In a city known for its bridges, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has been about the mission of “bridging the Word and the World” for more than 200 years. We recognize that the most important question that we have to ask ourselves is not “What are we doing on this 13-acre campus?” but rather, “What is God doing in the world and how can we be a part of it?”

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary—we are more than stately buildings and classrooms nestled in a tranquil urban setting. We are a community of scholars and learners who rejoice at the opportunity to share in God’s redemptive work in the world. We prepare students of the Word who, called by God, committed to Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, bear witness to the joy of the gospel to the world.
DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE (M.DIV.)

Nearly 90 percent of PTS graduates serve as pastors in congregations around the world. The Master of Divinity degree program is a professional program that prepares men and women for these ministries. A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite to this program. The Master of Divinity program is designed to integrate theological studies and the practice of ministry. When followed on a full-time basis, students normally complete the program in three years. In supervised field education experiences students practice ministry through direct involvement in congregations and other settings.

Dual Degree Programs
The Seminary offers several dual degree programs in cooperation with local universities including:

- the dual Master of Divinity/Master of Social Work with the University of Pittsburgh,
- the Master of Divinity/Juris Doctor with Duquesne University, and
- the Master of Divinity/Master of Science in Public Policy and Management with Carnegie Mellon University.

The dual degree programs can be completed in less time than would be required to receive two degrees independently. Candidates must apply for admission to the Seminary and the cooperating university.

Master’s Certificate in Urban Ministry
The Seminary’s Metro-Urban Institute grants the Master’s Certificate in Urban Ministry to graduates who achieve the requirements of this additional program of study.

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE (M.A.)

This program allows students to engage in religious studies at the graduate level without completing the range of courses required in the M.Div. program. A bachelor’s degree is a prerequisite. Students normally complete this program in two years of full-time academic work. The M.A. allows students to focus on a particular area of emphasis. Former students have focused their degree on biblical archaeology, ethics, and missiology, to name a few. A special track is available that offers a religious education emphasis for those preparing for educational ministries.

MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY (S.T.M.)

This program is designed to provide continued academic work beyond the M.Div. degree. The S.T.M. has a twofold purpose:

- to provide a fuller mastery of one area of discipline of theological study and
- to increase research proficiency and the ability to formulate productive questions.

An M.Div. or equivalent is a prerequisite. Students in this program complete their degree in one year, including a required thesis.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE (D.MIN.)

Ministry requires competency and compassion, care of self, and care of others. The Doctor of Ministry degree is designed to hold these necessary tensions while providing opportunities for disciplined study, support, and renewal. It is an ideal program for pastors and those in specialized ministry.


For further information on all of the degree programs, visit www.pts.edu/academic.html.
The faculty is rooted in the Reformed history of faithfulness to Scripture and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The members are committed to the scholarly, professional, and personal preparation of men and women for Christian service in the Church. A low student to faculty ratio encourages interaction that provides for mentor relationships with professors. In their teaching, writing, mentoring, and in their spiritual lives, the faculty bears witness to the joy of the gospel.

The faculty—the heart of the educational experience at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary—continues in a tradition of academic strength, publication, and commitment to the Church.
CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Continuing Education Program offers more than 50 annual events, lectures, and concerts bringing more than 3,000 participants to campus each year. Many of these are offered at no cost to participants. Designed for clergy and laity, the programs are for those who understand the importance of lifelong learning and growth.

A Certificate in Spiritual Formation, presented through the Continuing Education Office, offers a community-grounded, structured study experience for those interested in deepening their own spiritual understandings and assisting others along their spiritual journey.

The presbyteries in Western Pennsylvania have joined together with the Office of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to provide training for persons who are preparing to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors or Authorized Lay Preachers in their presbyteries. Satisfactory completion of this substantive program fulfills the course requirements of the Book of Order.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

While the degree programs of the Seminary are the cornerstone of who we are and what we do, a variety of exciting special programs and opportunities are also available.

WORLD MISSION INITIATIVE (WMI)

World Mission Initiative is a fellowship of pastors, missionaries, church leaders, seminary personnel, and students who seek to nurture mission vision, vocations, and missionary congregations. Through WMI, seminary students participate in cross-cultural mission trips in order to experience the global reach of the Church’s ministry. Students describe these experiences as transformative to their personal lives, faith, and future ministries.

