# Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College



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To God Be The Glory

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### MISSION STATEMENT

### **Purpose**

The Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College is an English-speaking theological institution.

It exists to prepare, equip, and train people for Christian gospel ministries. The emphasis is on pastoral training, in the Reformed Baptist tradition.

#### **Aim**

To provide relevant and meaningful teaching, to equip students to minister effectively and competently in this present secular age.

### History

Since 1927 hundreds of graduates of The Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College have entered Christian service.

Our alumni serve the Lord across Canada with churches of the Sovereign Grace Fellowship, the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, various Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Ethiopian, and Hispanic churches in Canada, other Baptist churches across Canada and the USA, and throughout the world in more than thirty countries.

#### Access to all

No student based on race, colour, or nationality shall be denied access to the teaching and training that the Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College provides.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

### **Importance** of Student Handbook

The Student Handbook is an important document reflecting the academic and moral standards of the student body. All students should read this carefully to become familiar with the information in this handbook and understand the expectations for academic requirements and conduct at the school.

### Warning

This Student Handbook is a statement of policies of the Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College, which relate to campus life and academic procedures.

All students who have been accepted for admission to the Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College must familiarize themselves with the policies contained in this Student Handbook.

All students further accept that failure to abide by these policies will result in discipline and if necessary, in the opinion of the seminary authorities, dismissal from the seminary.

### Changes

The seminary reserves the right to make alterations to its policies without prior notice in accordance with the seminary's needs.

### Basis of our conduct

God expects those who have been given the trust to prove faithful. In the course of our program here we have been entrusted with resources and facilities provided through the sacrificial giving of many donors over many decades. May God find us faithful in our care of each item!

Remember the words spoken by Jesus in the parable of the talents, "You have been faithful over a few things, I will give you charge over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord." (Matthew 25:23)

### LIFESTYLE MATTERS

#### Introduction

When a student registers with the seminary, he/she agrees to obey its regulations and to be loval to its purpose.

#### **Expectation**

Each student must maintain a consistent Christian life during the entire course, and show due qualification for graduation. Each student is required to be faithful to a local church while

in studies.

### Community living

Students must strive to live together in a harmony that exemplifies the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).

### Individual accountability

Each student should be aware of the personal accountability they have for their actions and attitudes. The conduct of individuals is not a private matter but affects the rest of the TBS community (Romans 14:12).

# to God

**Accountability** Most importantly everyone at TBS has accountability before God, who sees and knows all things, even our hearts (Matthew 12:36, 1 Samuel 16:7).

### Attitude to one another

Students ought to express an attitude of servanthood toward others. Since this community is made up of sinners, it is essential that everyone should seek to follow the model of forgiveness which is exemplified in our Saviour Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:32).

Love for one another, with a readiness to forgive sin, pursue reconciliation, and restoration ought to characterize the relationships at TBS (1 John 4:7-21; Colossians 3:13).

### Attitude to those in authority

A submissive attitude toward persons in positions of authority (administrator, professor, principal, etc.) ought to characterize the TBS student (Hebrews 13:17).

All interactions between students and TBS staff, with members of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, ought to be conducted with gentleness and respect (Ephesians 4:29).

### LIFESTYLE MATTERS (continue)

### Failure to live up to this statement

Conduct unbecoming a Christian which adversely affects the biblical standards or Christian witness of the seminary may result in discipline, including suspension or dismissal from the seminary.

The maintenance of the spiritual and moral standards of the seminary shall be considered a necessary requisite for the release of transcripts, conferring academic credit, and graduation.

### Personal discernment

Students at TBS ought to exercise wisdom and discernment in the use of media and technology, music, and leisure time.

Proper consideration of the feelings of others must govern all such activities.

### **Prohibited** goods

TBS students are prohibited from possessing or accessing illegal drugs, tobacco, or pornographic material (print, internet, video, etc.).

In all that is done, there ought to be a desire to reflect the holiness which God has called us to (Romans 14:1-23; 1 Peter 1:13-16).

### **Appearance**

The seminary recognizes the freedom of each student to develop personal standards under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. However, since people in the community already recognize students at the seminary as Christian leaders, certain exemplary standards of conduct and appearance are to govern the student body (Romans 14:21–22).

The appearance of seminary students is expected to reflect modesty and discretion. An unkempt appearance is not acceptable.

### LIFESTYLE MATTERS (continue)

### Involvement in a local church

We believe that since all Christians should be part of a local body of believers, you should commit yourself to a church that you will fully support during your time as a student.

### **Prayer** meetings

All students are strongly encouraged to attend prayer meetings. TBS students are about a spiritual business, but it is easy to neglect this amid the pressure of work. Patterns are being set for life, and it is essential that our spiritual needs are cared for.

All students should be sure that they attend a weekly church prayer meeting.

### Residence prayer meetings

For those living in residence, attendance at a regular weekly prayer meeting with those in your house is recommended.

Student prayer meetings will take place in the student lounge located in the seminary basement. The dates and times of these prayer times will be announced at the beginning of the year.

### Chapel services time

These are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:20 am - 12:00 pm. During this time the students and teachers enjoy a period of worship, spiritual encouragement, meditation, and inspiration.

### Chapel attendance

All full-time and part-time students are highly encouraged to attend the chapel services each week.

### **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **Business** office

The business office is located on the main floor of the seminary building. The office staff is available to help the students in academic affairs and practical matters.

Students are strongly encouraged to book an appointment by e-mail or through the phone. Regarding students' records or official transcripts, students are asked to allow sufficient time for processing requests.

#### Office hours

Please adhere to the following business hours unless there is an emergency.

Day	АМ	PM
Monday	9:30 - 12:00	1:00 - 4:30
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	9:30 - 11:00	1:00 - 4:30
Friday	9:30 - 12:00	1:00 - 4:30

### **Director of** Student Affairs:

### Mrs. Deborah Michaud

- Residential matters (residences, kitchen, parking, keys, medical assistance, etc.)
- Legal matters (health insurance, visa, employment, etc.)
- Tuition fees
- Oversees international students
- Provides support to international students

Contact: deborah.michaud@tbs.edu or (416) 925-3263

Appointments should be made in advance.

