



## A Guide To Making Your Decision

*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”*

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Are you wondering how to choose the right seminary? Asking what is the right program for my situation? Would you like guidance from experienced educators and biblical scholars? How much time will I need to accomplish my goals?

This brochure, along with the information provided on our website, will help you make the *right choices*. Our Free Academic Evaluation is an online tool to help you decide. By completing this easy online form, a seminary advisor will review your individual information. You will discuss your goals and personal history.

It is important to know that there are no application fees or any other hidden costs. Our goal is to provide quality distance education to Christian students in the most cost-effective way. We provide the resources and support to make you more effective in your ministry, profession, or Christian witness. Our seminary's mission is “Equipping the Saints to Serve.”

We invite you to review this information and the information on our website.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him and may He provide you with continued guidance as you serve Him.

- Increase Your Ministry's Effectiveness
- Build A Spiritual and Intellectual Foundation
- Quality Education Designed Especially for You
- Set Your Own Study Schedule
- Specialized Fields of Education
- Affordable Tuition & Payment Plans Available
- Life Experience Earns Advanced Placement
- 44 Degree Programs—Over 200 Courses Available
- Christ Center Your Ministry and Life
- Easy Application Process
- No Residency Requirements
- International Students Welcome
- Assistance with Ministerial Credentials

**1. PERSONAL SUCCESS:** Evangelical Theological Seminary is greatly interested in your success in life! The educational process is “dedicated” to assist you in becoming your best for the Kingdom of God. In today’s highly educated society, it is becoming increasingly critical to have an advanced degree. Evangelical Theological Seminary’s educational programs present the opportunity for you to receive an in-depth acquired knowledge while seeking to fulfill personal academic goals. The seminary is an interdenominational college with graduates representing many different denominations and religious organizations.

**2. PERSONAL SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL FOUNDATION:** Evangelical Theological Seminary offers degree programs that can play a crucial role in enhancing the skills of each person throughout their life-cycle of ministry. This includes pastoring, missionary endeavors, evangelism, administrative philosophies, counseling, teaching, etc. A degree program at Evangelical Theological Seminary will introduce you, no matter what your age or status in life, to the enormous body of theological literature that exists for your personal education, providing a rich resource for your learning abilities. An academic preparation will establish a spiritual

“After 30 years, I returned to finish my degree. Most of my prior course credits were applied along with life experience credit. My family is delighted. I was able to study while keeping my full time secular job as God prepares me for a ministry building His Kingdom. Now I am working towards my Master degree. The course work is challenging, but the rewards are worth the time invested.”

-D. Greene, Thornton, NH

and intellectual foundation for success in your lifetime.

**3. A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR YOU:** It is very essential, and important, to choose the correct academic institution for a degree education. All Bible colleges and seminaries are not the same relative to the quality of their program course curricula. Evangelical Theological Seminary is one of America’s foremost academically qualified theological distance education colleges. There are various types of curricula in the academic realm of theological education and there are some seminaries and colleges which present more academically qualified curricula than others.

Evangelical Theological Seminary uses standard textbooks and not video tapes. Over ten years ago research indicated that video learning was one of the least effective modes of education, and the statistics and student testimonies continue to reaffirm this. The textbooks at Evangelical Theological Seminary are selected for their academic value as well as sound biblical doctrine. You, as a seminary student, will have the option of using your own denominational authors, with prior approval of the seminary.

**4. SET YOUR OWN STUDY SCHEDULE:** This is a very important factor. The seminary is open all year for the distance



education degree student. Your academic education can continue even through the summer-time and during holiday periods. In fact, working at your own pace means that a personal study time can be set by your own schedule.

#### **5. A SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL FIELD FOR YOUR SUCCESS:**

The seminary offers professional programs pertaining to ministers and laypersons seeking specialized education and training for vocations which relate directly to their personal endeavors, churches, and religious organizations. These seminary courses prepare people for success, under God, in the following categories: ministry, counseling, administration, education, theology, music, fine arts, media communications, and social work.

#### **6. FINANCIAL SAVINGS FOR YOU:**

Another important factor in choosing Evangelical Theological Seminary for a degree program is the cost of tuition. It is possible, by making the right choice, to save thousands of dollars over the years of your educational studies. The tuition cost is among the lowest in the nation for a quality academic theological degree program. Most seminaries charge an extra fee if the student chooses to make tuition payments over a period of time—not Evangelical Theological



Seminary. This is a cost-effective savings to you.

At Evangelical Theological Seminary the tuition cost is by the degree program, so there are no hidden charges. Paying by the specific degree program allows you to lock in the full cost of tuition for your degree program at the time of enrollment. You are protected against any tuition cost increase, even if the seminary's tuition fees are increased and you have not yet finished your personal degree program.

Not only is the seminary's tuition cost quite low, but there is also the advantage of a 10% discount on the total tuition fee, by paying the tuition in full at the time of enrollment or within thirty days of enrollment. And remember, there are no add-on

charges for time payments on tuition cost fees.

#### **7. YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE DOES COUNT:**

Evangelical Theological Seminary can award life experience credits to a student within the Bachelor, Master, Doctor, and Doctor of Philosophy programs. These credits can be awarded under various categories of a person's life activity. This can have the possibility of a reduction in the number of courses to be taken for a degree program, or even a reduction in the cost of personal tuition (subject to review and acceptance by the Admissions Office).

#### **8. EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WILL ASSIST YOU AT YOUR GRADUATION—AND BEYOND GRADUATION:**

At the conclusion of

your degree studies, you will be honored by receiving your official and certified academic degree diploma from Evangelical Theological Seminary, which represents your personal scholastic achievement. Your degree diploma will contain your degree designation and date of graduation, with all of the rights, honors, and privileges thereunto appertaining. This attractive degree diploma is 11" x 17", with the seminary's color logo.

After your graduation, Evangelical Theological Seminary will present a letter of recommendation on your behalf, when requested, to any potential employer relative to consideration

for a position, secular or religious.

**YOUR DECISION:** You can be assured, that Evangelical Theological Seminary is considered an important and influential seminary in America today. The present important issue is—for you to make a momentous and wise decision now. The decision that will start you on the path of beginning an educational degree program with Evangelical Theological Seminary, which has outstanding theological curricula. You will be receiving your degree from one of America's foremost academically qualified theological distance education colleges.

You are important to us and we will give you our personal guidance throughout your academic degree studies.

As you consider pursuing your theological academic studies, we invite you to contact us, so that we may assist you in this very important decision in your life, a decision which relates to your personal success within the Kingdom of God. Evangelical Theological Seminary, through its academically responsible degree programs, seeks to enhance the trust that the public places in its graduates. You will become one of those graduates!

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