

Northwestern Theological Seminary

“Educating the World for Jesus Christ”



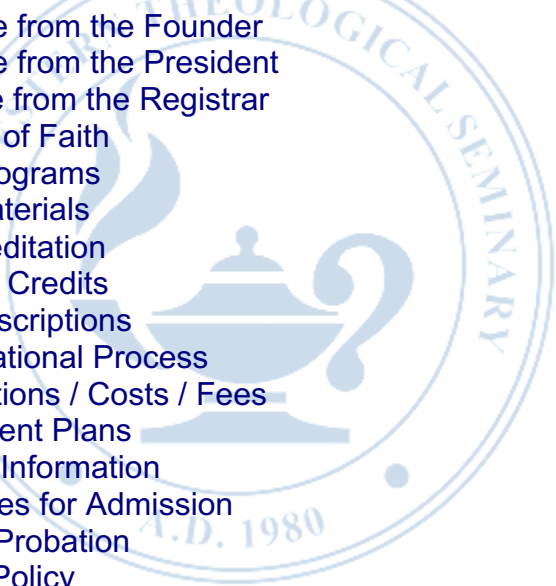
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A Message from the Founder

Dear Prospective Student:

Allow me to extend to you a very warm welcome and to congratulate you on your very wise decision to investigate educational opportunities that can advance your life and ministerial vocation. The fact that you are reading our academic information indicates that you are a goal-oriented achiever seeking to benefit from educational opportunities. With NTS Administrative Headquarters in Florida and physical offices and branches worldwide, we have watched our educational ministries, by the Grace of God, grow to reach thousands over the past 46 years. It is my hope and prayer that Northwestern Theological Seminary may be a major stepping-stone in your stride toward the accomplishment of your Christian professional, personal, and ministry goals. Your graduate degrees are valuable documents that demonstrate your qualifications as you move forward in your career as a Christian professional.

In choosing the theologically accredited, non-traditional approach to acquiring your Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees, you have made a wise decision that you can take pride in. Now, along with many others, you too will save considerable time and money as you speed up the process toward achieving your educational goals and total life fulfillment. Furthermore, you are doing it in the most efficient and effective way imaginable.

I sincerely wish you all the best as you continue to reach and achieve all of your goals in life. May the Lord bless you as you serve and grow in the knowledge of His matchless grace through the unfathomable wisdom of His divine Word.

Our Purpose: God has called us to go into all of the world and preach the Gospel, to teach and make disciples in all nations. Matthew 28:18-20. By God's Grace, NTS is touching many lives of the less financially fortunate, providing affordable Bible-centered education to the world.

If you are not currently involved with our worldwide Church and Educational missionary outreach ministries, we ask that you participate as a prayer partner and become more familiar with our ministries around the world in the USA, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Howard M. Sarkela, PhD., ThD., D.D.

Founder,

Christian Alliance Ministries

Northwestern Theological Seminary

A Message from the President

Dear Student/Future Applicant,

It is with great joy and excitement that I address you in this letter, for I know that those reading this Catalog/Manual are either new students at Northwestern Theological Seminary or are currently considering NTS as a means of continuing a theological education and preparation. That calls for excitement, as it shows that, increasingly around the world, people are preparing to be more effective in the work of the Kingdom of God and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Northwestern Theological Seminary has been preparing men and women for the past 45 years, leading them in a path to a higher understanding of the Scriptures with a clear understanding of God's inspiration of the Word, making it profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Our focus and call at NTS are to make disciples around the world who will continue the spread of the Gospel, rightly dividing the Word so that they may not be easily tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine and teaching that does not align with the Word of God.

At NTS, you will use analytical research methods to better understand the content of the courses. As you write each paper, you will find yourself understanding things by applying and analyzing the information into your own words, greatly increasing the level of retention of information. NTS strives to better align with the needs of the average person by not limiting the time available for study and by allowing one to develop comfortable, attainable study habits, enabling the completion of Degree programs without interfering with most students' busy schedules. A level of self-discipline is required of all students as they commit to completing their coursework and earning a degree.

I would encourage you to take your time reading through this Catalog/Manual and be sure that you understand exactly what NTS has to offer. I would also encourage you to visit our websites for more information. If you are ready to begin, I congratulate you on your decision and welcome you to our student body.

If you are still considering your decision, we join you in prayer for God's guidance as you decide to pursue your Christ-centered education at NTS. We believe there are many good schools that can equip you, but we also understand that men and women of God, who have deposited their trust and future in His hands, will seek God's direction in all matters.

May God continually bless you, and we look forward to working with you in your pursuit of a higher education.

Sincerely in Christ

Dr. Samuel Galloza, M.Th., Ph.D., D.D.
President,
Christian Alliance Ministries
Northwestern Theological Seminary

Greetings from the Registrar

Dear Applicants,

The purpose of the Office of the Registrar is to promote the success of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students of Northwestern Theological Seminary. Our office helps students navigate various program guidelines, academic assignments, and procedures. We support the school's policies and guiding principles and encourage student accountability to promote a positive educational experience.