METRO-URBAN INSTITUTE (MUI)

The Metro-Urban Institute was established to provide education and support for church leaders concerned about “the welfare of the city.” In addition to the graduate level courses and field placements offered to seminarians, MUI offers a Christian Leadership Certificate Program that enables religious leaders from urban settings to enhance their skills for ministry, regardless of prior education. It also offers an annual urban intensive weekend seminar that involves participants in dialogue on particular public issues in urban ministry.
THE CENTER FOR BUSINESS, RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE

The Center for Business, Religion and Public Life provides symposia that allow persons from many professional, civic, academic, and religious backgrounds to reflect critically upon issues of faith and values. It fosters public awareness and understanding of diverse issues in contemporary society.

SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE (SYI)

The Summer Youth Institute provides an opportunity for high school students to experience theological education during a two week summer event where students live on campus and study with PTS faculty. It encourages the students to grow in faith while also exploring ministry as a possible vocation.

THE ZEITAH EXCAVATIONS

Located in Southern Israel, this archaeological site expands understanding of life in an ancient Israelite setting. The excavations incorporate a full-scale program of field exploration and study. In addition to daily on-site work with renowned archaeologists, students and volunteers participate in an educational curriculum on specific aspects of archaeological work and general themes related to life in ancient Israel. Lectures supplement practical fieldwork; and guided field trips to major regions of the country illuminate the world of the Bible.
THE CAMPUS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is located on a beautiful tree-filled 13-acre campus, an oasis in the midst of an urban environment. The campus is located between two distinct neighborhoods—Highland Park with its substantial residences and park, and East Liberty, a busy commercial center.

GEORGE A. LONG HALL is where most classrooms are found. Within Long Hall, the John Knox Room, used for worship along with special events and educational seminars, provides technology for multi-media presentations and distance learning. In addition to the computer lab in this building, wireless Internet access is available throughout the campus.

THE KELSO BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM is a living laboratory containing a significant collection of ancient Near Eastern and Palestinian pottery and artifacts. The exhibits offer glimpses into life from prehistoric times into the Middle Ages. Artifacts in archaeological and historical context are displayed and provide an opportunity for students and visitors to explore changes in form and function over 4,000 years.
JOHN MCNAUGHER MEMORIAL HALL, one of the campuses’ earliest buildings, is home to the Kadel Dining Room and cafeteria, along with several small dining rooms used for seminars and meetings. Much of this building is used for office space for members of the faculty and several special programs.

THE HICKS FAMILY MEMORIAL CHAPEL is visible from throughout the campus with its high steeple topped by a golden rooster, a traditional symbol warning against denial of the Lord. The Chapel serves as a gathering place for students, faculty, staff, and the larger community to worship God during the three weekly services. The building also contains a theater-like auditorium and a variety of offices including Continuing Education. The chapel houses the campus bookstore.

THE CLIFFORD E. BARBOUR LIBRARY houses the combined collections of several theological schools in the Pittsburgh area dating to 1794. This important resource for both church and academy represents the largest theological library in the tri-state area, and a “theological treasure” central to the academic mission of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The Library houses more than 370,000 resources. It offers library public access computers, 100 study carrels in open stack areas, 20 study rooms, a comfortable reading room, and a lounge. The library also houses several special collections of rare theological works and hymn books.
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
A variety of living facilities are available on campus. The Calian Residence Hall offers single living quarters with private baths. The building offers a modest physical fitness center, lounges, and a student kitchen. Calian Hall also provides space for overnight guest housing at reasonable rates.

Four apartment buildings—Fulton, Highlander, Anderson, and McMillan—offer apartments ranging from efficiencies to family oriented three- and four-bedroom units. A playroom/childcare facility located within the apartment complex offers low-cost loving childcare for the children of seminarians and employees.

THE PITTSBURGH REGION
Voted “America’s Most Livable City” again by the Rand McNally Company, Pittsburgh offers much to enrich the theological education experience.

Through field education and other work and volunteer opportunities, students can experience the richness of the region. Within a short drive of the campus students may serve as pastors in inner city, suburban, small town, rural, traditional, and emergent churches, as chaplains in hospitals, hospices, and penal institutions, as campus ministers, and in many forms of social outreach.

