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Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg





Since 1826, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg has been a crossroad of discovery, discernment and insight for those who seek to lead in church and world.



Bearing witness at the crossroads of history and hope, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg proclaims Jesus Christ to a restless world by preparing students for faithful discipleship. As we listen to God's Word in community, the Holy Spirit empowers us to lead in church and world through worship, education, service and encouragement.

As the oldest and most historic of Lutheran graduate and professional theological schools in the Americas, Gettysburg Seminary has been a path-breaker in its commitments to the study of ecumenism, Christian education, the social and psychological contexts for ministry, theology and public life and ministry in urban and rural settings. In the 19th century, Gettysburg offered theological education to the first African American to receive a formal Lutheran education and in the 20th century, educated the first woman to be ordained in the Lutheran church in America.

The Gettysburg tradition is to prepare the finest possible leaders through the integration of intellectual curiosity, vigorous study, and openness to the con-

text we find in the world around us. We build understanding by developing the ability to interpret sacred texts, history, and the faith in context. We find that good leaders translate those abilities into insight for engaging in ministry.

Gettysburg Seminary values the foundations of the Christian theological tradition, particularly its Lutheran confessional heritage, with appreciation for the expansive study of ecumenical

and world Christianity. Gettysburg's students have exhibited a creative imagination for the astute practice of ministry.

Those who sojourn on Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge come from practically everywhere, and they prepare to serve in practically every kind of place. But students may also take advantage of concentrations in certain degree programs, such as Theology and Public Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Town and Country Church Ministry. Every learner will find an excellent preparation for wide ranging ministries in parishes, social ministries, service agencies, and chaplaincies. Still others continue on to doctoral programs, or seek further professional training in law, teaching, music or theatre, management and more.



"As an integrative learning, my internship with a pastor with 19 years of supervisory experience provided me the best opportunity to grow through learning day to day responsibilities of ministry. I gained a wealth of knowledge in this distinctive Seattle, Washington congregation that I would have never learned in the classroom."

— Shawn Berkebile



"The academic environment here at Gettysburg has been incredibly transformational and formative for me. The professors contextualize everything we learn to our future ministry settings."

— Norma Malfatti



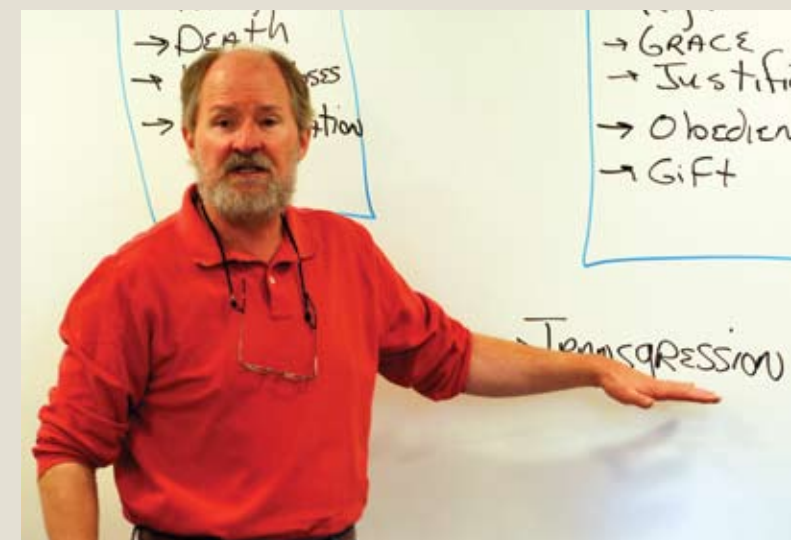
"Ever since we moved here and became part of the seminary community, we give thanks to God for the Gettysburg Seminary. The faculty, students and the community in general have made our transition to the new culture much smoother than what we imagined."

— Anteneh Gebreselassie

A world of resources with a tradition of imaginative teaching.

Supported by technologically up-to-date classrooms, a library of 190,000 volumes and faculty engaged in advanced research and highly skilled teaching practices, the Seminary makes the best of local and global resources available for its community of learners. Gettysburg Seminary places focused study in ever-widening contexts through international travel seminars and educational partnerships, multicultural curricu-

lar offerings, and the additional rich resources of the Washington Theological Consortium and the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries. Moreover, the January term courses offered by all ELCA seminaries are also open for cross-enrollment, giving unprecedented flexibility and choices to all of our students.





Practice of the ministerial arts requires a dynamic balance between the head and the heart.



Daily worship anchors students, their families, faculty and staff in a combination of study and practice. Drawn by the spirit's tether, this community takes spiritual formation seriously. It shapes and models excellence in ministry through its depth and breadth of worship in a variety of forms.