The Registrar plays an important role in assessing, maintaining, and enriching a sense of community at the Northwestern Theological Seminary. We ensure that all students have a voice in educational affairs by connecting them with faculty and administrators. We enthusiastically support the academic mission of Northwestern Theological Seminary. Finally, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding students.

In summary, the Registrar's Office seeks to help all Northwestern students succeed by providing effective programs, services, and learning opportunities; developing and influencing policies which positively impact student lives; and fostering a more healthful, multicultural, and respectful academic community. We work with the faculty and administration to encourage students to become citizens who contribute meaningfully to their communities. These students will impact the Northwestern Theological Seminary educational community as alumni around the globe for decades to come.

Yolanda Rivera
Registrar, Northwestern Theological Seminary

Statement of Faith

(1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible Word of God. (2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (3) We believe in the Genesis account of creation. (4) We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (5) We believe that salvation is the free gift of God by grace, through faith, and is possessed by each individual who has, by grace through faith, received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. (6) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling empowers Christians to live a godly life. (7) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved, unto the resurrection of eternal life in a literal heaven and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation, in a literal hell. (8) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of HIS body, the one true Church. (9) We believe that through the gift of faith, God draws those who will believe the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (10) We believe that God's grace, mercy, and love endures forever.

Degree Programs

Bachelor's Programs

B.Th. – Bachelor of Theology

Bachelor of Theology in Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Theology in Theology
Bachelor of Theology in Christian Counseling
Bachelor of Theology in Christian Social Work
Bachelor of Theology in Christian Education
Bachelor of Theology in Ministry

B.B.S. – Bachelor of Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Theology
Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Christian Counseling
Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Christian Social Work
Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Christian Education
Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Ministry

Master's Program

M.Th. – Master of Theology

Master of Theology in Biblical Studies
Master of Theology in Theology
Master of Theology in Christian Counseling
Master of Theology in Christian Social Work
Master of Theology in Christian Education
Master of Theology in Ministry
Master of Theology in Christian Administration
Master of Theology in Christian Music
Master of Theology in Christian Art

M.Div. - Master of Divinity Program

Master of Divinity in Ministry
Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies
Master of Divinity in Theology
Master of Divinity in Divinity

Doctorate Programs

Th.D. – Doctor of Theology

Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies
Doctor of Theology in Theology
Doctor of Theology in Christian Counseling
Doctor of Theology in Christian Social Work
Doctor of Theology in Christian Education
Doctor of Theology in Ministry
Doctor of Theology in Christian Administration
Doctor of Theology in Christian Music
Doctor of Theology in Christian Art

Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Counseling
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Social Work
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education
Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Administration
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Music
Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Art

D.D. – Doctor of Divinity

Doctor of Divinity in Biblical Studies
Doctor of Divinity in Theology
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Counseling
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Social Work
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Education
Doctor of Divinity in Ministry
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Administration
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Music
Doctor of Divinity in Christian Art
Doctor of Divinity in Divinity

D.Min. – Doctor of Ministry

Doctor of Ministry

Course Materials

Northwestern Theological Seminary courses have been evaluated alongside the program materials required to complete each course of study.

For the most part, students will use a variety of free PDF books from our Virtual Library. All attempts have been made to keep textbook purchases to a minimum, and textbooks have been selected that are both economical and readily available at bookstores and online. *These books are available through Amazon.com or other major bookstores.

"I have truly been blessed by being a student of NTS. The educational process at NTS has shown me how to retain the information I am learning. I have a greater appreciation for God and His creation."

**Simmons L.,
South Carolina**

Accreditation

Northwestern Theological Seminary is both state-authorized and theologically accredited. Most accredited universities, seminaries, Bible colleges, and colleges have their own criteria for recognizing and accepting online educational credits. The individual should always address specific questions to selected institutions to determine their accreditation criteria.

United States Government Approval: Religious education is a right of every citizen under the U.S. Constitution.

Licensure: NTS education does not qualify for professional licensure; however, numerous students have cited their NTS education in obtaining ordination from major church denominations worldwide.

State Approval



State of Florida Department of Education

Northwestern Theological Seminary operates under authorization as a degree-granting institution, exempted by the Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities under Section 1005.06(1)(f), FLA Statutes. The state does not require accreditation or theological accreditation.

Theological Accreditation



International Association for Educational Accountability
www.iacea.info

IACEA Approval: Northwestern Theological Seminary is theologically accredited by The International Association for Christian Educational Accountability, a Worldwide organization for Christian Theological accreditation with the goal of maintaining the highest educational standards for its member institutions. IACEA accreditation standards are maintained through ongoing evaluation, compliance, and accountability. *NTS is not regionally accredited.

