Biblical Theology (2) - Morales - NT32, OT32 (Divinity Students Only)

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### *Historical Theology*

HT10 - Presbyterian Church History (2) - Willborn - ST11, AP11

HT21 - Ancient Church History (3) - Willborn - ST11, AP11, AP14

HT22 - Medieval Church History (3) - McGoldrick - HT21

HT31 - Reformation Church History (4) - McGoldrick - HT22

HT32 - Modern Church History (3) - Willborn - HT31

### *Systematic Theology*

ST11 - Introduction to Reformed Theology (3) - Pipa

ST31 - Prolegomena & Theology (3) - McGraw - ST11, OT14, NT12

ST32 - Creation, Man, & Sin (3) - Pipa - ST31

ST41 - Christ & Salvation (3) - Pipa - ST32

ST42 - Ecclesiology & Polity (3) - McGraw - ST41

ST44 - Eschatology (2) - McGraw - ST41

### *Applied Theology*

AT11 - Reformed Spirituality (2) - McGraw

AT12 - Introduction to Biblical Counseling (2) - Backus

AT20 - Introduction to Homiletics (3) - Macedo - AT21 (Divinity Students Only)

AT21 - Hermeneutics (3) - Curto - AP11, AP14, ST11

AT23 - Marriage & Family Counseling (2) - Backus - AP 11, AP14, AT11, AT13, ST11

AT30 - Reformed Worship (2) - Pipa - AT20

AT31 - Homiletics Practicum I (2) - McGraw - AT20 (Divinity Students Only)

AT32 - Homiletics Practicum II (2) - Pipa - AT31 (Divinity Students Only)

AT40 - Reformed Pastor (3) - Hamilton - AT30 (Divinity & MMRE/MMD Students Only)

AT41 - Evangelism & Missions (4) - Curto - ST11

AT42 - Christian Education (2) - Curto - ST11

### *Apologetics & Ethics*

AP11 - Rhetoric (2) - Cook

AP14 - Logic (2) - Curto

AP21 - Introduction to Apologetics (2) - Curto - ST11, AP11, AP14

AP22 - Advanced Apologetics (2) - Curto - AP21

AP41 - Cults (2) - McGoldrick

AP42 - Ethics (3) - Elkin - ST11, AP22

*Electives*

- OT55 - Hebrew Summer Reading I (1) - Morales
- OT56 - Hebrew Summer Reading II (1) - Morales
- OT58 - Septuagint (2) - Dyer - NT22, OT14
- NT55 - Greek Summer Reading I (1) - Dyer
- NT56 - Greek Summer Reading II (1) - Dyer
- HT52 - American Religious History (2) - Willborn
- HT54 - Scottish Reformed Orthodoxy & Its Heritage (2) - Hamilton
- HT60 - Ecclesiastical Latin I (2) - Baumbach
- HT61 - Ecclesiastical Latin II (2) - Baumbach
- HT66 - Ecclesiastical Latin III (2) - Baumbach
- ST50 - Presbyterian Theology in the American 19th Century (2) - Willborn
- ST55 - Calvinism & Culture (2) - Faculty
- ST57 - Introduction to Reformed Scholasticism (2) - McGraw
- ST58 - Theology of John Owen (2) - McGraw/Hamilton
- ST59 - Seminar in Augustine's City of God (2) - Faculty
- ST62 - Seminar in Modern Theology (2) - Cook - ST11, AP21
- AT50 - Preparation for Licensure Examination (2) - Faculty
- AT51 - Sermon Analysis (2) - Pipa
- AP52 - Presuppositionalism and Modern Thought (2)
- XX60 - Independent Book Study (2) - Faculty
- SIXX - Summer Institute (2) - Visiting Faculty

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES & FACULTY

For an up-to-date listing of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Staff, please visit [gpts.edu/faculty-staff](http://gpts.edu/faculty-staff) & [gpts.edu/board](http://gpts.edu/board)

# DEGREES & ACCREDITATION

All degrees are granted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina and upon recommendation of the faculty and by the authority of the Board of Trustees.