### Registrar & **Director of** Admissions: **Gang Wang**

- Admission
- Registration
- Course load adjustments
- Timetable
- Fieldwork
- Student grades
- Graduation
- Itineraries
- TBS promotion
- TBS website
- Computer-related issues

Contact: registrar@tbs.edu or (416)-925-3263

Appointments are to be made in advance.

### **Principal:** Prof. Kirk Wellum

- Academic Policies
- Academic Counselling
- Student Discipline

CONTACT: kirk.wellum@tbs.edu or (416)-925-3263

The Principal is available by appointment only.

### **President:** Dr. Glendon Thompson (Senior pastor of JSBC)

- Spiritual Counselling
- Matters related to Jarvis Street Baptist Church (JSBC)

CONTACT: glendon.thompson@tbs.edu or (416)-925-3261

The pastor is available on Tuesdays. Please book an appointment with the church Secretary.

### Official holidays

The school also closes on the following dates (to be read in conjunction with the Academic Calendar):

- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Break
- Family Day
- Good Friday and Easter Monday (when possible due to class/exam scheduling)

### Health insurance -Canadian students

All students are required to have health insurance. Ontario residents are usually covered by OHIP, a government-sponsored plan.

Students from other provinces carry their provincial plans with them.

### Health insurance foreign students

Foreign students are required to register through the seminary office in the master group insurance plan the seminary has with Destination Travel Insurance Company Inc. This plan provides comprehensive health insurance to cover medical problems that may arise after the student enters Canada. Pregnancy and childbirth expenses will not be covered if the pregnancy occurred before the insurance coverage started.

If a student already has a comparable comprehensive health insurance plan, this will be accepted by the school provided the student signs a waiver, thereby declining the Seminary's master group insurance plan.

### Health insurance foreign student's payment

Payment in full is required at registration in September or January as part of student fees.

Upon arrival in Canada, students must report immediately to the Seminary office to work out the details of their medical coverage.

### Health insurance foreign student's deductibles

Students must personally cover the costs of any deductibles which may be charged by the insurance company on certain medical fees.

### **Employment for** foreign students

Your student visa will indicate any restrictions on your employment in Canada. Work among the churches is allowed since it is regarded as integrally related to your training. The church where you are working is responsible to look after your honorariums.

However, any payment received for this type of work is still considered earned income.

#### TBS jobs

Any paid work taken here at the seminary (doorkeepers, librarian, cooks, etc.) will require a student to have a social insurance number, even foreign students. To obtain a SIN you will need a letter of "offer of employment". You may have this letter written upon request to the Seminary Office once a job has been offered.

### **Paid** fieldwork honorarium

Sometimes students will be offered fieldwork at area churches that are willing to pay an honorarium. Please be advised that any payment received for fieldwork is considered earned income by the Government of Canada and as such must be declared on your Canadian income tax return. Even if the church sends the money directly to the seminary to help pay a student's fees, it is still considered earned income and the student is under obligation to declare it as such on their income tax return and has taxes deducted from the payments.

### Payment of fees by a third party

If a third party wishes to pay a portion of your fees, please be advised that no portion of that fee payment is eligible to receive a tax-deductible receipt. As a charity, the seminary is not legally able to give tax-deductible receipts for monies received if they are directed to a particular student. We can receipt money if given to a general bursary fund, but then the giver would be unable to specify which student the money is to be given to.

#### **Fees**

Toronto Baptist Seminary's tuition fees are due in full at registration at the beginning of each semester:

- \$266.00 (undergraduate and graduate levels) per semester hour
- Auditing is normally \$220.00.
- Interest will be calculated on overdue balances at the end of each month.

### Bursary

Bursaries (SIN number needed) are very limited and are only available if funds exist. First-year students are not eligible for any bursaries.

Tuition
refunds –
Fall & Winter
semester

1st – 2nd week A full refund of fees

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> week 50%

After 4th week No refund

No refund is given when withdrawing after the 4th week of the course.

An Add/Drop Course Form (https://tbs.edu/currentstudents/student-forms/) must be filled out and signed by the Professor and Registrar.

### **Tuition** refunds -J-term and Intensive

There is no refund after the first day of classes.

### Fee refunds administration

- There must be written notification of withdrawal from a course.
- If a course is dropped after the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the course, a notation of W (withdraw) or I (incomplete) will be written on the records.
- All other fees (non-tuition) are not refundable or transferable after the first day of classes.

### STUDENT COUNCIL MATTERS

#### **Election**

The students have their own organization, elect officers and regulate their own activities under faculty guidance. Before the end of the second term, the students elect the president of the Council for the following year.

### Purpose spiritual discipline

This is accomplished primarily by organizing prayer meetings where the students can lift up one another in prayer. A schedule will be posted and communicated to students once finalized.

### Purpose mediation

Act as a mediator between the students and faculty. Students are encouraged to speak to council members regarding any issues of concern that should be presented to the faculty for them to discuss during their meetings.

### Purpose opportunities

To provide opportunities for students to fellowship and socialize together. The Council organizes various events for the students throughout the school year. These may include times of singing and scripture reading, sports activities, movie nights, excursions for picnics and hiking, an annual Christmas banquet and worship time, as well as other activities.

### **CAMPUS MATTERS**

### Campus Security

- Make sure all doors are locked behind you.
- Do not let anyone into the buildings that you do not know. Direct them to the church office.
- Valuables left in residences are at the owner's risk.
- Fire and theft insurance on personal possessions is advised.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended in and around the church or seminary buildings.
- It is unwise for female students to walk alone in this area of the city at night.

### Street people

For the safety and security of the residence and seminary property, students should use wisdom and discretion and possibly give only small change (25 cents) if you have it, to street people who are sober and ask you for help. Please do not admit them to the buildings at any time for any reason.

A list of agencies skilled and equipped to deal with street people is posted in each house and office. In particular, it is recommended that those in need be referred to the Christian Community Centre on Gerrard Street E. near Parliament St.

### Access to the church building for students

The Horticultural entrance is open

Weekdays between 6:30 am and 6:00 pm.

The Parking Lot entrance is open with Security personnel

- Weeknights for class and evening Library hours
- Saturdays during scheduled library and class hours.