IACEA supports the Biblical principle of separation of Church and state; Mark.12:17; James 4:4; II Corinthians. 6:14. Remaining consistent with Biblical standards and not liberal or secular positions, IACEA has chosen not to seek endorsement by either the EAES or COPA, CHEA, etc., which are all governmentally influenced accrediting organizations. IACEA is a rapidly growing and respected network of over 500 schools on the cutting edge of Christ-centered, Biblical education.

IACEA is an international membership association of numerous Christian educational institutions. Members must pass a rigorous evaluation process, leading to theological accreditation for their educational programs in accord with Christian educational standards and institutional integrity through initial and ongoing evaluations. Further information concerning our process of evaluation leading to Christian educational accreditation may be obtained by visiting IACEA at www.IACEA.info

The following quote is from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) website. "There are accrediting organizations that may not be recognized but are not accreditation mills. For example, the accreditor may be seeking recognition, but the process is not complete. Or the accreditor does not meet the requirements of CHEA or USDE for reasons that do not relate to quality."

The following quote from the United States Department of Education. "It should be noted that some institutions have chosen not to participate in the federal student aid program and therefore do not have to be approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Department. While these institutions do not appear on the Department's list, they may be legitimate schools."

This quote from the former executive director of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education), stated as follows: "There are hundreds of Bible Colleges and Seminaries in the United States and Canada that are offering good, solid theological training, yet they are not accredited."

Ministry and education: Your ministry avocation is one of those areas where God's will and plan are more important than anything else. In fact, for those already serving in ministry, a degree from a highly credible though governmentally unrecognized school may be the smartest choice. Especially when you can receive a quality online seminary education for a fraction of the expense associated with regionally accredited schools. We should not forget that, especially in the Christian tradition, academic freedom is considered a cornerstone of religious liberty. Of course, so is academic responsibility!

Therefore, any program of study leading to a theological degree should be both biblically sound and academically honest. At NTS, you can be assured of such integrity with quality educational materials based on Biblical principles.

If you are concerned about whether your church or employer will accept you with a degree from a privately accredited school that is not regionally accredited, simply ask. Remember, too, that even with degrees earned from regionally accredited schools, there may be restrictions on which degrees are recognized. Always inquire first, since in some cases, denominations and ministries may not accept degrees from secular schools or schools not affiliated with a specific denomination or organization.

Educational Affiliations

Northwestern Theological Seminary is a member in good standing with the following:

1. The International Association of Christian Theologians T.I.A.C.T.
2. The American Theological Library Association A.T.L.A.
3. The Theology Journal Editorial Committee T.J.E.C.
4. International Fellowship of Christian Ministries I.F.C.M

Transfer of Credits

No college, university, or other institute of higher education is obligated to accept transfer credits from any other institution. However, other institutions in transfer have accepted NTS credits, but (as with any college, university, seminary, or other institution) decisions concerning the acceptance of credits by an institution other than NTS, its affiliates, and/or branches are at the sole discretion of the receiving institution, and no representation is made concerning the transferability of credits to such institutions. Students considering continuing their education at another institution should not assume that credits earned at NTS, its affiliates and/or branches will be accepted by the receiving institution without inquiring of the registrar of the receiving institution as to that institution's policy concerning the acceptance of such credits.

Students and applicants who have earned credits at other institutions will be evaluated by NTS to determine whether those credits can be applied to their course requirements in their NTS Degree Programs.

Course Descriptions

101/102 Introduction To The Bible I & II

Study on the history of the word of God and its progression through many stages of development from inspiration to the written word.

101/102 Old Testament Survey I & II

Study on the overview, informative look of the Old Testament.

201/202 New Testament Survey I & II

Study on the overview informative look of the New Testament.

102 Philippians and Spiritual Life

Study of the book of Philippians and how it relates to our own spiritual development.

101/102 Life of Christ I & II

An in-depth study of the life of our Lord, from his birth, through his life and ministry, and continuing through his example of obedience in his sin-atoning death, burial, and resurrection.

101/102 Ministry of Paul I & II

Study on the life of the Apostle Paul and his evangelistic and missionary ministry.

301/302 Bible Study Methods

An in-depth review and explanation of the numerous methodologies that may be applied to studying the Holy Scriptures.

201 Introduction to Evangelism

Study on the fundamentals of evangelism as used in the ministry of the early church, and how these fundamentals are still applicable today.

202 Introduction to Apologetics

Study on the fundamentals of apologetics as used in the ministry of the early church, and how these fundamentals are still applicable today.

201/202 Book of Acts

An in-depth study of the work of the apostles in the development of the early church. Exegesis Required.

201/202 Daniel / Revelation I & II

An in-depth study of the amazing interrelationship between the prophetic truths that are revealed in the Old Testament book of Daniel and the New Testament book of Revelation. Exegesis Required.

201 Introduction to the Principles of Teaching

An overview of the basic methodologies involved in the teaching process.

202 Introduction to Missions

Study on how missionary work was organized and developed in the early church age, and how this relates to the mission's ministry today.

301/302, 401/402 Theology I, II, III, IV

An in-depth study of the many areas of theological doctrine.

