



2023-2024

STUDENT HANDBOOK



TRUE VINE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Building high academic achievers with a biblical worldview

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

This is an exciting time to enroll in True Vine Theological Seminary. This year we have rebranded the school, developed some exciting, new courses, and expanded our reach by becoming a hybrid institution.

Whether you are beginning your academic journey with us, or were connected to us in previous years, as President of TVT Seminary, I am thrilled that you have chosen our institution for your theological studies.

True Vine Theological (TVT) Seminary exists to build high academic achievers with a biblical worldview. It is an institution built on, first and foremost, the Word of God. The Bible is the basis for all of our instruction, and where the Bible speaks, we speak, and where the bible is silent, we are as well.

We emphasize respect, integrity, and academic excellence at TVT Seminary. We maintain a code of conduct that ensures our community remains supportive, and conducive to learning. We trust that you will uphold these standards and contribute positively to our Seminary's ethos.

Our high expectations for all our students to excel in their academic endeavors leads to growth spiritually and personally. We believe that your time at True Vine Theological Seminary should not only equip you with knowledge but also foster a deeper understanding of faith and service.

Remember, you are not alone in this journey. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to supporting you every step of the way. We encourage open dialogue and welcome any questions or concerns you may have.

As you prepare to embark on this exciting chapter of your life, we hope you will approach it with anticipation, curiosity, and a commitment to making the most of the opportunities that lie ahead. May your time at True Vine be enriching, inspiring, and transformative.

So, let's get School Year 2023-24 started! We can't wait to see what God has in store for you during your time here.

Blessings,

Dr. Ernest W. Jones
President, True Vine Theological Seminary

ACCREDITATION

True Vine Theological Seminary is an ACCREDITED member of Transworld Accrediting Commission International. Serving the Christian education community for over 35 years, Transworld is a federally recognized, non-profit church educational organization. Their philosophy is to demonstrate accountability to the consuming public for education obtained in nontraditional evangelical educational institutions.



TRANSWORLD oversees more than 1000 member institutions including schools, seminaries, universities, colleges, and institutes both in the United States and internationally. They provide documented evidence of compliance with standards of structure and governance, material resources, policies, faculty, and curriculum. TRANSWORLD'S overall purpose is to promote academic excellence and accountability.

For more information about Transworld Accrediting Commission International, visit TransworldAccrediting.com

True Vine Theological Seminary will also be seeking accreditation with The Association of Theological Schools and The Council of Private Colleges of America.

True Vine Theological Seminary Mission

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TVT Seminary Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2023

Registration begins: July 2

Semester opening week: September 4-10

No classes: September 4

Last day to add/drop classes: September 18

Last day to withdraw from class with an Incomplete: October 3

No classes: November 23-26

Last day of classes: December 21

SPRING SEMESTER 2024

Registration begins: January 3

Semester opening week: January 8-14

Last day to add/drop classes: January 22

Last day to withdraw from class with an Incomplete: March 4

Last day of classes: May 5

SUMMER SEMESTER 2024

Registration begins: May 22

Semester begins: June 4

Last day to add/drop classes: June 18

Last day of classes: July 30

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SCHOOL YEAR 23-24

FALL SEMESTER 2023

September 4 thru December 19

Monday	6:00pm-7:30pm 7:45pm-9:15pm	On Campus On Campus	BIB101 BIB111	Introduction to the Bible The Pentateuch
Tuesday	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Online	THE101	Introduction to Theology
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Online	CHE115	Spiritual Formation 1
Saturday	9:00am-11:00am	On Campus	BIB119	The Gospels and Acts

SPRING SEMESTER 2024

January 8 thru April 29

Monday	6:00pm-7:30pm 7:45pm-9:15pm	On Campus On Campus	BIB113 CHE117	OT Historical Books Christian Ethics 1
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Online	COU101	Biblical Counseling
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Online	CHE113	Spiritual Leadership
Saturday	9:00am-11:00am	On Campus	BIB221	NT Letters and Revelation

SUMMER SEMESTER 2024

June 4 thru July 30

Tuesday	6:00pm-7:30pm	On Campus	BIB215	Psalms & Wisdom Book
		Off campus	COU101	Ministry Practicum 1

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SCHOOL YEAR 23-24

True Vine Theological Seminary Fees

One time registration fee per school year: \$50 (regardless of amount of classes taken)

Undergraduate Fees:

Each class is worth 3 credit hours

Cost per class is \$150 for 16-week semester. (Military rate: \$120 per class for 16-week semester). *Note: classes are \$50 per credit hour, or a military reduced rate of \$40 per credit hour.*

Graduation Fee: \$125 (due one semester before receiving any level of degree).