### Access to the church office

Enter the church building via the Horticultural entrance. The church office is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Students who have a business to transact in the Church Office should observe these hours.

### Seminary building

Access to the classrooms and recreational and social areas of the seminary building is between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm. Students are not permitted to use the building except during these hours.

### **Keys**

Everyone enrolled in a program will receive a key that will open both the seminary building and the JSBC Horticultural door, which will give access to various rooms in the church.

### **CAMPUS MATTERS (continue)**

### Classroom location

Classrooms are located in both seminary and church buildings.

- Class Room #1 Seminary, 1st floor
- Class Room #2 Seminary, 2nd floor
- Greenway Chapel Church, 1st floor

### Student Center facilities

Situated in the basement of the Seminary building is the TBS Student Center. There is a:

- lounge
- a fitness room

### Student Center times

The Student Center is open between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm for use by students and faculty of TBS.

### **Parking** permit

Since there is a scarcity of parking on campus, students with a vehicle are required to obtain a parking permit from the Seminary Office, and to leave their set of keys on the bulletin board outside of the Administrator's door. Off-campus students are encouraged to use public transportation or a car-pool. Failure to secure a parking permit may result in your car being towed.

### **Parking** procedure

- Permission must be received and a parking tag issued to you and displayed on the dash before you can park here in the lot.
- Each time you park, you must drop off your key in the office.
- There are reserved spots (marked, including Spot Hero) please do not park in these during specified hours or you will be towed.

### **Parking** manners

- Please do not leave spaces
- Students in residence are to keep their vehicles against the north fence near the residences.
- To facilitate snow removal in the winter students who park overnight must park in rows one behind the other close to the residences. This gives the snow removal person room enough to maneuver his equipment in the parking lot.
- Residence students attending church elsewhere should remove their vehicles before 9:30 am on Sunday or be sure they are parked against the fence.
- If parking here for a night class please park closest to the residence.

### **CAMPUS MATTERS** (continue)

#### Internet fees

Residence students who wish to use the internet facilities must pay a user fee. This includes internet wireless connection and hardwired connection in the houses.

All students enrolled in a program will be charged \$15 per semester on their account for Wi-Fi usage.

### Student Identification Card

All students, faculty, and staff are issued an ID Card in the Populi account. This card may be requested when using the Campus facilities for verification of identity and will be required to sign out books from the Library.

### On leaving

When leaving a room (church, seminary, residence), close windows and turn out lights. This applies also on weekends and end of semesters.

#### Retreat

In the Fall, after registration, students and staff join together for an Orientation Retreat. Times of worship, fellowship, and testimony are included in the sessions. First-year students share testimonies of God's grace and leading. The spiritual "tone" for the year is often set in times of praise, worship, prayer, and instruction. Attendance is mandatory for full-time students and should be viewed as a time of edification, consecration, and refreshment.

#### **Bookstore**

Textbooks may be purchased from the Bookstore located in the Concourse of Jarvis Street Baptist Church on a first-come-firstserved basis. Textbook stock will not be replenished once it is sold for the semester. Contact Mrs. Michaud if you need to purchase books from the Bookstore.

### **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

#### Orientation

During the week that begins with the first Monday of September, members of the faculty and all new and returning students gather on Tuesday to welcome new students to seminary life.

Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Tuesday afternoon (1:30 - 4:00 pm) and Wednesday morning (9:30 noon) are devoted to registration & student interviews. Classes commence on the following Monday.

### **Convocation &** Graduation

All students registered at the seminary (except for correspondence students) are required to attend both the Fall Convocation and the Spring Graduation.

### **Academic** probation, warning, and expulsion

The school reserves the right to take disciplinary action in case of violation of its policies which are stipulated in the Student Handbook.

Various disciplinary actions may be imposed upon any student found responsible for violating the school's policies:

- Probation (under certain conditions that will be specified by the Principal)
- Warning (in writing)
- Expulsion (investigation and meeting with the student should have previously taken place)

A copy of any disciplinary action will be recorded in the student's file.

### Correspondence - correct address

Every student (full-time, part-time, or special) is responsible to provide accurate contact information to the school. Any change of address is to be given to the Registrar's Office in writing and/or changed on the student management system.

### Correspondence - official method

Email is the method the Seminary uses to communicate with students. Students are expected to read and check their emails regularly. A full box or incorrect address is not an acceptable excuse for missed communication.

There are also student mailboxes in the basement of the Seminary building. It is important to check there for returned assignments and other correspondence.

### Graduation requirements

Degrees and diplomas are granted to those:

- who have the required entrance qualifications and successfully complete the designated course of study
- who are deemed worthy by the Senate and Trustees in the matter of Christian character, attitude, testimony, practical service, and achievement.
- Students must complete the credits required for their programs with an overall average of at least 60%.

### Issues of doctrine

The seminary welcomes into its programs believers from all evangelical denominations and does not require full harmony with the Baptist Distinctive as specified in sections IX and X of the doctrinal statement to be eligible for graduation. (See https://tbs.edu/about/doctrinal-statement/).

### **Grievance** procedure

If there are any complaints, grievances, or disputes between faculty and students. The student should address in person the faculty member involved and seek to resolve the concern. If the student is unsatisfied with the solution proposed, the principal may be asked to intervene. A student may present his/her concern in a written format addressed to the faculty. After being reviewed by the faculty, the decision of the faculty will be communicated to the student and the faculty's decision will be included in the student's file. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of those involved, an appeal can be made to the Board of Trustees.

### **Students** records

Student records are kept by the Registrar's Office. All grade reports, transcripts, and fieldwork reports are included and kept securely. Students may arrange an appointment with the Registrar to review their academic progress in their program.

### **Academic Progress** Reporting

In January and May each year you may log in to your student data management system account to see your marks. Please email the Registrar with any errors or omissions, who will then follow up with the professors involved.

### **Transcripts** of credits

The fee set for each request for transcripts is \$10.00 for the first copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy. The seminary policy is to send the transcript directly to the educational institution concerned.

No transcripts will be issued if there are any outstanding fees. The seminary must be notified a week in advance of the time you need the transcripts supplied.