301 Christology

An in-depth study of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ and HIS position of deity, as God in the flesh, as well as HIS position as a creator, in the beginning, and His position today, as intercessor, **seated at the right hand of the Father.**

301 Pneumatology

An in-depth study of the Holy Spirit as seen in the Old and New Testaments. His position as one with God and as a member of the Godhead, His ministry as the Paraclete, the one who strives along beside us as our helper, teacher, and counselor who brings Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

301/302 Books of Moses

An in-depth study of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the bible. Written by Moses, these books are a wealth of historical and spiritual knowledge. Exegesis Required.

301/302 Evangelism I & II

An in-depth study of evangelism, using examples from the life of Christ and His early church. All Christians are under an obligation to do their part in fulfillment of the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus. This study examines the principles of evangelism and how to apply them to win converts to a life of faith and obedience to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. The importance of discipleship is stressed so that multiplication will result, as new converts continue to teach others, in accord with the scripture text found in II Timothy 2:2.

301/302 Apologetics I & II

An in-depth study of how to defend our faith through the knowledge of the truth as written in God's Holy Word.

401/402 Homiletics I & II

Study on sermon research, preparation, and delivery. A thorough look at the importance of a central theme, the supporting points of a sermon, and how to use transitional statements to make your delivery smooth and understandable. The course also covers how to use various forms of Bible study to develop your sermon. Including the importance of remaining in context and how to outline your scripture text, which shows how the main theme is supported by book, chapter, paragraph, and verse.

401/402 Writing and Journalism I & II

A study of the many important principles involved in both writing and journalism, and how to apply these principles in developing quality material.

301/302 Counseling and Guidance I & II

An in-depth study of how to build trusting relationships as you seek to provide Bible-centered counseling and guidance to those who need emotional and spiritual guidance.

301/302 Hymnology I & II

Study on the history and development of hymns as a musical ministry of praise and worship.

301/302 Praise and Worship

Study on the history, development and importance of praise and worship in our ministry unto the Lord.

401/402 Psalms I & II

An in-depth study of the Psalms, their authorship, history, and meaning, and how they can be a powerful guide in learning how to pray, to praise, and to worship effectively. Exegesis Required.

301/302 Music History

An in-depth study of the history of music, from the first musical instruments and songs to present-day music, songs, and instruments.

401/402 Principles of Teaching I & II

Study on how to research and develop an effective teaching plan, as well as an in depth look at the many methodologies which can be employed in the instruction of your students.

301/302 Bible Study Methods

Study on helpful resources and the many methodologies that we can use to do an effective and thorough study of God's Holy Word.

401/402 Research Skills I & II

The how-to of finding all the information that you will ever need, for research projects, papers, articles, books, as well as for teaching and preaching.

401/402 I & II Corinthians

An in-depth study of the Apostle Paul's two epistles to the church at Corinth. Exegesis Required.

401/402 Gospels I & II

An in-depth study of the four Gospels, crystallizing the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. Harmony of the Gospels Required.

401/402 I, II, III John

Study on the three great spiritual letters of John. Exegesis Required.

301 Book of Matthew

Study on the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of Matthew. Exegesis Required.

301 Book of Mark

Study on the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of Mark. Exegesis Required.

301 Book of Luke

Study on the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of Luke. Exegesis Required.

301 Book of John

Study on the life of our Lord, as seen through the eyes of John. Exegesis Required.

302 Book of Romans

Study on spiritual doctrine as explained by the Apostle Paul. Exegesis Required.

401 Book of Ephesians

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Ephesus, by the Apostle Paul. Exegesis Required.

401 Book of Galatians

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Galatia, By the Apostle Paul. Exegesis Required.

302 Book of Philippians

A study of spiritual instruction, prepared as a letter to the church at Philippi, by the Apostle Paul. Exegesis Required.

301 Book of James

A study of the great epistle of spiritual instruction to the twelve tribes, as James instructs concerning how to live a spiritual life. Exegesis Required.

402 Book of Hebrews

Study on the great letter to the Hebrews that instructs on the attributes and triumphs of the Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of faith. Exegesis Required.

301 Marriage and Family

A study of how to have a spiritual and fulfilling life reflected through our marriage and family relationships.

302 Anger Management

A study in how to identify anger triggers and how to identify and eliminate negative, self-defeating behavior patterns from our lives, as we grow into a closer relationship with the Lord and others.

401/402 Balancing the Christian Life

Study on the importance of balance in our spiritual lives. We need to have a goal of growing more Christ-like. Jesus is our perfect example. We should desire to learn of HIM, so that in knowing HIM better, we can become more like HIM. We should identify and eliminate sinful behavior from our lives. The more we grow spiritually in balance with HIS word, the more we become like HIM, and the more others can see HIM in us.

301 Volunteerism

Study on how to recruit and manage volunteers in ministry.

401 Principles of Accounting

Study the basics of accounting and bookkeeping methods.

402 Computer Skills

An overview of basic computer skills for Windows applications, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, as well as sending and receiving e-mail.

