

Legacy International Seminary

2017 Academic Catalog

Legacy International Seminary
P.O. Box 212
Greer, SC 29652

Message from the President

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (II Timothy 2:2)

In II Timothy 2:2 the apostle Paul uses analogy of a teacher teaching a teacher, who in turn, teaches other teachers, and those teachers teach still other teachers. Although Paul mentions only four generations of teachers, the idea is that of a continuing process. The Bible clearly teaches that the gospel is to be transmitted from generation to generation. This is why in our churches we have elementary-age teachers, junior-high teachers, high-school teachers, college and career teachers, and adult teachers. The teachers of each age group are important links in training others in the principles and doctrine of God’s Word. If one generation does not teach the next generation, this link will be broken. In every generation, God has raised up new links in this living chain of “faithful men” to pass on the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of their day. Creating a legacy by teaching “faithful men” still applies to us today. This is the goal of Legacy International Seminary. Legacy International Seminary is part of that chain because we are teaching and discipling others so that they can pass on to others the teachings of the Bible. Our desire is that through your training at Legacy International Seminary you will become part of that living chain of taking the gospel to the world.

We are thankful for Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary for allowing us to use their courses to provide a biblically-based education for you. In 2015, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary in Lansdale, Pennsylvania closed after 35 years of ministry. We are adapting and using their courses to offer a distance learning seminary for you.

Legacy International Seminary is committed to helping equip believers to be part of the living chain who will make a spiritual impact in the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Scott Krystowiak
President

Table of Contents

Message from the President	3
Table of Contents	5
About Legacy International Seminary	8
Mission	8
Distance Education Formats	8
Core Values	9
Institutional Goals	9
General Non-discrimination Policy	9
Doctrinal Position	9
Governance	10
Accreditation and Approval	10
Student Life and Ministry	10
Local Church Involvement	10
Statement of Faith	11
Administration and Faculty	15
Board of Trustees	18
Tuition	19
General Admission Requirements	19
Program of Study: Master of Biblical Studies	20
Admission Requirements	21
Degree Requirements	21
Certification of Graduation	21
Distance Education	22
Video Courses	22
Grading System	22
Academic Integrity	23
Transcripts	23
Admission Procedures	24
Course Descriptions	25
Common Questions	28

About Legacy International Seminary

Mission

The mission of Legacy International Seminary as a professional, graduate-level school is to glorify God by preparing individuals for ministry as godly, servant-leaders of local churches worldwide through the combination of instruction in the Scriptures with theological education and training in ministry skills.

Distance Education Formats

Legacy International Seminary offers distance learning courses by DVD and online. Students may enroll year round and at any time.

Core Values

In fulfillment of its mission, Legacy International Seminary values:

1. *Biblical Authority*: Legacy International Seminary is committed to the demonstrating and declaring the inerrancy, authority, and sufficiency of the Scriptures.
2. *Academic Excellence* : Legacy International Seminary is committed to offering the highest quality programs for educating and strengthening students for the advancement of God's program.
3. *Personal Godliness*: Legacy International Seminary is committed to exemplifying that life is to be lived before a holy God, for His glory and His honor.
4. *Servant-Leadership*: Legacy International Seminary is committed to preparing students for effective vocational Christian service and leadership in a multi-cultural world.
5. *People*: Legacy International Seminary is committed to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and to treating people according to His example and teaching.
6. *Baptist Heritage*: Legacy International Seminary is Baptist in its teaching and distinctives.

Institutional Goals

In fulfillment of its mission, Legacy International Seminary has set out to accomplish the following goals which reflect the seminary's core values:

1. To develop servant-leaders who demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of the Bible and theology.
2. To develop servant-leaders for effective ministry in local church ministries today.
3. To develop servant-leaders who demonstrate growth in Christian character.
4. To foster relationships with local churches by extending benefits of professional growth and spiritual enrichment.

General Non-discrimination Policy

Legacy International Seminary admits students of any race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies and admissions policies.