### **Absent** from class penalty

For each absence from class, 2% per class may be deducted from the class mark of the absentee, unless a satisfactory reason is given to the instructor at the lecture immediately following the ones missed.

For example, if a student misses a three-hour block they will have 6% of the final grade deducted. If more than 6 hours are missed without a viable excuse, students will receive a failing grade.

### test penalty

**Absent for a** If a student is absent from class when a test is given and has no satisfactory reason to offer for his or her absence, the credit for the test will be zero.

> In the case of one whose reason for absence has been accepted, it will be left to the instructor as to whether another test will be given. Otherwise, the class mark will be averaged without that test mark.

### Absent for an examination - penalty

Students who are absent from the regular examination will not be allowed to write at a subsequent time unless they can give a satisfactory reason for their absence.

- In the case of those who have not been excused, the Examination Mark will be zero.
- If due to health reasons or other extraordinary circumstances a student is unable to take an examination, he may be allowed to take a supplementary examination at the professor's discretion. Documentary evidence, such as a letter from a doctor, must be provided. The Registrar must be informed ahead of time.

**Late papers** For every late paper or major assignment

- penalty
- Up to 10% per week or a portion of a week up to 2 weeks will be deducted from the grade of that assignment without a viable excuse.
- After 2 weeks assignments will not be received except with the professor and Registrar's approval.

### Late submission - penalty

- All work for a grade must be submitted no later than 5 pm on the last day of exams for the semester in which the work has been assigned.
- Permission must be granted before the last day of classes from your professor and the Registrar to submit any work beyond the last day of exams.
- Late submission of assignments may be classified as a "supplementary paper" and there may be a charge of \$50.00.

### **TBS Style** Sheet

All assignments should be written according to the TBS Style Sheet. A copy of the TBS Style Sheet is available on the Seminary website.

### Plagiarism what is it?

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the ideas or words of another as your own. Each student is responsible to see that all work submitted under his/her name is indeed his/her own work. If you represent the work of others as your own, you are being dishonest and your work is academically worthless. After you have digested and evaluated the thoughts of others. you should aim to develop and present your own thinking and ideas.

### Plagiarism working together

Students are not allowed to cooperate in the preparation of papers, take-home tests, or examinations in which the questions are distributed beforehand without the explicit permission of the instructor.

When such permission is given, students must not prepare common papers or test answers unless the instructor explicitly permits this.

### **Plagiarism** - stiff penalty

- Plagiarism will be penalized by a mark of zero in the academic work submitted for credit.
- A supplementary paper may be written only with faculty permission.
- Repeated offence in the same course automatic failure.
- If it occurs in another course the student will face expulsion.

### **Academic Assistance**

If you need assistance with your courses, consider these 5 options:

- Speak with your professor. Professors are always willing to help and answer any questions that you may have.
- Share with someone in your class. If you are considering completing an assignment with the help of other classmates, make sure that your professor does not have any objections.
- If you have a concern related to writing papers or academic research, feel free to approach any of the professors teaching Academic Research (ResAc/ResTh) or English Grammar & Writing classes.
- Go to the library to find helpful materials and guidance from the staff there.
- Share your concerns with the Registrar or in Spiritual Mentoring groups.

#### Lectures

Attendance is mandatory for all classes. If a student arrives late due to travel delays, the student must speak to the professor after class.

### Cell phone in the classroom

Students must turn their cellular phones off during lectures. For emergency purposes, the student should ask permission to leave his cellular phone in vibration mode only.

### Length of lectures

Most courses are offered as lectures for 12 weeks each semester. A lecture is usually 50 minutes (1-hour credit).

### Visitors to lectures

Students may invite visitors to attend occasional lectures only if they have obtained consent from the professor and Registrar.

### Recording permission

For those students taking a course for credit, permission is required to record the professor's lecture. Please obtain direct permission from your professor first. Lecture content is considered "intellectual property" and some professors may not want their comments recorded. A waiver may need to be signed for recorded lectures.

### **Syllabi**

A syllabus is a course outline that provides important details on textbooks, and information on class readings, assignments, and exams. All syllabi are available on the student data management system once you register for a course. It is the student's responsibility to download the syllabus and come with a hard copy on the first day of class.

### Day classes

Day classes meet Monday to Friday (some Saturdays) and evenings.

Those who can free themselves from the necessity of parttime work are strongly advised to do so; class assignments, essays, practical work, and student activities demand all the time that the average student has outside of classroom activities. It is estimated that for each lecture hour there could be between 1.5–2.5 hours of homework.

### **Dropping/Changing** courses

Students are not allowed to register for a course after two weeks of lectures in that course unless the faculty grants an exemption.

After the first two weeks of class, students must continue in the courses in which they are registered unless they have permission from the faculty, otherwise, they will receive a withdrawal (W) or incomplete (I) notation. Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Registrar.

#### **Examinations**

There are two types of examinations: mid-term exams (usually taken during class time) and final exams. Final exams usually occur on-site during the Exam periods in December and April. Some courses have a take-home exam that is due during the exam period.

### **Examination pass**

In order to pass a course that contains an exam, students must achieve 35% or over in the exam (or supplementary exam).

#### Exam schedule

When the exam schedule is published, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that you do not have an exam conflict (two exams on the same day at the same time). If so, you have 24 hours to contact the Registrar's office. Please note that a tight exam schedule is not a reason for a change.

### Exams availability

Students are expected to be available for exams during the entire exam period. Exam schedules are posted in the last week of November (Fall), and the second week of March (Winter), and are subject to change

Do not make arrangements for end-of-term travel until the exam schedule is published and confirmed by the Registrar.

#### Classmark

The class mark is made on the basis of exercises, papers, class tests both oral and written, and other assignments given by the instructors. The weighting of the classmark varies from course to course.

#### Pass mark

The pass mark is 50% for all students. In most courses common to graduates and undergraduates, a distinction is made in what is expected of the students by different assignments and/or separate syllabi and/or distinctions in examination questions.

### Grading system

**Very Good** 80-100

Indicates that the paper is exceptional in every respect. The argument posed by the author shows an attempt to deal with the subject in an original or imaginative way.