301/302 History of Art I & II

Study the many forms of art that have been created by man throughout history.

301/302 / 401,402 Art Workshop I, II, III, IV

This course covers the planning, preparation, and creation of works of art. Students will create and then photograph these art projects and send pictures to the seminary, along with sketches and planning/preparation details.

401 Art Forms

A study of the many forms in which art can be created and expressed.

402 Biblical Art

Study on the history of art relative to God and the Holy Bible.

501 Advanced New Testament

Advanced study on the New Testament.

501 Advanced Pauline Epistles

Advanced study on Paul's epistles.

502 Advanced Psalms

An advanced study of the Psalms

502 Advanced Revelation

An advanced study of the Revelation of John the Divine

601 Advanced Book of Romans

An advanced study of the Book of Romans

601 Advanced Proverbs

An advanced study of the Proverbs

602 Advanced Gospels

An advanced study of the Gospels

602 Advanced Old Testament

An advanced study of the Old Testament

701 Christian Life Development Module One

Study on how to grow and develop in our Christian life.

801 Christian Life Development Module Two

Developing awareness in our Christian life and establishing a Christian worldview, while seeking God's will for our lives and discipleship.

702 Christian Life Development Module Three

Major components of Learning Module Three include Bible book studies through the Old and New Testaments, New Testament Survey assignments, Biographical studies, studies of theology and apologetics, and research papers utilizing the analytical process of applied education.

802 Christian Life Development Module Four

This learning Module focuses on the in-depth study through individual research assignments for: 1) Introduction to the Bible, 2) Theology, 3) Homiletics, 4) Principles of Teaching, and 5) Bible Study Methods.

901 Christian Life Development Module Five

This learning Module focuses on the in-depth study, through individual research assignments, for: 1) Christian Counseling, 2) Christian Social Work, 3) Spiritual Warfare, and 4) Principles of Prayer

NTS Educational Process

"The Analytical Process for Applied Education"

Northwestern Theological Seminary utilizes a unique learning process, developed by our founder, Dr. Howard M. Sarkela, in early August of 1980. This process is more than a teaching system; it is better termed a contemporary process for learning and applying knowledge. Dr. Sarkela has attended colleges and universities and found that the old system of education was greatly lacking in effectiveness and efficiency. He found that the archaic yet still in practice system of memorizing lists and cramming for examinations resulted in considerable loss of knowledge because much of what is memorized through cramming goes into our short-term memory and may be quickly forgotten. As a result of this discovery, he decided that there must be a better way for students to acquire knowledge and assimilate it, while at the same time being better enabled to retrieve it for application in their lives and careers.

The process developed is called "***The analytical process for applied education.***" This simple yet thorough method of study involves the inductive method, of progressing from the GENERAL to the SPECIFIC while assimilating and applying the knowledge gained through research.

The GENERAL process involves creating a general outline, gathering data through research, and using the gathered information to formulate and develop a comprehensive research project. Writing this research paper involves compiling, comprehending, and applying the relevant data being researched. To do this, the student must continuously be asking, "What is the value of this information relative to the subject?" and then crystallizing it by asking, "How can I apply this **general and specific** knowledge for the enhancement of my education, life, and career?" as well as, "How can I apply this information in helping others?" Repetition of this process improves the ability to perform quality

"I really value that Northwestern Theological Seminary is dedicated to provide me with a quality Christ centered academic program, reasonably priced, accredited, accessible, challenging to the diverse population of adult learners. Also, I can set my own agenda and it allows me to complete my degree in less time when put compared to attending a traditional on Campus College or University."
**Cuzzo M.
California**

research, as well as the ability to assimilate and apply knowledge gained from quality research. Using this methodology to fulfill a research assignment leads to better comprehension and retention of valuable information, thus complementing the learning process and further enabling the learner.

The SPECIFIC process evolves: First, during the research phase, through analysis to develop many **specific questions**, in detail, relative to the student's interest in particular subject matter, considering how it may be applied to learning, life, and career. Second, by conducting further research to find **specific answers** that the student can assimilate and apply to enhance their learning, life, and career, as well as their ministry of helping and educating others. This valuable learned information is then interwoven into the research project. Through this educational process, the student can retain more of the valuable information they are exposed to. Understanding specific information well enough to remember and apply it is the goal of this process of analytical research study. Obviously, there can be tremendous educational, life, career, and ministry value in the effective application of both **general** and **specific** knowledge.

If it is true that intelligence quotient, or I.Q., relates not so much to acquired knowledge as it does to the ability to apply such knowledge, then it is logical that the "analytical process of applied education" should result in higher I.Q. scores whenever this advanced process of contemporary education has been continuously and conscientiously practiced.

As a student of Northwestern Theological Seminary, you will receive an education based on this advanced educational process. Having a better ability to recall knowledge learned through this process of research, assimilation, and personal application, as well as a better ability to find answers through research, will provide our students with a greater advantage in our modern, competitive society.