In addition to education, this region offers a quality of life not found in many places of its size. Urban renewal in the city has included a commitment to the arts and education. An internationally acclaimed symphony orchestra along with resident opera, ballet, and theater companies performs regularly in city theaters. Pittsburgh is also the home of several exceptional art collections and museums. Sports enthusiasts are delighted to cheer for the Pittsburgh Steelers (football), Pirates (baseball), and Penguins (hockey).

The Seminary is associated with the nine colleges and universities in the city through the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education. The cluster of educational institutions provides an atmosphere for intellectual growth. The historic main branch of the Carnegie Library is also located in the university section of the city. Pittsburgh is home to world class health care; these facilities are ranked as the leading employer in the region.

All of these factors make the region a rich and stimulating place in which to live, study, and serve. The wealth of educational and employment options also make this a wonderful location for spouses or family members who are seeking such opportunities close to the Seminary campus.
Worship is an integral part of the life of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In addition to mid-day worship services, a number of prayer and Bible study groups meet regularly on campus. All master’s-level students are members of the Student Association which conducts student social and extracurricular activities. A number of organizations enrich student life, including the Association of Women at the Seminary (AWS), NIA (African American Student Fellowship), Evangelical Student Fellowship (ESF), Peace and Justice Fellowship, the Preaching Association, Seminary Choir, Sports and Recreation, and several denominational fellowships.

Athletic events and other recreational activities are available. An on-campus fitness center is available for student use. Highland Park provides walking trails, open fields, and playgrounds. Recent campus activities have also included tournaments in ping-pong, bowling, ultimate Frisbee, and golf.

Worship, fellowship, and play—common life—is at the heart of the educational experience at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This life shared together lays the foundation for lasting friendships which in turn build bridges of collegiality and mutual support among pastors and church leaders.
THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS
At Pittsburgh Theological Seminary we know that a visit to campus is very important in your decision making process; therefore, we provide several opportunities each year for prospective students to make visits to the Seminary. Quarterly visitation events provide opportunities to see the campus, hear from faculty, meet with admissions and financial aid staff, and share in fellowship with current students. Individuals are also welcome to make pre-arranged visits to the campus at their convenience. Please contact the Admissions Office as far in advance as possible to arrange for such a visit.

Applicants will need to submit a variety of materials including a formal application, transcripts of completed college and university work, and a topical essay. A personal interview is also required, along with a letter of reference from the applicant's local church. For additional admissions information, visit the website at www(pts.edu/process.html.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
The goal of the Seminary financial aid program is to assist each student in arranging financial support. While it remains each student's responsibility to meet the costs of his or her theological education, the Seminary provides scholarships, grants, and work assistance to full-time master's students. D.Min. candidates are also eligible for grants. Grants are need based, while scholarships are awarded according to a variety of criteria. The Financial Aid Package is based on the assumption that a student is registered for at least nine credit hours and maintains a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average.

Fulfilling the Seminary's mission of preparing pastors and lay leaders requires a tremendous financial commitment. Therefore, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is committed to providing generous financial support to students who qualify for financial assistance. Offering such a level of financial support for students is not easy for an institution, yet it is a challenge that we accept here. It is at the heart of our mission to prepare pastors and lay leaders for the Church.
THE SEMINARY
- Founded in 1794
- Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- President the Rev. William J. Carl III, Ph.D.
- 370,000 resources in Barbour Library
- 24 full-time faculty
- 2,800 living alums
- 40-member board of directors

DEGREE PROGRAMS
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- Master of Arts
- Master of Sacred Theology

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
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- A Certificate in Spiritual Formation
- Commissioned Lay Pastors
- Metro-Urban Institute
- Center for Business, Religion and Public Life
- World Mission Initiative
- Kelso Bible Lands Museum
- Tel Zeitah Excavations

FINANCIAL AID
- Typically about 60 percent of full-time students qualify for aid.
- Of those receiving aid, 68 percent qualify for full funding.
- Academic and need-based scholarships are available.
- The Seminary awards more than $1 million annually in aid.

CONTACT INFORMATION
To reach a particular department at the Seminary, dial 412-362-5610 and then the following extensions:

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2109 Alumnae/i Office
2177 Barbour Library
2102 Business Office
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2196 Continuing Education
2117 Dean of Faculty
2146 Dean of Students
2112 Doctor of Ministry Program
2107 Institutional Advancement Office
2178 Kelso Bible Lands Museum
2163 Metro-Urban Institute
2101 President’s Office
2113 Seminary Relations
2281 Summer Youth Institute
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