The argument is well-developed. The essay is wellorganized and well-written with documented evidence that gives a clear indication that the writer has an excellent understanding of the subject material.

The conclusions drawn from the study show that the writer has reflected on what he/she has written and that he/she has extracted the essential observations from the research. The bibliography shows that the author has consulted a wide range of studies on the subject and that he/she has been selective in the ones he/she has used.

### Grading system

#### Good 70-79

The paper has a clear and well-developed argument. The literary style is competent and coherent. The paper is well-organized and well-documented.

The bibliography indicates a thorough reading of the source material on the subject and a balanced approach to the study of the subject.

However, the paper may contain minor flaws or factual errors that prevent it from being an exceptional paper.

### Grading system

### Adequate 60-69

The paper does have a good argument but it is not completely developed. The organization of the paper shows that the author has given some thought to the ordering of his material. The literary style is acceptable and coherent.

There are, however, minor errors in style, grammar, and spelling. The paper is documented with an adequate bibliography.

### Grading system

### Marginal Pass 50-59

The paper does not have a clear argument; neither is the paper well-organized nor well-written. There may also be some stylistic, grammatical, and spelling errors.

The paper is documented but the sources consulted are limited in scope and in all probability much too general for a thorough understanding of the essay topic.

A "Marginal Pass" paper is considered to be a barely adequate paper.

### Grading system

The following types of papers are given a "Failure" Grade:

### Failure 1-49

- Papers consist of little more than a series of facts or quotes without any attempt at interpretation.
- Papers are based on a single source (depending on the kind of essay).

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Students enrolled in full-time studies (3 courses or more per term) are permitted to arrange with the Registrar's office to audit one additional course per term at no additional charge. 2 courses per academic year may be audited, however no more than 1 course per term.

Other students interested in auditing must be registered and pay the auditing fee.

Spouses of full-time students may audit courses at no charge. Full registration is required for all courses.

### **Supplementary** examinations required marks

Supplementary examinations may be written in which the student fails the course but achieves at least 60% in the class mark.

### **Supplementary Examinations** (SE) – mark adjustment

In this case, the mark from the supplementary examination is scaled so that only 80% of the mark will count as the final exam mark.

If permission is given to write a supplementary examination due to health reasons or other extraordinary circumstances (then there is no mark penalty.)

### SE - no final examination

If a student fails any course with no final exam and his mark is 35 or over, he may write a supplementary examination. Whatever mark he has as a final mark from the semester will count for 2/3; the supplementary examination will count for 1/3. When a course has no final exam, the professor is at liberty to add extra tests.

### SE - value

A supplementary exam replaces only the exam mark.

### SE - number of allowed

Only one supplementary examination may be written for each subject.

### SE - schedule

Students will be informed in advance of the date of the supplementary examinations.

#### SE – Fee

A charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be made for each supplementary examination or paper. This fee is payable on the day of the examination or submission of a paper.

### **Extension** Courses correspondence courses

The correspondence program is designed for those who cannot attend either the day or night classes of the Seminary. It is especially good as an introduction to Seminary work and will help Christian workers to grow spiritually, and be better equipped for service.

Full-time students may not register for correspondence courses without the permission of the Registrar. If permission is granted the correspondence course must be registered at the beginning of the semester and be completed by the end of that semester.

Further information is available online and by requesting the correspondence brochure.

### **Extension** Courses evening courses

For the benefit of the friends from local churches, each year some of the Seminary subjects are offered in evening classes. By this means, full credits may be earned to be applied to the regular courses if the Lord leads later to Seminary.

### **Extension** Courses intersession courses

Intersession courses are offered normally in January and May/June. Intersession courses are offered on a rotating basis.

Intersession courses are delivered entirely during a oneweek period where all classroom instruction is given and occasionally exams are held as well. Papers and assignments are often due after the class is finished.

### M.Div. thesis requirements

Senior Seminar is to be around 30,000 words and must conform to the TBS Style Sheet used for essays and papers.

The M.Div. thesis is currently offered in the fields of New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, and Christian Spirituality.

### M.Div. thesis time frame

- The thesis proposal contains a discussion of the intended subject, a provisional outline, a literature survey, a schedule of research and writing the thesis over the fall and winter terms of the third year, and provisional bibliography
- Must be approved by April 30 of the second year.
- The completed thesis must be submitted by March 15 of the third year.

### M.Div. thesis oral defence

An oral defence is to take place no later than April 1 of the year of graduation. The defence shall involve three readers (the supervisor, one internal to the seminary, and one external) and be chaired by the thesis supervisor.

### M.Div. thesis oral defence grading

The three readers will decide the following:

- Pass with minor typographical changes
- Provisional pass with more than minor revisions
- Fail with the possibility of a retry of the defence

A successful thesis will receive a grade no lower than a B.

The thesis is worth 6 credit hours.

Four corrected and bound (cirlox or spiral) copies (one for each of the readers and one for the seminary library) of the successful thesis are to be submitted to Registrar a month before graduation.

### Course information

For a detailed and complete list, visit the TBS website page.

### Course Cancellation

TBS reserves the right to cancel a course if there is insufficient registration. Usually, at least five students are needed for a course to be offered.

#### **Course Code**

A course code consists of up to five letters followed by three digits. For example, BibTh 203

- The first digit indicates the sequence in which the course is normally taught, '1' for the first year, etc. For a subject taught in the first and second semesters, the numbers will be 1 for the first semester and so on.
- The second digit indicates the level at which the course is taken. '0'- undergraduate and '2'graduate. If a student wants to upgrade to a graduate level, this program is assigned a 1 digit. Some courses are only taught at the graduate level but are in undergraduate programs.
- The third digit indicates the number of semester hours in the course.

### LIBRARY MATTERS

### **Online** Library

TBS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Digital Theological Library (DTL), a co-owned, digital library of electronic books, journals, and other resources, providing students taking any TBS courses for credits access to thousands of online digital resources.

This new resource will provide students with virtual access to digital copies and upgraded books of many volumes currently located in major seminaries and university libraries in the world.