This special devotion to integrating theological education into all parts of life begins in the classroom and continues in the corridors, over lunch in the refectory, in chapel and on the sidewalks, and extends to the multiple experiences of field education (teaching parish, clinical work and internship). Integrative seminars represent Gettysburg's formal curricular commitment to this expansive theological framework.





Environment matters. What makes people thrive?



Our 52-acre campus includes wide green spaces neighboring the Gettysburg National Military Park. We enjoy an on-campus YWCA with subsidized membership for students and families. Walking, biking and recreational opportunities are everywhere, with the Appalachian trail passing by a mere 15 miles away.

From Gettysburg, you can drive 30 minutes and find yourself in Harrisburg, the state capital of Pennsylvania, or 50 miles to the south and find yourself in the urban cultural richness of Balti-

more, MD, or just a little further, Washington, DC, the nation's capital.

Less than a 10 minute walk across town, Gettysburg College adds its special lecture lineup to the Seminary's offerings, with theatre, film, art and more, often hosted at the Majestic Performing Arts Center and Cinema downtown. And the Seminary's own Music, Gettysburg! is a premiere concert host for central Pennsylvania.

You are never more than a short walk from a coffee shop, grocery store, recreational park and at least a half dozen excellent restaurants. Nearly ten thousand residents live inside Gettysburg Borough, with many more nearby outside the greenbelt of the national park. The Gettysburg area public schools excel at all levels, featuring a full array of academic enhancement opportunities for young learners. The world's best known small

town and an historic crossroads, Gettysburg offers a rich living environment for its college and graduate school communities.





Gettysburg Seminary at a glance

Established 1826

Degrees offered

- Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.)
- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Master of Arts in Ministry Studies (M.A.M.S.)
- Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

Gettysburg Seminary supports a Doctor of Ministry degree through the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries

Student body

Our student enrollment ranges from 250-300 students. More than 50% of our students come from outside the Mid-Atlantic region and 10-15% typically are affiliated with other traditions. The average men/women ratio is 50/50.

Faculty

16 full-time in biblical studies, theology and history, and the arts of pastoral theology and practice

Class sizes

Most classes are seminar sized at 10-15 students while some introductory classes can range from 30-35.

The 52-acre campus

features 25 buildings across historic Seminary Ridge. Driving distance in miles to Harrisburg, PA: 36; York, PA: 30; Baltimore: 54, Washington, D.C.: 80; Frederick, MD: 34.

Seminary housing

consists of more than 100 units, including dorm rooms, efficiencies, apartments and townhouses.

Accreditation

Association of Theological Schools and Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Affiliations & partnerships

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries (including The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, www.easterncluster.org) and all schools of the Washington Theological Consortium www.washtheocon.org.

Housing

The Seminary's on-campus housing options range from 1-4 bedroom units to efficiencies and commuter "crash rooms," with practically every option in-between. See our housing resources online www.Ltsg.edu/admissions for descriptions.



Students and their families may also find off-campus housing options. All seminary housing facilities are equipped for fast internet service and cable television. Lunch is available in the Refectory on weekdays when classes are in session.



Financial Aid

Students come from all walks of life, and Gettysburg Seminary believes that qualified students should not be prevented from theological study for financial reasons. The Seminary devotes substantial scholarship endowments to provide support to a majority of our students. In recent years, scholarship awards have covered approximately 50% of tuition.

We are committed to providing financial assistance, including:

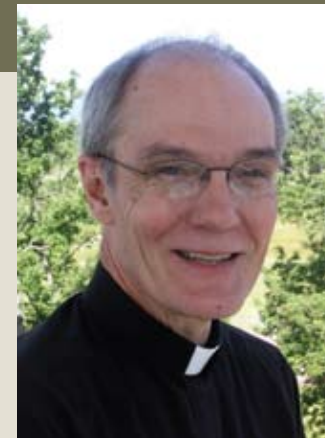
Institutional Scholarships for both full- and part-time students

Federal Stafford and Graduate PLUS Loans

Financial Assistance to graduates who enter doctoral study

Free Financial Wellness Program (including personal financial coaching and seminars)

From the Rev. Michael Cooper-White, President



Michael H. Cooper White
M.Div. Class of 1976

"As you answer God's call to serve in church and world, see if your faith journey leads you to our crossroads. Here you will discover a unique graduate and professional school, a center of research and reflection, supported by one of the premiere libraries among institutions our size. You will discover a faculty of diverse, faithful and creative thinkers ready to walk with you."

Founded in 1826, you will find this Seminary has been educating church leaders longer than any other Lutheran school in the Americas. We know that theological schools such as ours must look forward, developing new ways to shape leaders for the 21st century church and world. But most of all, we invite you to visit Seminary Ridge in Gettysburg and talk to faculty, staff, students and their families and discover how this seminary puts all of its rich resources together. So we welcome you to Gettysburg Seminary, our crossroads of history and hope."



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