Women and pastoral ministry:

It is the doctrinal position of Legacy International Seminary and much of its general constituency that the office of the pastor (known also as a bishop or elder-I Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:5) is open only to men. For this reason, LIS does not train women for the office of the pastor. However, women may enroll in all programs at LIS.

Doctrinal Position

Legacy International Seminary is an independent, baptistic seminary, instituted within the framework of dispensational fundamentalism. It upholds the inerrancy of Scripture as the sole authority for matters of faith and practice; the depravity of humanity, rendering necessary the divine redemption through personal regeneration; the virgin birth of Christ as the incarnate Redeemer; the vicarious atonement of Christ's death; the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ and His imminent, pretribulational, and premillennial return to earth. For the complete statement of our doctrinal position, see our Statement of Faith.

Governance

Legacy International Seminary is governed by a Board of Trustees.

Accreditation and Approvals

Legacy International Seminary is not accredited by a recognized accrediting agency. All degrees are issued upon successful completion of degree requirements, faculty recommendation, and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Student Life and Ministry

The educational program at Legacy International Seminary encourages students to grow in their personal relationship with God. Legacy's balanced approach to ministry training emphasizes spiritual and practical growth no less than it does the intellectual.

Although Legacy International Seminary is not able to observe the personal lifestyle of our students, we expect that they maintain an upright Christian testimony, living an exemplary and a separated life for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Local Church Involvement

Training for the ministry involves more than the knowledge students gain in the classroom. Successful ministry depends on relating that knowledge to the problems of real people in a real ministry; the application of classroom instruction to real life settings is vital. Therefore, in seeking to offer a balanced approach in preparing servants for ministry, all students are encouraged to actively participate, as members in good standing, in the ministry of a local church of like faith.

Statement of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God and inerrant in the original writings. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and divine revelation of God to man, and therefore, are the final authority for faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).

The Godhead

We believe in the one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 13:14).

The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5-8).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and that our justification was made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Acts 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; 2:24). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (Acts 1:9-10; Rom. 8:34; 1 Cor. 15:1-4, 20-25; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2).

We believe in the “blessed hope”: the personal, bodily, pretribulational, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:44; John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; Titus 2:11-13).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 3:6).

We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and appropriate the Scriptures and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9-16; Eph. 1:17-18; 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 27).

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses pastors and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they can do the work of the ministry (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:7-12).

We believe that the sign gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, were temporary. We believe that speaking in tongues never has been a common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit and that ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God may choose to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing (1 Cor. 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22).

Creation

We believe in the direct creation by God of the physical universe, all spirit beings, man, and lower forms of life, without the process of evolution, and also that the early chapters of Genesis are literal and accurate history. God sustains all creation but exists in no necessary relationship to it (Gen. 1, 2; Col. 1:15-17; John 1:3).

Spirit Beings

We believe that God created an innumerable company of sinless spirit beings. One of these, though created holy by God, sinned through pride, thereby becoming Satan, the Devil, the enemy of his Creator, leading a host of angels in rebellion against God. He became the god of this age and the ruler of all the powers of darkness and is destined to the judgment of an eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Ezek. 29:12-17; Matt. 25:41; II Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 2:22; Col. 1:16; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 12:7-9; 20:10).

Mankind

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also the spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are now sinners by birth and by choice, positively inclined to evil, and therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:17; Ps. 58:3; Rom. 1:20; 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 2:14).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God, brought to man by grace, and received by personal faith in Jesus Christ whose blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (John 1:12; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

We believe that all the redeemed are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; 1 Pet. 1:4-5).

We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh (Rom. 13:13-14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

Final Destinies

We believe in the personal, bodily, pretribulational, premillennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:44; John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:4-18; Titus 2:11-13).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13). We believe that the souls of believers in Christ do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain until the resurrection of the body at the rapture when soul and body reunited shall stand before Christ to be judged of their Christian works for the giving of rewards; and they shall then be associated with Him forever in glory (1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final resurrection at the end of the millennium for judgment; the result of this judgment will be that all will be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. (Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thess. 1: 6-9; Rev. 20:11-15).