DTL academic content includes:

- over 480,000 eBooks
- over 160 databases
- over 21,000 journal titles
- over 10,000,000 full-text, peer-reviewed, articles

DTL Collection Highlights (not an exhaustive list):

- Every Bible Commentary that is available digitally
- All JSTOR, ProQuest Muse & ProQuest databases in religious studies
- PyschArticles, PyschInfo, PsychoTherapy.net
- Loeb Classical Library, Naxos Music, Patrologia Latina, Philosophy Document Center
- All ebooks titles in recent religious studies from Duke, Harvard, de Gruyter, Cambridge University Press, Bloomsbury, Taylor & Francis & Albin Institute
- Major collections from Brill, Fortress, Zondervan, Eerdmans, Baker, University of Chicago, Yale, & Peeters among others.
- Non-English databases in Chinese, Korean, German, Spanish & French.
- Acquisition contracts with Gale, Wiley, Rittenhouse, Ebsco, ProQuest, Sage, Springer, and others.

Enrolled students will be provided with Login information and access instructions. The passcode is renewed annually.

### The Peter Macgregor Library

The Macgregor Library is located on the 2nd floor of the church building. The library contains a large number of reference books needed for classwork, together with commentaries, devotional works, and some books of general interest. There are also periodicals, CDs and DVDs.

Some of the courses may require the use of other libraries in Toronto.

### **Borrowing** regulations

Full and part-time TBS students registered in a program, faculty, and staff may borrow books. The total number of books in a student's possession may not exceed 6 at any one time unless special permission is given.

### Sign out length

CDs, DVDs, pamphlets, books other than theses, reference collections, and periodicals may be signed out for 2 weeks' renewable provided an item is not placed on hold for another reader.

In special circumstances, items may be signed out on a longterm loan. This may apply to students who are working on theses, senior seminars, or other long-term projects.

### Library fines

Overdue items will result in fines. The fines are as follows:

- Late item: \$1.00 per day.
- Overnight item: \$2.00 per hour overdue.
- Item removed against library procedure: \$10.00 per item.
- Fines must be paid in the Library or the seminary office.

### Sign out

To sign out an item, go to the circulation desk anytime during Library hours.

- No items may be borrowed if there are unpaid fines.
- Any lost or damaged items must be replaced, or a fine will be imposed that equals twice the current value of the book.

#### Return

Items being returned are to be brought to the Librarian's circulation desk to make sure they have been properly checked back into the system. In case the Librarian is not at the desk please leave a note with the items on the desk Note: overdue fines are automatically calculated until the items are checked back into the system. In the case of late returns, it is therefore recommended that the borrower make sure the returned items have been checked in and the fine paid for in total to avoid further penalties and a loss of library borrowing privileges.

### **Borrowers** responsibility

Once an item is in the borrower's possession, the borrower is responsible for it until it is returned to the library. Damaged items will be assessed by the Librarian and the borrower will be notified of the cost of the repair. The replacement cost for a lost item is equivalent to twice the item's current value. It is thus recommended that items not be exchanged between students but rather be returned to the library first.

#### For friends

Books may not be borrowed for friends who are not students/ faculty of the seminary.

### Not to be removed

- Reference books must not be removed from the library at any time. Reference books have an "R" or "REF" before or after the call number on the spine of the book.
- Reference books may be taken out of the main library to the Great Room or the Journal room adjacent to the library provided the user signs the reference item out on a form provided at the Librarian's desk. Once done, the user must return the item and check in with the Librarian
- Periodicals may not be removed from the library unless permission is given under special circumstances such as a requirement for theses or senior seminar research.
- Items in the "processing stage" and on display on the new acquisition stand may not be borrowed.
- Items are not to be taken out of the province or the country unless permission is given by the faculty.

### Overnight loan

Items placed on reserve by the professors may be signed out for overnight loan:

- Monday to Friday: 4:00 pm and must be returned when the Library opens the next morning.
- Saturday at 3:00 pm and must be returned when the Library opens on Monday morning.

Overnight loan items have a blue dot on the spine and a blue borrower card inside. They must be signed out at the circulation desk.

#### Cubicles

Three numbered cubicles in the library are reserved for students in master-level studies. When not reserved, they are available for general use. For information about reserving cubicles ask the Librarian. Cubicles are reserved at the beginning of each semester on a first come first served basis, provided the applicant meets all of the qualifications stipulated.

Note: No student may use a cubicle without authorization from the Librarian. Occasional users must agree to vacate when the person who has reserved the cubicle returns.

# cost

**Photocopier** Each photocopy costs 10 cents whether or not it is a good copy, even if you use your own paper. When the librarian is in the library, pay at the circulation desk, otherwise use the moneybox.

> If the copier is out of paper or out of order, contact the Librarian or the TBS Administration Office.

Please note: Students are not to load paper themselves.

### **Photocopy** use

Homework may not be printed in the library. There is a printer for this purpose in the basement of the Seminary

### **External** users

Any person who is not a student of TBS and wishes to use the library regularly or occasionally must first obtain faculty approval and then pay a fee of \$50.00 per year to the Seminary Administrator to use the library. The academic year is from September to May.

An external user is subject to all the library rules listed here. No borrowing privileges will be allowed. An external user must show his/her library card to the church office staff before proceeding upstairs and must check in with the office staff before leaving.

### **Extension** students

Extension students may only borrow up to 3 books at any one time.

### Periodical room

Periodicals (theological journals, magazines, etc.) are found either in the Library for the most recent issues or in the Journal Room for back issues.

### Secondary collection

Some old, rare, and delicate books are kept in the Secondary collection (S) separate from the Main collection (M). Students do not have access to the room but may place a request by signing a request form at the circulation desk. Please allow a minimum of 24 hours to process the request. Please note that a request might be rejected depending on the condition of the item requested. The secondary collection books have an orange borrower card inside.

### Computer workstations

The library has some computers (LIB1 & LIB2 & LIB3) at the student's disposal for research of the Library catalog, and online resources (Bible Works, Galaxie Theological Journals, DTL2, etc.) These resources online and other electronic resources can be accessed from LIB1 & LIB2 & LIB3.

LIB3 is however reserved for general use with a priority being given to those students who do not have personal computers and need to do their homework in the Library.