Knowing the right questions to ask, finding the right answers, and applying them correctly for your learning, life, and career is a priceless gift, one we offer to all our students at Northwestern Theological Seminary.

NTS Donations / Costs / Fees

The students to NTS submit love Offers in lieu of tuition. These Love Offers represent a committed amount that the student will pay for their Degree Programs, while also supporting ministries affiliated with Christian Alliance Ministries Worldwide.

The following represents the Love Offer in lieu of tuition required to enroll in the specified Degree Programs. Furthermore, you will find that, compared to the total costs of tuition and all other expenses required for living on campus and attending traditional schools, the minimum suggested Love Offers at NTS represent up to a 98% savings.

Bachelor Program:

Love Offer - \$1,990.00

Master Program:

Love Offer - \$1,990.00

Doctorate Program:

Love Offer - \$1,990.00

Combined Bachelor / Master Program:

Love Offer - \$2,990.00

Combined Master / Doctorate Program:

Love Offer - \$2,990.00

When completing your Enrollment Application, you are required to choose a Love Offer amount within the ranges specified for the Degree Program of your choice.

Payment Plans

NTS allows an applicant to choose a payment option that is more financially comfortable, given their situation. The following is a list of available payment plans.

Payment Option A

A \$500.00 discount applies to Option A enrollments. Under this option, the cost of a single degree program will be reduced from \$1,990.00 to \$1,490.00. The applicant will pay 50% of the Love Offer as an initial payment upon receipt of their Acceptance Letter. The remaining 50% must be paid in full before the degree is awarded.

Payment Option B

The applicant will pay \$99.00 as an initial payment upon receipt of their Acceptance Letter. The student will then make monthly payments of \$99.00 per month (0% interest) while completing the Degree Program. Any remaining balance is to be paid at completion of the program, prior to the award of the degree.

Payment Option C

A \$700.00 discount applies to Option C enrollments. Under this option, the cost of a single degree program will be reduced from \$1,990.00 to \$1,290.00, due at enrollment.

Admission Information

Applicants for admission to Northwestern Theological Seminary are considered without regard to sex, age, color, national or ethnic origin, meeting the guidelines of the Civil Rights Act, Section 1984, and all other local and federal programs.

NTS will accept any and all individuals who desire to increase their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word. Each prospective student will be assessed based on their academic background and experience. An individualized program of study will be developed to address any additional needs.

Prerequisites for Admission

For the Bachelor's Degree Program:

A High School diploma or equivalency at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

For the Master's Degree Program:

A bachelor's degree at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

For the Doctorate Degree Program:

A master's degree at the time of the awarding of the degree is required.

Academic Probation

In some cases, students will be admitted who have not yet met the prerequisites or the required diplomas or degrees. To be allowed to enroll at NTS in such cases, the prospective student must be actively pursuing the diploma or degree required. The NTS degree will be issued upon completion of all requirements. No degree will be awarded to any student who has not met the standards for their specific Degree Program.

Dismissal Policy

NTS reserves the right at any time to place on probation, suspend, or dismiss a student whose academic standing, financial obligations, progress, or conduct is not deemed satisfactory by the administration.

Prior Learning and Life Experience Credits

NTS awards credits for seminars and workshops attended through work or church that can replace an elective class.

Military Service Credit

Military service personnel from any allied national armed forces branch will receive a minimum of three (3) credit hours for honorable service.

“Northwestern has been more than a school, and the work has been more than assignments. I continue to learn and grow stronger in faith and will, someday, be equipped to share the message of Christ’s love with others.”
Burchell E.,
Tennessee

Life/Work/Ministry Credit

Credit for life, work, and ministry will be evaluated. You may have years of part-time or full-time experience in Christian service that would be creditable. You will be asked to submit a short bibliography/resume for evaluation. These credits may be applied to each degree through the master's level. Life experience credit is not available at the doctoral level.

Note: A maximum of 25% of your required credits can be obtained through Life Experience.

Grading

100 – 94	A	3.50-4.00
93 – 87	B	3.00-3.50
86 – 79	C	2.50-3.00
78 – 71	D	2.00-2.50
70 -	F	1.99- or less

Students with failing grades are allowed an additional attempt for a higher grade on their assignment. At that time, individual counseling, assistance and encouragement is provided. Our primary goal is to see you achieve your degree.

Students will receive progress reports throughout their program with grades and current GPAs as course works are submitted. Normally, 2-3 course works must be received before a Progress Report is sent to the student. Additional electives can be taken in order to increase your GPA at no additional cost without exceeding 3 added electives.

Scholastic Honors

3.50 – 3.79	cum laude
3.80 – 3.99	magna cum laude
4.00 -	summa cum laude

Students completing their degree programs with Scholastic Honors will receive recognition as an Honor Graduate from NTS. Scholastic Honors are not easy to attain but can be achieved through concentrated efforts. Guidelines will be provided for submitting work in a manner that will achieve higher grade averages.