The Local Church

We believe that the local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ; baptized on an acceptable confession of faith; associated for worship, work, fellowship, observance of the ordinances, and the spread of the Gospel to all the world; and having two offices: pastor and deacon, which positions are to be held by men only (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2: 41-42; 10:47-48; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 2:12; 3:1-13; Heb. 10:25).

We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; Titus 1:5-11).

We believe in the autonomy of the local church, free of any external authority or control (Acts 13:14; 15:19-31; 20:28; Rom. 16:1, 4; 1 Cor. 3:9, 16; 5:4-7, 13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).

Ordinances

We believe in water baptism by immersion (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; Rom. 6:3-5) and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41-42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32) as the Scriptural ordinances of obedience for the church in this age.

Separation

We believe that separation is a doctrine as well as a practice and that the separation principle runs through the entire Bible. We believe that true spiritual fellowship is the result of common faith and practice. We believe there are several aspects of biblical separation.

Political separation: the separation of the church from the state (Luke 20:25).

Personal separation: the separation of the believer from the world and sin in order to serve God (Josh. 24:15; Rom. 12:1-2; 14; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Eph. 5:15-18; Titus 3:10; 1 John 2:15-17; 4:1; 2 John 10-11).

Ecclesiastical separation: the separation of the church from apostasy (II Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:11-15; II Tim. 4:2-4; 2 John 10-11).

Familial separation: the separation of the believer from an erring brother, when doctrinal or ethical compromise creeps into his life or ministry (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15).

Administration

SCOTT KRYSTOWIAK

President, Legacy International Seminary

B.S. Education, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC

M.A. Theological Studies, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary,
Lansdale, PA

Graduate studies in Education, Trinity Baptist College, Jacksonville, FL

Doctor of Christian Education, Andersonville Theological Seminary,
Camilla, GA

Founder and Director, More Than Conquerors Prison Ministry, 2010-
present

Founder and Director, MTC Bible Institute (a three-year Bible institute
focused on discipling and training Christian inmates), 2011-present

Founder and President, Legacy International Seminary, 2017-present

He has been involved in Christian education for 28 years. He has also
been involved with youth, coaching, and Christian camp ministries.

Faculty

Since Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary closed in May of 2015, the professors listed below are no longer at the seminary. They are now ministering in other areas of the world. Legacy International Seminary was given permission to use the courses for educational purposes only. These professors are not on staff at Legacy International Seminary. Please do not attempt to contact the professors.

DAVID BURGGRAFF

B.C.H.E. University of Minnesota

M.Div. Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary

Th.M. Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary

D.D. Maranatha Baptist Graduate School

Ph.D. Dallas Theological Seminary

He planted and pastored the Faith Baptist Church of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, until 1987. He served as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Owatonna, Minnesota. He taught at Pillsbury Baptist Bible College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minneapolis. He joined the faculty of Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary in 1989. In 1991, with his doctoral courses completed, he returned to Lansdale to serve as the Dean and Professor of Theology. He was honored with a

Doctor of Divinity degree from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in 1998. He was awarded the Ph.D. in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in 2000. Dr. Burggraaf assumed the responsibilities of the presidency of Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary from 2001 until January, 2006. In 2006, he joined the administration of Clearwater Christian College where he served as Vice President for Spiritual Formation and Ministry Development, and Professor of Theology.

GEORGE M. COON

B.S., Baptist Bible College, PA,
M.Div., Grand Rapids Theological Seminary,
Th.M., Grand Rapids Theological Seminary,
Pastoral ministry, 5 years. Adjunct faculty, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1999-2000. Director of Curriculum Development, Institute of Theological Studies, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1999-2001. Adjunct faculty, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, 2002. Adjunct faculty (online), Colorado Christian University, 2004-2005. Adjunct Instructor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2004-2005. Adjunct faculty, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005. Director of Library Services and Assistant Professor of Church History, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005-2015.