### Computer workstations policy

- The workstations are to be used for academic purposes only (no e-mails, no games, no chat rooms, no instant messenger programs are permitted).
- There is a one-hour time limit per workstation.
- Catalog searching takes precedence over other forms of research.
- When no TBS students are waiting to use a computer, workstations may be used by other library users (alumni, pastors, researchers) for research purposes only. When a TBS student is waiting to use a computer, one must vacate the computer immediately.

### Internet Connection

The Wi-Fi connection in the school is for those who have paid the Internet fee. The password must not be given to other students or friends.

#### Hands-off

It is forbidden to reboot the computers or routers in the library. If you have trouble connecting speak to the Librarian.

### **Workstations** printing

It is possible to print web pages, word processor documents, and PDF files from the workstations.

Printing costs are 10 cents per page.

### Library catalogs

Book searches can be done through:

- The electronic catalog: complete holdings are accessible through LIB1 and LIB2 and LIB3 workstations.
- The computer lists a catalog of new items: by author, by title, by subject, by barcode, by call number, etc.
- The old card file system: up to 1991
- Bible Works
- Libronix (Digital collection of theological periodicals)

If you have no success, then it is not in our library

### **Photocopy** policy

This service must be used legally, according to the copyright regulations posted on the library board.

Under the TBS licence agreement, only up to 10% of a published work or a whole chapter of a book as long as the chapter does not comprise more than 20% of the book can be photocopied. More information and regulations about photocopying rules can be found in the ScanCopy Document.

### Caring for the books

- Remove books from the shelf by firmly grasping them on both sides of the covers. Never pull a volume off the shelf by grabbing the spine.
- Don't "crack" the spine of a book open please, just use both hands to hold it open.
- · Marking, highlighting, and folding pages can ruin a book.
- Take great care not to damage the back of a book when photocopying from it. Some books may not be photocopied because they are already too fragile. Any person found abusing this rule may be asked to purchase the book at its full value.

### Replacing books

Please do not re-shelve items which you have removed from the shelves even if you think you know their location. These items are to be left on the return cart. A misplaced item is a lost item.

### Security

Do not leave your belongings lying unattended at the tables.

### **UofT** Libraries catalog database

The TBS library provides a computer with a modem connection to the University of Toronto library database. This gives access to a catalog of over 7,000,000 books.

### **UofT** Libraries ordinary access

The University of Toronto Library has over 40 libraries, including the Toronto School of Theology (TST) Libraries: Emmanuel, Knox, St. Michael's, Trinity, and Wycliffe. Emmanuel, Knox, and St. Michael's College Libraries allow the borrowing of books by extramural readers. The cost of the library card varies.

All the other libraries require a library card from the Robarts Library if you wish to borrow books.

### **UofT Libraries** research reader

Only a student enrolled in a graduate program can apply for research reader membership. This library card gives you access to most of the libraries on campus. For details on the service and use policy of the U of T libraries please visit the **membership** main website (http://main.library.utoronto.ca).

### Library **Etiquette**

TBS library is a place for study and research. All users are expected to follow the codes of behaviour listed below:

- To respect others using the library by minimizing noise and conversation.
- To respect the books. Many older books can no longer be replaced.
- Do not leave items on tables. Place items on the return cart.
- To sign out books before removing them from the library.
- To return books to the library on time.
- To show integrity by paying your fines.
- Any conversation on a cell phone should be held in a private area other than in the library.
- The phone in the library is not for public use.
- Food and drink can damage books and equipment. Please refrain from eating and drinking in the library as well as the journal room.
- Please do not move the furniture around. If for any reason you move the furniture please return it to its original position.
- Do not steal. Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.

#### Admission

No unauthorized people are allowed into the Library or allowed to use the computers.

### Library hours

DAYS	AM	PM
Monday	9:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 9:00
Tuesday	9:00 - 11:00	1:00 - 9:00
Wednesday	9:00 - 11:00	1:00 - 9:00
Thursday	9:00 - 11:00	1:00 - 9:00
Friday	9:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	

**Note**: Library hours are subject to staffing. The library will also be closed during chapel and lunch and dinner if there is no supervision available.

### **MEAL MATTERS**

#### Dining services

The Seminary Kitchen provides meals for students during the academic year at a reasonable cost.

- All those living in residence are required to purchase the full meal plan.
- Students not taking TBS day classes must purchase a minimum of a half-meal plan.
- Students not living in residence, faculty, staff, and visitors may purchase lunch and dinner Monday through Friday on a casual per-meal basis, or individual meal plans.

### Seminary cook

The Seminary Cook works under the supervision of the Seminary Office.

Any suggestions or concerns regarding the seminary kitchen should, therefore, be directed to the Seminary Office.

#### Mealtimes

Meals are provided from Monday to Friday. The kitchen is not open except at the times specified below:

**Breakfast** 7:15 - 9:00 am (those on meal plan prepare their

own food set out by the cook)

Lunch 12:15 - 1:00 pm

Supper 5:15 - 6:00 pm

### **Holidays**

Meals are not provided on Canadian statutory holidays, during the Christmas recess, Intercession courses, or after Graduation day.

#### Weekends

On Saturdays and Sundays, students are responsible for their own meals, which may be prepared and eaten in residence, or purchased at restaurants

On Saturdays, students may eat leftovers that may or may not be available, provided by the Seminary Cook.

### **MEAL MATTERS** (continue)

Missing a meal - illness	If students are sick and unable to eat their meals in the dining room, arrangements must be made with the Seminary Cook to provide meals for them.			
Meal	There are 3 ways of paying for meals:			
	Full meal plan For students in residence.			lence.
	Half meal plans For students not in day classes at TBS.		lay classes at TBS.	
	Day plan  If a student knows they will be eating meals on particular days for the whole semester, substantial saving may be gained by purchasing semester-long plans for the specified days. The days must be specified when the plan is purchased. A meal plan for one day cannot be switched to another day without the prior agreement of the cook.		or the whole semester, a may be gained by r-long plans for the days must be specified schased. A meal plan for switched to another day	
Meal prices			Lunch	Supper
	Casual (one meal	l)	\$7.00	\$9.00
	Day plan (one me	eal)	\$80.00	\$90.00
Start of meal plans	The meal plan starts on <b>September 12, 2022</b> , if possible.			
Arrival time for meals	Students and staff must arrive within 10 minutes of the stated meal starting times to be sure of receiving a meal.			
Refrigerator and walk-in fridge	At no time may students eat food taken from the kitchen refrigerator that has not been set out by the cook for that meal. The walk-in refrigerator is off-limits unless permission is given.			
Taking from the kitchen	At no time may students remove food, kitchen utensils, or equipment from the kitchen.			