## *Degree Specializations*

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is a school of theology, preparing men for pastoral ministry, offering graduate level degrees. Under the original plan of the Seminary adopted by the Board of Trustees and as subsequently amended, Greenville Seminary has the authority to grant the degrees of:

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.)
- Master of Ministry for Ruling Elders (M.M.R.E) and Deacons (M.M.D.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)

## *Accreditation*

Though Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is not a denominational seminary in the classical sense of the designation (we do not belong to any one denomination), we have established ties of accountability with a number of church courts (local Sessions, Presbyteries, and even Denominations). We are a recognized institution of theological instruction to all denominations affiliated with the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, including the ARPC, the OPC, the PCA, the PRC, the FCC, the RCUS, the RPCNA, and the URCNA. We have relationships with smaller North American (e.g. BPC, RPC-Hanover, ARBCA, etc.) and international denominations (e.g. EPCEW, IPB, etc.) as well. Our commitment to ecclesiastical accountability is most clearly seen in our sponsoring session/presbytery program. For more information about this program, please contact [info@gpts.edu](mailto:info@gpts.edu).

We have not sought academic accreditation with accrediting bodies of the United States government, though we seek to comply with all rules, regulations, and laws for non-profit charitable organizations in the State of South Carolina and in the United States of America. We have entered into an academic accountability arrangement with the Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries, through whom

we maintain formal accreditation.

Greenville Seminary graduates currently minister in each of the denominations listed above, as well as others. Several of our graduates have completed doctoral degrees at Westminster Theological Seminary, Reformed Theological Seminary, University of the Free State, and several other schools in the United States and abroad. Graduates of the seminary have also been accepted into terminal degree programs at Cambridge University, the University of Warwick, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, and elsewhere.

*Veterans Aid, International Students, and Chaplaincy*

The Seminary is approved by the U.S. government to receive veterans' aid for resident Divinity students only and to enroll international students. Greenville Seminary is a Qualifying Educational Institution (QEI) for the purpose of preparing clergy for application as chaplains for the military services in accordance with the Department of Defense requirements.

*Title 38 Statement*

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require student secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Provide Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility (or its equivalent) or for Chapter 31, VA VR&E's contract with the school on VA Form 28-1905 by the first day of class.

Note: Chapter 33 students can register at the VA Regional Office to use E-Benefits to get the equivalent of a Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility. Chapter 31 student cannot get a completed VA Form 28-1905 (or any equivalent) before the VA VR&E case-manager issues it to the school.

- Provide written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

# ADMISSION

Please consult our application packet for details about our admissions process, protocols, and requirements. [gpts.edu/application](http://gpts.edu/application)

# ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

## *Matriculation*

All degree candidates entering the Seminary are matriculated by subscribing to the following Student Covenant adapted from the 1812 Princeton Seminary pledge:

*Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence, and piety, as I embark upon my course of study, I solemnly promise, in reliance on divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend on all the instructions of this Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the plan for its instruction and government, so far as the same relate to the students; and that I will obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the professors and trustees of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it.*

Each student is required to renew his vow orally at the opening Convocation of each academic year. In addition, he is required to make his affirmation in writing, which affirmation is kept on file until his graduation.

## *Part-time Students*

Students not in the higher degree programs who take fewer than twelve semester hours of academic work in the fall or spring semesters are classified as part-time students.

## *Class Attendance*

Because all class work is directed to the glory of God and designed for the best preparation of students for their service to God, students are expected to attend all class sessions and to arrive for those sessions on time. In particular, no student should miss one class to complete work for another. One unexcused absence will result in a grade being lowered one letter; two unexcused absences, two letters; and three unexcused absences, failure. Requests for an excuse need to be made by phone, text, or e-mail. If e-mail or text is not acknowledged, then a phone call is required. If because of an emergency, the student is unable to contact the professor before class, he must let the professor know the nature of the emergency as soon as possible. In exceptional cases, due to extended illness or a family crisis, the student may petition the dean of students, in writing, for permission to withdraw from courses without penalty.