MARK J. FARNHAM

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and New Testament,
Seminary Chaplain
B.A., Maranatha Baptist Bible College; M.Div. Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
Additional studies at Harvard Divinity School, Ph.D. (Candidate), Westminster Theological Seminary.
Pastoral ministry, 7 years. Director of Youth Ministries, Positive Action for Christ, 1993-1995.
Assistant professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2002-2015.

DOUGLAS P. FINKBEINER

Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology
B.S., Bob Jones University; M.Div.,
Th.M., Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary;
D.Min., Denver Seminary;
Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania;

Certificate in Pastoral Counseling, Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation.

Studies at Westminster Theological Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Talbot School of Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Israel. Pastoral ministry, 13 years. Director, Calvary Bible Institute, 1987-1997. Adjunct instructor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1992-1997. Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1997-2015.

SAMUEL L. HARBIN

President, Chair and Professor of Pastoral Theology

B.A., Indiana Baptist College; M.Div., Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary;

D.Min., Dallas Theological Seminary; Certification in National Association of Nouthetic Counselors, Faith Baptist Counseling Center. Pastoral ministry, 11 years.

Chaplain, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1995-2005.

Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1995-2015.

President, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2006-2015.

STEVEN C. HORINE

Steven C. Horine holds three theological degrees: a Master of Divinity (1990) from Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary (Lansdale, PA), a Master of Theology (1992), and a Doctor of Philosophy (1999) from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia, PA). He is currently Professor of Old Testament at Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary where he has taught for eight years. He has published articles in the Everyday Study Bible and The Dictionary of Biblical Imagery.

ALBIN HUSS, JR.

Chair and Professor of New Testament

B.Ch.E., University of Delaware;

M.S., University of Illinois;

Ph.D., University of Illinois; M.Div.,

Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Church planting assistant, 6 years. Consultant/instructor in chemical engineering, 1995-2003.

Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2000-2015.

TIMOTHY R. JORDAN

Chancellor, Professor of Pastoral Theology
B.A., Pillsbury Baptist Bible College; M.Div., Calvary Baptist
Theological Seminary;
D.Min., Westminster Theological Seminary.
Pastoral ministry, 27 years. Instructor, Calvary Bible Institute, 1976-
present.
Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983-2015.
President, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1986-2002.
Chancellor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2002-2015.

CHARLES E. MCLAIN

Chair and Professor of Old Testament
B.A., Pillsbury Baptist Bible College; M.A., Dropsie College;
M.Div., Th.M., Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis;
Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary.
Studies at the Jerusalem Center in Israel.
Pastoral ministry, 5 years. Instructor, Berean Bible Institute, 1978-1979.
Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983-2012.
Dean, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012-2015.

JEFFREY P. TUTTLE

Dean, Professor of Pastoral Theology, Chair and Professor of Christian
Education
B.A., Pillsbury Baptist Bible College;
M.Div., Central Baptist Theological Seminary;
M.R.E., Central Baptist Theological Seminary;
Th.M., Grace Theological Seminary; Ed.D., Bob Jones University.
Studies at American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Israel.
Pastoral ministry and missions, 16 years.
Instructor, Calvary Bible Institute, 1974-76.
Professor, Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, 1976-1994.
Dean, Calvary Baptist Seminary, 2003-2012.
Adjunct Professor, 2012-2015.

Board of Trustees

????

Legacy International Seminary makes Tuition Affordable

Tuition is always a major concern for students considering a seminary-level program. The goal of LIS is to provide a quality education at an affordable price. The Legacy International Seminary program is priced at an exceptional value in an attempt to offer a quality Bible education to Christian workers, pastors, and laymen who are currently serving in the ministry or desire to serve in the ministry. The tuition for each three-hour course is \$175.00. Tuition is due at the time of registration. If the tuition is paid in full when the student enrolls, the tuition is \$1500.00 for the entire 30-hours program. There is also a \$50.00 graduation fee.

