
THE BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

Purpose

The Bachelor of Theology program has the same purpose as the Master of Divinity program. Like the Master of Divinity program, it is designed to provide a basic three-year program for those planning to invest their lives in church or mission vocations which require ordination. The program offers a broad biblical, theological, and practical foundation for such ministries. The program, however, is offered only to a select number of applicants (limited to five percent of total enrollment) who are beyond the average age of college students (usually at least 30 years of age), who have not completed a baccalaureate degree program but have earned a minimum of 60 semester units of undergraduate general education credits, and who have a consistent record of commendable Christian ministry experience. The nomenclature, Bachelor of Theology, is designed to emphasize the fact that in no case does the seminary offer graduate degrees (master's degrees) for those who have not completed a baccalaureate program.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the previous paragraph, and to the general admission requirements listed later in this catalog, applicants for the Bachelor of Theology program must present a letter of reference from a church board documenting effective ministry experience and recommending the applicant for intensive study and for continuing ministry.

Program Requirements

The admissions, curriculum, residence, and candidacy requirements for the Bachelor of Theology degree are the same as those for the Master of Divinity degree with the following exceptions:

- A grade point average of only 2.0 is required for graduation
- Writing a thesis is not permitted in the Bachelor of Theology program

THE DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY

Purpose

The Diploma of Theology program is designed with the same purpose as the Bachelor of Theology program. It is limited to a select number of applicants (limited to five percent of total enrollment) who are beyond the average age of college students and who have a consistent record of commendable Christian ministry experience. However, it differs from the Bachelor of Theology program in that it does not require the minimum of 60 units of undergraduate general education credits. In general, such applicants are older than the average seminary student and have circumstances of life that make the acquisition of an undergraduate education impractical.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the previous paragraph, and to the general admission requirements listed later in this catalog, applicants for the Diploma of Theology program must present a letter of reference from a church board documenting effective ministry experience and recommending the applicant for intensive study and for continuing ministry.