### *Courses By Off-Campus Instruction*

Resident students may take a course by means of digital media only with the approval of the Academic Dean and the respective instructor. All courses taken by means of digital media will be assessed the Distance Student Technology Fee (in place of the otherwise applicable Resident Student Fee). All classes offered at GPTS are available on digital media. A student may take and be given credit for a recorded course that is from another institution, by permission of the Academic Dean.

### *Examinations*

All students must take examinations at the scheduled time. The professor may grant an exception. However, the request for an exception must be received ordinarily in writing prior to the scheduled exam time. Failure to comply will result in a reduced or failing grade.

### *Incomplete Work*

For a reason the professor deems valid, and with the approval of the student's advisor, an "I" may be given for a course not completed in the semester when it was taken. The petition form for an incomplete must be completed and filed with the registrar no later than the last day of the final examination period. The student has until the beginning of the same semester the following year to complete the work. Failure to meet this deadline results in an "F" for the course. An "I" may not be given if the student simply fails to complete the work or fails to take the examination.

### *Withdrawal From a Course*

The final date to withdraw (drop) a course is three full weeks after the first day of classes for the semester. After the third week, depending on the student's standing in the class, the professor may assign either WP (withdraw pass) or WF (withdraw fail). If the withdrawal takes place after the midterm break, the student will automatically receive a WF. For the GPTS refund policy, please refer to the conditions stated in the Financial Section of this Catalog.

### *Withdrawal From Seminary*

A student desiring to withdraw from the seminary at any time should report that fact in writing to the academic dean so that his records may be completed and his transcript released. Failure to complete the proper withdrawal process will prevent release of the transcript. A student desiring readmission after two years must reapply.

### *Academic Probation*

Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0. A student whose GPA falls below 2.0 may be permitted to remain in residence on probation for one more semester. If his GPA remains below 2.0, the student will be dismissed for academic reasons. After the period of one year, the dismissed student may reapply for admission.

### *Transcripts*

Transcripts are released only on written request from the student. The cost of release is \$2.00. Each student receives a free copy of his transcript upon graduation, provided all accounts with the Seminary, the campus bookstore, and the library are settled.

# THE GRADING SYSTEM

The Seminary uses the following grading system:

Letter	Numeric Value	Quality Points
A	97-100	4.00
A-	94-96	3.66
B+	91-93	3.33
B	88-90	3.00
B-	86-87	2.66
C+	83-85	2.33
C	80-82	2.00
C-	78-79	1.66
D+	75-77	1.33
D	72-74	1.00
F	Fail	0.00
I	Incomplete	0.00
WP	Withdraw Pass	0.00
WF	Withdraw Fail	0.00
S	Satisfactory	0.00
(P)	(Pass)	0.00

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following tuition charges and fees represent only a fraction of the cost of operating Greenville Seminary. Individuals, churches, and presbyteries that have chosen to underwrite the work of the Seminary provide most of the funding and support. Through their continued generosity, the cost of the education offered by Greenville Seminary is being kept to a minimum.

## *Tuition & Fee Schedule*

Effective July 2019, the cost of tuition for all degree programs is \$200 per credit-hour. The following fee schedule is in effect.

Domestic Application Fee: \$50 | International Application Fee: \$150  
Resident Student Fees Per Semester: \$25 (Activities Fee) + \$30/Hr (Hourly Resident Fee)  
Distance Student Technology Fee: \$80/Hr  
Field Education Fee (Div. students only; one-time in first year): \$240  
Commencement Fee: \$150 for Masters; \$100 for BDiv  
Bible Survey Examination (not for all students): \$100 per instance  
Proficiency Examination (not for all students): \$50 per instance  
Late Registration Fee: \$20/course  
Drop Fee: \$25/semester in which at least one course is dropped  
Non-graded Special Student Tuition Rate: \$100/Hr  
Auditor Fee: \$30/Hr

## *Payment of Tuition & Fees*

All students are responsible for payment of all tuition charges and fees by the first day of the term unless other written arrangements have been made with the Seminary's Business Office. Students will not be permitted to register for new classes until all accounts (including Seminary, Bookstore, and Library accounts) have been settled. No transcripts will be issued for students who have not paid all of their tuition charges and fees.