Tuition Payment Plans:

- One-time Tuition Payment (10 courses – 30 hour Program): **Total cost \$1500.00**
- Monthly Tuition Payments: \$100.00 per month for 16 months: **Total cost \$1600.00**
- Tuition Payment Per course: \$175.00 per course: **Total cost \$1750.00**

General Admissions Requirements for Applicants

A prospective student should be able to testify of a personal salvation experience, manifest the ability to communicate the gospel message, and declare general agreement with the doctrinal statement of this seminary.

The prospective student is expected to have received a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. A limited number of individuals of more mature age who have not received a bachelor's degree may be accepted into the Certificate program (see "Certificate of Graduation" above).

Prospective students should have the ability to direct their own study. They should manifest a strong sense of responsibility and Christian integrity and should have developed skills in writing, rhetoric, and logic.

Program of Study for the Masters of Biblical Studies

The 30-credit program leading to a degree in Master of Biblical Studies:

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Course Credit Hours</u>
NT615	Pastoral Epistles	3
OT526	Daniel	3
TH501	Prolegomena/Bibliology	3
TH504	Soteriology	3
TH505	Ecclesiology	3
TH520	Ethics	3
TH510	Dispensationalism	3
PC501	Counseling Principles	3
PC505	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
PT500	Sermon Preparation - Ephesians	3

The Master of Biblical Studies degree enables students to gain understanding of the development of theology, knowledge of premillennial theology, and ability to support their theological views and apply them to contemporary issues. The program emphasizes interpretive methodology, biblical background, and biblical content/theology courses in individual books or sections of the Bible. Courses are chosen by the student in consultation with the dean and registrar, allowing the student to specialize in areas of personal interest and ministerial need. The degree will help the student develop an ability to integrate his/her theology into active ministry.

The Master of Biblical Studies degree is especially appropriate for the following:

1. Persons who desire to become more competent in their biblical understanding in order to minister more effectively in their church.
2. Christian school teachers who have been trained in educational specialties but not adequately in biblical studies and theology.
3. National pastors planning to teach biblical studies or theology.
4. Missionaries who desire to increase their understanding of the Bible.
5. Rural pastors that have limited access to educational programs.

Admission requirements for the Master of Biblical Studies

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the seminary (see the General Admissions section), applicants to the Master of Biblical Studies program must possess one of the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree issued by a recognized postsecondary school in the United States of America authorized by that school's state to grant the baccalaureate degree
2. The educational equivalent of the baccalaureate degree. Degree equivalency is based on similarity to a North American degree in kind, quality, and stringency of academic work; foreign students may have completed the equivalency of a baccalaureate degree, even though the degree title may not specifically follow American nomenclature.

Degree requirements for the Master of Biblical Studies

For graduation with a Master of Biblical Studies degree, a student must complete 30 credit hours within six years. A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 must be maintained. The seminary confers the Master of Biblical Studies degree upon students who complete the prescribed course of study. However, graduation is not automatic when academic requirements have been met. Since the seminary aims to graduate those who qualify as Christian leaders, the faculty and administration will evaluate a student's qualifications in terms of spiritual, doctrinal, and professional standards as well as academics. All financial obligations to the seminary must be paid prior to the diploma being issued.

Certificate of Graduation

Purpose of the Certificate of Graduation

The Certificate of Graduation is a 30-hour program designed for those who have expressed a desire to be involved in ministry but have not had the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree. It follows the Master of Biblical Studies Degree in purpose and in structure. The purpose of the Certificate of Graduation is to prepare persons for vocational ministry who have knowledge and experience of the Christian faith, who give evidence of emotional and spiritual maturity, who relate to others with integrity, who

possess skills for ministry, and who meet the educational requirements.

Distance Education

Video courses. Courses are professionally recorded and edited in the classroom, providing students a more dynamic learning experience by recording student-teacher interaction. All video courses are available online and on DVD. Normally, no more than one video course may be taken at a time. Video recordings of the class lectures are sent to the student along with a course syllabus, class notes, and test bank.