### RESIDENTIAL MATTERS

### Residence supervision

All use of the seminary residences is under the supervision of the Seminary Office.

### Residential living positives

Living in student residences provides several advantages.

- Costs are less.
- Traveling time is eliminated.
- Fellowship among students is facilitated and lifelong friendships often develop.
- Learning to live with others in a community may be a challenge, but it always contributes to character development - "Iron sharpens iron." However, living in close quarters has the potential for creating tension. Students, therefore, are encouraged to be sensitive to the comforts of others.

### Residential living disputes

If students experience difficulties between themselves, they are reminded that this is a test of their spiritual maturity. If they cannot handle problems in residence in a godly way, how will they cope in a church? They should apply Matthew 18:15-20 before telling the matter to others. If these steps fail, bring the matter to the Seminary Office.

### **Non-TBS** students

Students living in residence must be enrolled in post-secondary education and be a follower of Christ. TBS Christian Lifestyle Statement needs to be signed. An application process is in place.

### Housing agreement

You will also be required to sign a housing contract and lifestyle statement. In signing the contract, you are agreeing to rent the room for a minimum of eight months (or previously agreed upon timeframe). If you move out before the eight months are up, you will lose your deposit and be required to pay 25% of the remaining rent to break the contract. In signing the lifestyle statement, you are agreeing to abide by the code of conduct as stated. If you are found to be in violation, your housing contract may be revoked and you may be asked to leave the residence.

### **RESIDENTIAL MATTERS (continue)**

### Mail Service

Personal mail of residential students is usually directly delivered to their houses, by Canada Post. The Seminary does not provide an outgoing mail pick-up service. There is a mailbox across from the seminary building on Jarvis Street in which you may deposit outgoing mail. For other postal services, there is a Post Office located at 465 Yonge St. and 10 Dundas Street both located within Shoppers Drug Mart stores about 15 minutes walking distance from the seminary.

A mailbox is also provided in the Seminary basement for mail that may come to the Seminary address

### **Forwarding** mail

Students who want personal mail to be forwarded to their home addresses during winter and summer breaks will have to notify the administration. A fee will be charged.

### Arrival and room assignment

Students may come into residence up to five days before orientation without extra charge.

### Change of plans - Fall

Students are asked to notify the Seminary Office immediately if during the summer months they change their plans for fall residency.

### **Departure** end of the semester

When vacating the residence, thorough cleaning must be done in the room where you were staying. Your residence deposit will be forfeited in the event your room is not cleaned; your belongings must be completely packed up and removed from the residence. Any belongings left in the residence after you have moved out will be considered unwanted and will be discarded as seen fit.

### **Vacation** reservation

Students who wish to stay in the residence during summer break need to ask permission before the last day of class.

### Care of facilities personal

Students are expected to wash their own linens, keep their rooms clean and tidy, and empty the wastebaskets.

Inspections may take place periodically. Students must report any damage or items needing repair.

### RESIDENTIAL MATTERS (continue)

### **Bedroom furniture**

All bedrooms are adequately furnished, including bookshelves. Furniture or curtains or fixtures are not to be removed from rooms (or added) without specific permission from the Seminary Office.

### Bedroom linen

Students are to provide their own bed linen, towels, pillows, and blankets (overseas students excepted).

### Residence facilities

- Furnished lounge in each residence.
- The kitchen is equipped for limited use (snacks & weekends).
- Laundry washer and dryer in each basement.
- Limited storage space is available. (Basements are not suitable for storage. Please speak to the Seminary Office regarding your need for storage.)

### **Overnight** visitors

No overnight visitors in residence without permission from the Seminary Office.

### **Overnight** visitor fee

The fee for overnight visitors with permission is \$20.00.

### Visits by the opposite sex

- Women may not visit the men's bedrooms.
- Men may not visit the women's bedrooms.
- Co-ed visits are permitted in common areas only until 11:00 pm.

Please use common courtesy to govern all visits.

### Common facilities

Lounges and kitchens are for the use of all occupants in residence.

#### Keys

Students living in the residences will also receive a residential house key.

Keys are not to be loaned or duplicated.

### **Deposits**

A \$40.00 deposit per key is required from each student.

A new deposit is necessary each September. A residence deposit of \$300.00 is required as well.

### RESIDENTIAL MATTERS (continue)

Deposit return - key	At the end of the Winter semester, the deposit will be returned only if your key(s) have been returned to the Seminary Office by the end of May.
Deposit return - room	The deposit will be returned to you only if your room is left in a neat and tidy manner. An additional fee of \$50.00/hour will be charged for cleaning your room if the room is judged to be dirty. An inspection will be required before your deposit will be refunded.
Quiet Hours	Out of consideration for others, you should refrain from noise after 11:00 pm and keep noise to a minimum at other times
Telephone landline	Long-distance calls may be placed using a calling card. You are asked to limit the length and frequency of your calls. There is a cost of *69 calls. This charge will be passed on to the student.
No locks	No locks are to be put on doors and closets by residents.
Bulbs for lighting	For safety reasons, no bulbs over 60 watts are allowed.
Footwear	Outdoor footwear is to be removed at doors.
Pets	Pets of any description are not allowed.
Hanging things	No nails, pins, tape, or sticky tack are to be used on walls. No nails or pins on woodwork or furnishings.
Children at residence	Parents of children in residence are asked to keep their children from disturbing others.
Snow removal	Students are responsible for shoveling the snow from the sidewalk, stairways, and public sidewalks and scattering salt to prevent ice build-up.
Garbage collection	Students are responsible to put the garbage and recycling out on the designated days according to the Toronto City waste collection calendar. Fines from the City of Toronto due to failure to sort garbage as per the rules of the City will be charged to each student in Residence.