Love Offer Payment, Handling Complaints, and Refund Policy

Students can pay by Credit Card, PayPal, or Western Union. For secure payments, students will receive payment details upon acceptance.

Policy for Handling of Complaints / Discipline and Appeals

NTS provides 24-hour email access for handling complaints, disciplinary matters, or appeals. Please express any complaint by email to: Admin@Northwestern-Email.com for immediate handling. NTS will contact you promptly regarding any disciplinary action and provide the opportunity for appeal.

Refund – Withdrawal Policy

Refunds of the Love Offer may be given, for a valid reason, at our discretion if the student withdraws within 14 days of enrollment. The amount of the refunds will be based on the percentage table and timeframes below.

Percentage Table and Time Frames

- Withdrawals within the first 7 days of enrollment = 100% -minus a \$150.00 Student Application & Enrollment Processing Fee
- Withdrawals within the 8th to 14th day of enrollment = 50% -minus a \$150.00 Student Application & Enrollment Processing Fee
- Withdrawals after 14th day of enrollment = 0% (No refunds after this period. No exceptions, other than for *Special Circumstances* as listed in this policy.)

Withdrawal/Refund Procedures

Withdrawals and requests for refunds must be in writing, submitted by certified postal mail, and are credited based on the postmarked date on the envelope. Requests for withdrawal should include the reason for the withdrawal and whether you plan to re-enroll at a later time. The requests should be mailed to:

Christian Educational Services
Attn: Northwestern Seminary Services
14391 Spring Hill Drive STE 288
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

Special Circumstances: In the event of death or an involuntary call to military duty, NCU will return 100% of the Love Offer amounts received if such an event occurs within 90 days of enrollment.

Total Hours Required per Degree

Our three-degree programs require the following credits for graduation:

Bachelor - Diploma plus 120 additional credits

Master's - Bachelor's degree plus 60 additional credits, 90 for M.Div.

Doctorate – Bachelor's / Master's Degree plus 60 additional credits

Program of Study

The Programs of Study include the required courses but do not necessarily reflect total hours due to applied life, ministry, and transfer credits. Electives may be chosen by NTS and/or the student to satisfy the additional needed credits.

Each student will receive access to the required courses for fulfillment of the Degree Program upon enrollment and registration in the NTSMoodle Course Management System (www.NTSMoodle.com).

“The things I like most about NTS are the courses. They're very challenging and will motivate you to dig deeper into the Word of God to find those hidden gems of truth.”

**Ingram O.,
Mississippi**

Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines

Instructions for completing the thesis or dissertation are provided in the course found in the NTSMoodle Course Management System (www.NTSMoodle.com).

Students may now submit their completed thesis by electronic mail to:

Assignments@Northwestern-Email.com or directly to their advisors.

Submitting Your Work

Work for the Degree Program is to be sent as you complete each class, and/or thesis, or dissertation. Your work will be graded, and a progress report will be provided. Students will recognize that their coursework will help them prepare to complete theses and dissertations in the Graduate Programs.

The Faculty Advisor will work with the student throughout their coursework to ensure that the submitted work aligns with the requirements.

Any part of the submitted work that does not earn a passing grade will be returned to the student only once for rework, resulting in a loss of 1 point on their final grade.

As the student completes the required coursework for their degree field, they may send it by electronic mail to:

Assignments@Northwestern-Email.com or directly to their advisors.

NTS Degree Programs

Note: Northwestern Theological Seminary maintains the right to amend, add, or delete any program requirements, including any courses offered as part of a degree program. Students will receive a course program for their individual degree programs. This list does not represent all the programs offered by NTS, as some are currently in development.

All Core courses/curriculum are listed on pages 13-21

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Social Work
*Degree Requirement 120 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Thesis

Bachelor of Biblical Studies (B.B.S.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Social Work
*Degree Requirement: 120 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Thesis

Master of Theology (M.Th.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Social Work
*Degree Requirement: 60 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Thesis

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education
*Degree Requirement: 60 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Thesis

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Social Work
*Degree Requirement: 60 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Dissertation.

Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Social Work
*Degree Requirement: 60 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Dissertation.

Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in Theology, Divinity, Ministry, Biblical Studies, Biblical History, Christian Counseling, Christian Education
*Degree Requirement: 60 Credit Hours includes: PLA/ Core Curriculum and Dissertation.

NTS Accelerated Degrees

Following the century-old European standard as practiced in Europe and by numerous colleges and universities in the United States, Master's and Doctorate degrees may be earned by thesis or dissertation only. However, if the student does not have educational experience supporting their major, core courses will be required. Bachelor's degree students will, in the majority of cases, be required to complete supporting core courses along with a bachelor's thesis to earn an accelerated degree. All bachelor's degree students must have 120 credits. hrs. of educational and work-related experience to earn an NCU degree. In some cases, bachelor's degree students can transfer credits from other schools to meet the 120-credit requirement.