Students paying by credit card or PayPal will be invoiced an additional 2.5% of the amount of tuition charges and fees paid. This convenience charge does NOT apply to application, commencement, or examination fees.

## *Refund Policy*

Students enrolled in the Seminary who intend to withdraw from their program of study, may receive a refund on tuition paid for that term. The following schedule is applicable to the Fall and Spring terms: before the end of the first week of classes, receive a 65% refund; before the end of the third week of classes, receive a 50% refund; and after the end of the third week, receive no refund.

A refund will be made for courses of three weeks' duration or less only if the student withdraws from the course before the first class meeting, in which case he will receive a full refund for any tuition paid.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONT.)

## *Tuition Waiver Partnership Program*

A Divinity student under care of a presbytery or session of the PCA, OPC, or other approved denomination may have a tuition waiver if:

- 1) The sending presbytery supports the Seminary at a rate of \$2 per communicant member, per year, per student sent by the presbytery, with the minimum of \$2,000 per year per student or
- 2) The sending church supports the Seminary at a rate of \$20 per communicant member, per year, per student sent by the church, with the minimum of \$1,000 per year per student.

Students benefiting from the tuition waiver partnership program are responsible for paying fees, and will be expected to work for a specified number of hours per week, dependent upon their course load.

The Seminary requires the sending church/presbytery to support the Seminary for at least one fiscal year prior to a particular student's matriculation.

Resident and distance students whose tuition is waived due to ecclesiastical support are to work for the Seminary at least one hour per week for every three credit hours taken, not to exceed four hours/week. These work hours must be satisfied during the normal semester unless other arrangements are made.

For an application to enroll in the program, [gpts.edu/tuition-aid](http://gpts.edu/tuition-aid).

## *Spouse Tuition Program*

Spouses of Divinity students and their approved children are welcome to audit courses free of charge.

## *Sending Church*

"Sending Church" is defined as one which has recommended the student for study at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and of which the student is a member in good standing at the point of matriculation into the Seminary. If a waiver student chooses, he may transfer his membership to a local congregation and maintain his waiver status, at the discretion of his sending church.

## *Scholarship Information*

For additional information about named and endowed scholarships, please visit [gpts.edu/tuition-aid](http://gpts.edu/tuition-aid).

# 2019-22 ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES

	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>
<i>Fall</i>			
Registration/Orientation	Aug 22-23	Aug 20-21	Aug 19-20
Convocation	Aug 23	Aug 21	Aug 20
1st Day of Classes	Aug 28	Aug 26	Aug 25
Last Day to Add	Sept 6	Sept 4	Sept 3
Last Day to Drop	Sept 13	Sept 11	Sept 10
Fall Break	Oct 7-11	Oct 5-9	Oct 4-8
Winter Registration	Nov 22	Nov 22	Nov 21
Thanksgiving	Nov 27-29	Nov 25-27	Nov 24-26
Term Papers Due	Dec 6	Dec 4	Dec 3
Spring Registration	Dec 6	Dec 4	Dec 3
Reading Days	Dec 9-13	Dec 7-11	Dec 6-10
Examinations	Dec 16-20	Dec 14-18	Dec 13-17
<i>Winter</i>			
Winter Classes	Jan 6-17	Jan 4-15	Jan 3-14
Winter Reading/Exams	Jan 20-24	Jan 18-22	Jan 17-21
<i>Spring</i>			
Spring 1st Day of Classes (PM)	Jan 28	Jan 26	Jan 25
Last Day to Add	Feb 7	Feb 5	Feb 4
Last Day to Drop	Feb 14	Feb 12	Feb 11
Spring Theology Conference	Mar 10-12	Mar 9-11	Mar 8-10
Spring Break	Mar 16-20	Mar 15-19	Mar 14-18
Term Papers Due	May 8	May 7	May 6
Fall Semester Registration Date	May 8	May 7	May 6
Reading Days	May 11-15	May 10-14	May 9-13
Examination Period	May 18-22	May 17-21	May 16-20
Commencement	May 22	May 21	May 20