Grading System

Letter grades and grade point average will be delivered to the student after each course is completed. The following grade designations are used:

Letter Grade	Rating	Number Grade	Point	Honors
A	Excellent	100-96	4.0	Summa Cum Laude
A-		95-94	3.7	Magna Cum Laude
B+	Above average	93-92	3.5	Cum Laude
B		91-89	3.0	
B-		88-87	2.7	
C+	Average	86-85	2.5	
C		84-82	2.0	
C-		81-80	1.7	
D+	Acceptable	79-78	1.5	
D		77-72	1.0	
D-		71-70	0.7	
F	Unacceptable	69-0	0	

A, B, C, and D are passing grades. F is a failing grade. Each letter grade range has this evaluation:

A = Excellent Work, B = Above Average Work, C = Average Work, D = Acceptable Work, and F = Unacceptable Work.

The student's general standing is ascertained by the use of grade points. Courses for which grade points may be earned receive grades of A, B, C, D, or F. Grade points are computed by multiplying the number of grade points associated with each letter grade (see the grading system chart above) by the total credits attempted for each course. The general standing—or grade point average (GPA)—is the result of the total number of grade points earned divided by the total number of credits attempted in grade-point-earning courses.

Academic Integrity

In an academic community such as LIS, the honesty and integrity of every member of the community is of utmost importance. This standard of integrity, which is applicable to every area of life, is also vital in academic matters. Plagiarism and cheating are examples of infractions which will not be condoned or tolerated at LIS.

Plagiarism is defined as “passing off as one's own the ideas, writings, or opinions of another.” Plagiarism is academically dishonest and is contrary to the biblical standards of truthfulness and respect for the property of others. Any course work involving plagiarism will be graded as zero without any resubmission permitted. Cheating on tests, quizzes, or homework is a second type of academic dishonesty. Like plagiarism, cheating violates the biblical prohibition of lying and stealing. Any work on which a student is caught cheating will receive a grade of zero. In each case of cheating or plagiarism, the seminary leadership will be notified of the matter. A repeated instance of academic dishonesty on the part of a LIS student will result in disciplinary action.

Transcripts

Students will receive an unofficial copy of their transcript as soon as possible after the degree is completed. They may also request to have an official transcript sent to whomever they designate for a \$4.00 fee. Transcripts are issued only if all financial obligations have been met.

Admission Procedures

Please contact Legacy International Seminary to begin the admission procedures. All communication with LIS must be in English:

1. The completed application form.
2. An account of the applicant's conversion.
3. An account relating the basis for the applicant's desire to pursue seminary studies.
4. Official transcripts of *all* post-high school studies. Graduating college seniors applying before the completion of their studies may have a transcript sent indicating their academic record to the point of application. The applicant may then be provisionally accepted. A final copy of the transcript must be forwarded to the seminary upon the granting of the degree. Note that an official transcript is a transcript *sent directly* from a previous school to LIS. Transcripts provided by the applicant are not acceptable.
5. Non-US residents must have a letter of recommendation from their pastor or college official.

No applicant will be fully accepted until all of the above materials are received. Applicants who have outstanding transcripts or references may be admitted under provisional admission status. No application materials will be returned or transferred to another institution.

Legacy International Seminary Course Descriptions

New Testament

NT615 PASTORAL EPISTLES

An English Bible study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus with due consideration given to the Greek text. The background, thought development, and chronological placement of each book is studied. Emphasis is placed on instruction regarding pastoral leadership, organization, and administration of the local church. Contemporary issues such as sound teaching, pastoral care of members, role of women in the church, the pastor's call to ministry and personal life, wealth and Christians, and proper conduct of believers in the local church will be treated to provide a biblical basis for a philosophy of pastoral ministry.

Old Testament

OT526 DANIEL

An analytical and expository study of the book with a focus on the prophetic-apocalyptic sections. This study provides an introduction and foundation for 'prophetic' studies which are continued in Revelation and Eschatology.

Systematic Theology

TH501 PROLEGOMENA AND BIBLIOLOGY

A study of *prolegomena*, the nature, method, and source of theology, and *bibliology*, the revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, illumination, and theological hermeneutics.