Questions Regarding Educational Grants & GI Bill

Although NTS is a theologically accredited school with state authorization to grant religious degrees, because the seminary is not regionally accredited, NTS does not qualify for any government-sponsored grants or GI Bills.

Note: Military Chaplaincy

Although some of our graduates currently function in the calling as Chaplains within the police, fire, and prison departments throughout the United States, Military Chaplaincy in the US Military requires that you obtain a degree from a regionally accredited school, and at this time, NTS will not qualify you for your degree requirements as a military chaplain. (See section on the NTS Accreditation for further information on types of accreditations)

Our view of a chaplain is one who has been called to the ministry by God and one who can be prepared through a religious educational institution. For some, chaplaincy is seen as a career or occupation that requires the same type of accreditation in their degrees as any other secular major.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are degrees awarded by Northwestern Theological Seminary recognized?

Degrees awarded by Northwestern Theological Seminary are legal degrees recognized as religious degrees by the State of Florida, USA. You are legally entitled to use the achieved educational degrees from NTS in your resume, as well as the title of Doctor in your name. For the most part, religious bodies accept degrees from non-regionally accredited schools, but we advise that, if you are interested in a specific religious organization, you obtain the educational criteria for ordination from that organization.

What is meant by Love Offer in lieu of tuition?

All degree programs of Northwestern Theological Seminary are offered with a Love Offer range based on the specific level of study (Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate). The applicant agrees to pay a Love Offer within the range established in the application for enrollment, with the minimum amount being accepted for payment of the program. The term 'Love Offer' is used because the international work is supported by funds received from Northwestern Theological Seminary and is offered in lieu of tuition. The 'Love Offer' amount represents the required full amount necessary to earn a specific degree through the chosen degree program in the application.

Am I required to attend any on-campus classes?

NTS has Administrative Headquarters in Florida, USA, as well as offices in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, and NTS's physical educational branches worldwide. In-person education is provided through our worldwide branches. However, NTS online education is provided through Internet access in many countries. Once an NTS applicant is enrolled in online studies, they will have access to their degree programs, including all required textbooks in PDF format. For all NTS Online students, there is no need to attend any classes at any campus. Once you are registered in the NTSMoodle Student Portal (www.NTSMoodle.com), you will have access to your coursework. You begin working from your computer and emailing the completed courses to NTS for grading.

How long does it take to complete a degree program?

This is based solely on the student's dedication to their studies, the number of credits transferred from previous schools, life experience credits earned, and the required courses left to complete. Degrees are typically completed within 2 years, but in some cases, programs have been completed in less than 1 year.

How long do I have to complete my program?

There are no time limits in your program. You are encouraged to set aside a specific time each week for your studies, but you will never be rushed through your program if you decide to take some time off.

Will Northwestern Theological Seminary accept credits earned by non-accredited schools or programs?

In most cases, once it is evaluated, we will allow for non-accredited courses to be transferred as long as they are compatible with the course of study necessary for your degree program. We would encourage you to submit all of your studies for consideration.

Can I earn a degree from Northwestern Theological Seminary by just using life experience?

No. Life experience credits can only account for up to 25% of your required credits in your degree program. NTS degrees are earned by submitting coursework and earning a passing grade from this seminary.

What is the seminary's denominational standing?

Northwestern Theological Seminary is a non-denominational religious institution. We encourage all denominations to apply for enrollment. Our courses are structured so that students can complete their research papers from an individual denominational perspective. You will only be asked to be completely thorough in your paper, providing adequate reference work to support your position.

Why does it seem as if the educational programs of Northwestern Theological Seminary sound too good to be true?

Obviously, this is a very common question among our applicants, and we understand why. Because NTS is a Christ-centered religious institution that seeks to prepare men and women for their individual callings, our answer is simple: we are a seminary committed to fulfilling God's calling to provide Christ-centered Biblical education to the world at minimal expense. However, we encourage our applicants to seek God's direction through prayer when choosing an educational institution to complete their degree programs. Only if God has given you peace and assurance in your decision to enroll with Northwestern Theological Seminary should you submit an application to enroll. For all who enroll, we truly believe that each student will receive the benefit of uncompromised, Godly instruction as found only in the *Living Word* of Jesus Christ.

Advertising / Recruiting Policy

NTS does not allow any placement of display ads, commercial advertising, or paid advertising. All recruiting is through word of mouth and website optimization for our websites and social media only. Also, NTS does not allow other organizations to advertise on our websites or social media.

Websites such as: NorthwesternSeminary.com, ChristianAllianceMinistries.com, NTSlibrary.com, etc. NTS social media pages, such as Facebook, Reddit, Pinterest, and Instagram, all promote Northwestern Theological Seminary without display ads. There are NO display ads or other advertisements on any NTS websites or social media pages; only descriptive information is provided.

Note/Warning: Only our social media pages originating in the USA are authorized to represent NTS. There are fraudsters in Africa and elsewhere who have illegally used our name and posted false and misleading information on fake social media pages. *They have been reported, and such pages should be ignored.

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