TVT Seminary payment plan (if needed)

Plan A – Full registration payment (nonrefundable) at enrollment (if not previously paid during another semester) plus/or \$25 per class. Fifty percent of balance due by week seven. Remaining balance due by week 14. *(Example for one class: \$75 due at enrollment [if registration needs to be paid, just \$25 if enrollment for the year is paid]; then \$62.50 due by week seven, and another \$62.50 due by week 14.)*

Plan B – Full registration payment (nonrefundable) at enrollment, (if not previously paid during another semester) plus /or \$25 per class. One-third of balance due by fifth week of class. Another one-third of balance due by 10th week of class. Remaining balance due by 15th week of class. *(Example for one class: \$75 due at enrollment [if registration needs to be paid, just \$25 if enrollment for the year is paid]; then \$41.50 due by week five, and another \$41.50 due by week 10, and the remaining balance of \$42.)*

Book fees: Book fees are based upon the purchase price of the authorized book for the course. Students will purchase books through their choice of vendors available online or in stores.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

At TVT Seminary, we seek to develop an intentional Christian community of Kingdom-minded, Jesus-focused men and women who are committed to demonstrating biblical qualities of honor, unity, peace, grace, and integrity in all we do (**1 Timothy 4:12-16**). To support such health within our community, TVT Seminary maintains certain standards, policies, and procedures, which are provided in this Student Handbook and serve to develop a culture in which students can grow in maturity, wisdom, and knowledge. Our standards reflect our biblical beliefs. Enrolled students have voluntarily agreed to be a part of this accountable community. As such, all students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the standards in this Student Handbook, which serves as a covenant between members of our Seminary community.

HANDBOOK REVISIONS

TVT Seminary reserves the right to modify or cancel any statement, policy, or practice in this Handbook at any time, however communicated, and such changes may not be immediately reflected in this publication.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor at the time of registration. Academic Advisors assist students in planning a course of study for each semester. Advisors should be consulted with all questions regarding schedule changes, program requirements, adding/dropping a class, etc. Students are encouraged to initiate connection and work closely with their Advisors to assure academic success.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty is any act that compromises the integrity of the educational process, including cheating, fabrication, and plagiarism. TVT Seminary considers any kind of dishonesty a serious violation of both biblical and seminary standards.

Penalties for academic dishonesty may be handled by the professor and in cooperation with the Academic Dean. Dishonesty can have implications in grading, graduation, and continued enrollment. Once a student has been disciplined, if the student desires, an appeal may be requested before the President of the Seminary.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students who fail to meet the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 will be placed on academic probation.

Students who fail to achieve the required academic standards over a period of two consecutive semesters will be asked to withdraw for a minimum of one semester before they will be allowed to continue in their academic program.

ATTENDANCE

Students cannot miss more than four classes during a 16-week semester; however, individual professors are free to adjust attendance standards, and class expectations will be defined in the syllabus for each course.

CHILD CARE

TVT Seminary does not provide childcare. Underage children are not allowed to sit in the class. Please arrange to have someone watch your kids if you are attending on-campus.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All tuition, fees, room/board charges are due and payable at registration. Students without sufficient funds may request a deferred payment plan; however, a portion of the balance, as determined by Student Accounts, must be paid by the first day of classes. Subsequent payments are due on the dates designated by Student Accounts for the student's payment plan. Students cannot attend classes without either paying their balance or setting up a payment plan. A fee is added to the student's account for deferred payment plans. Students are expected to make payments on time and pay all fees. Those who fail to do so may be suspended from school.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office oversees the billing and receipt of payment for tuition, fees, campus housing, meal plans, etc. A summary of related information is provided below. Please consult with the Student Accounts office for further info.

UNPAID BALANCES

After the last day of classes, any student with an unpaid balance on their Student Account may be ineligible to register for a future semester. All students in such situations should immediately consult with the Student Accounts Manager for options.