TH504 SOTERIOLOGY

A theological examination of the provision and application of salvation, treating union with Christ, regeneration, conversion, justification, sanctification, the salvation ministries of the Holy Spirit (including Spirit baptism, indwelling, and sealing), and eternal security.

TH505 ECCLESIOLOGY

A study concerned with the definition, purpose, organization, ministry, government, relation, and ordinances of the church.

TH520 ETHICS

This study evaluates various philosophical systems of ethics viewed in light of the moral teachings of Scripture. Major consideration is given to developing a systematic ethical code from the Bible and its application to selected ethical issues and choices of moral conduct in the 21st century.

TH510 DISPENSATIONALISM

This course considers the system of interpretation known as dispensationalism. Several aspects are addressed: the historical development of the dispensational system; a dispensational interpretation of sacred history; the relationship of covenants to dispensations; the hermeneutics of dispensationalism as they relate to pretribulational and premillennial eschatology; the relationship of law and grace; and major events that unfold in particular dispensations.

Pastoral Care and Counseling

PC501 COUNSELING PRINCIPLES

An introduction to biblical counseling that seeks to develop confidence in the sufficiency of the Scriptures for addressing human problems. Various counseling models (secular, eclectic Christian, and nouthetic) are examined in light of basic theological principles that inform counseling philosophy. Lecture and case studies are utilized to present a five-stage model for biblical counseling.

PC505 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

A study of the biblical institution of Christian marriage and family, focused on equipping students to help others who are struggling in their home. Special consideration will be given to the unique pressures and stresses experienced by families in vocational ministry.

Pastoral Theology

PT521 SERMON PREPARATION

This course addresses the critical elements in preaching, teaching, exegetical study in pastoral ministry. The book of Ephesians is used as a basis for the course.

Common Questions

How much does it cost to apply to Legacy International Seminary?

The application process is completely free.

Can I receive credit for previous seminary training?

Legacy International Seminary will work with the student to make transfer of credits into our institution possible in many cases.

Credit must be from an institute of like faith and doctrine as LIS.

Up to nine credit hours may be transferred from another doctrinally similar seminary.

Can I receive credit for ministry experience?

Legacy International Seminary does not give credit for ministry experience.

How much does it cost to complete a degree at Legacy International Seminary?

The Legacy International Seminary programs are priced at an exceptional value in an attempt to offer a quality Bible education to Christian workers, pastors, and laymen who are currently serving in the ministry. The tuition for each three-hour course is \$175.00. The \$175.00 tuition payment must be paid before the student receives credit for the course and before another course can be taken. If the tuition is paid in full when the student enrolls, the tuition is \$1500.00 for the entire 30-hour program. The student's tuition may also be paid at a rate of \$100.00 per month for 16 months

What materials do I receive after my initial tuition payment?

If the student is taking the course online, the course will be accessible online. If the course is being taken by DVD, the student will be sent the DVD's, the course notes, and the test booklet for the course. The books for the course can be purchased through Legacy International Seminary or by the student individually. It will be cheaper for the student to purchase the books from an online source. It is our suggestion that the student purchase used books to save money.

How long do I have to complete a degree at Legacy International Seminary?

The student will have up to six years to complete a 10-course, 30-hour degree, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Since most of our students have full-time jobs and ministries, some students, due to job or ministry requirements, will take longer. Students may advance at their own pace.

Are there any additional fees other than tuition for a Legacy International Seminary degree?

There are no hidden fees at Legacy International Seminary. The only additional costs to the student are the purchase of books for the courses and the graduation fee.

What is Legacy International Seminary's refund policy?

All funds paid into Legacy International Seminary are non-refundable except in extenuating circumstances.

What happens if I fall behind in my tuition payments?

The student will not be able to take any additional courses until the bill is paid in full. The student will not be able to graduate if there is any remaining tuition payment.

Is there a graduation ceremony?

Since most LIS students do not live locally, LIS does not have a graduation ceremony.

