

GRADING SYSTEM

A student is to be evaluated comprehensively related to the knowledge acquired in each course. A part of the learning process is for a student to understand the level of success or deficiency which he/she has achieved as a result of the evaluation process. The system of grading and the grade points for each level are:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
A (90– 100)	4
B (80– 89)	3
C (70-79)	2
D (60-69)	1
F (Below 60)	0
I Incomplete	
WP Withdrawal Not Computed	
WF Withdrawal Failing	

STUDENT PRIVACY RIGHTS

ACCS fully complies with the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Buckley Amendment)* which protects the privacy of the educational records, establishes the right of students to inspect these records and provides guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal hearings. Student records include financial accounts and financial aid records, evaluations and grades.

CERTIFICATE OF URBAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROGRAM

The Certificate Program is designed for students who want to develop a foundation for Urban Christian service or further postsecondary study. Hours earned may also be applied toward a Bachelor degree.

Admission Requirements:

- (a) Each student must be a high school graduate with a 2.5 grade point average or have a G.E.D. or
- (b) Meet the criteria for Provisional status per President.

Certificate in Urban Religious Studies, requires 24 semester hours in Bible and 3 semester hours of electives.

BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Arts Program is designed for students who want to develop a foundation for Urban Christian service and graduate study. It may be completed in three areas of study.

Admission Requirements: Same as Certificate.

General Education Requirements: 36 semester hours are required. A student must either have transfer hours for the courses in the General Education area, or these courses must be completed with ACCS.

1. Bachelor of Arts in Urban Religious Studies : In addition to the 36 hours General Education requirements, 12 hours in Old Testament, 12 hours in New Testament, 12 hours in Doctrine, Urban Theology and History, 12 hours in Urban Pastoral Ministries and 39 hours of electives are required.
2. Bachelor of Arts in Urban Christian Counseling: In addition to the 36 hours General Education requirements, 30 hours in Christian Counseling, 18 Bible-related hours and 39 hours of electives are required. *#Note: The Urban Christian Counseling degree program or its individual courses alone are not designed to qualify the student for counseling licensure in specific states. Each state establishes its own requirements. A student interested in seeking licensure should check with his/her state licensing agency to obtain information regarding its requirements.*

UNDERGRADUATE

PROGRAM

Bachelor

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts

Doctor of Philosophy

MINI-CATALOG

2009-2010

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THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTION

Aspen Christian College and Seminary (ACCS) is an interdenominational institution of higher education which serves the educational needs of Urban and disadvantaged ministers and Christian professionals across many denominations. It is the mission of ACCS to provide programs of study with an Urban emphasis and with rigorous academic requirements which produce students who are highly informed, intellectually alert, committed to lifelong learning and who are spiritually and professionally involved within the communities in which they serve. The institution achieves this mission through its resident and nonresident, undergraduate and graduate programs of study for persons who wish to pursue quality postsecondary education in Urban ministries. The institution reserves the right to waive certain internship requirements for Urban ministers whose lifelong service as pastors, community leaders, etc. warrant approval of limited semester hours earned by our Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Regional Directors, and President's office.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Applicants seeking admission to ACCS will be considered without regard to age, gender, color, nationality, ethnic origin or physical handicap. Students who are admitted are expected to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in official publications, and will be expected to sign a Code of Conduct, Doctrinal Statement and Drug Abuse Statement at time of enrollment.

Campus and Satellite students are encouraged to contact the ACCS Admission office as early as possible in order to receive adequate help in enrollment procedures; financial arrangements need to be made with the Business Office regarding payment of tuition and fees. Admissions counselors will assist the student in choosing appropriate courses of study.

Provisions are being made to accommodate applicants and students at our web site:
www.aspenchristiancollege.org.

Official transcripts must be sent to the Office of the Registrar from the appropriate institution to ACCS before credits can be accepted.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Arts:

The Master of Arts Program is designed for the student who wishes to gain an understanding and appreciation of the biblical, historical, theological and applied facets of the Christian faith. It meets the needs of those who have a desire to work as a Urban Pastor, Christian Education Leader, Community Director, Counselor, Church teacher, etc. The program also provides a foundation which could lead to doctoral studies.

Admission and Program Requirements for the M.A.: A student must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited institution. *#Note: Adult students with urban ministerial or other professional experiences and college credits of at least 100 semester hours may apply to be classified as a Bachelor of Arts Equivalent. Such candidates must be approved by a Regional Director, Vice President of Academic Affairs and or the President.*

Experience-Translated-to Credit-Hours(ETCH) Program.

Qualifying adult students with voluminous ministerial and professional experience may apply for special credit hours.

Internship: A student with no previous pastoral experience may arrange to be an understudy with a senior pastor or other approved professional for six months and earn additional credit hours. A maximum of 12 semester credit hours may be earned through internship. Prior approval must be obtained from a Regional Director or the Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

Thesis: The thesis topic must have prior approval by the Regional Director or the Seminary Dean.

Duration: The student must finish his program in three years or be assessed an extension fee of \$300 per year for a maximum of three extensions.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM (Ph. D)

The Doctor of Philosophy is an advanced professional degree. The student will develop a professional paradigm which is characterized by the following elements: (a) soundly

Based on Holy Scripture, (b) theologically valid, (c) balanced Christian experience, and (d) is a reflection of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Emphasis is placed upon ministry and focuses on how biblical, theological, historical and pastoral and urban studies to have a formative impact upon urban ministries and upon pastoral practices and service.

Admission Requirements: The prospective Ph.D student hold a Master's degree or equivalent from an approved institution.

Program Requirements:

Thirty-six semester hours are required, which include 27 hours of focused study and research in addressing the following areas: the science and art of communicating the gospel; the ministry of the church, including outreach to economically and physically disadvantaged; and the biblical and theological rationale from which Urban Christian ministry proceeds.

Non-resident candidates must complete their study under the direction of a Regional Director and or Facilitator of the ACCS extension studies program. In addition to the above 27 semester hours, candidate must complete a professional project of 9 semester hours demonstrated through a practicum in the Urban community in which they serve. The results of which must be presented before the Seminary Regents and Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the Headquarters location. A candidate may obtain permission in some areas to author and have published an approved book and or dissertation paper in lieu of a professional project.

ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Campus Program allows students to attend classes during the day, evenings and Saturday mornings. Week-end Seminar sessions are also offered on campus each semester.

Distance Learning allows a student to complete his/her degree program by these available learning systems: the internet, print media, audio/VHS/DVD or digital disk.

Satellite Center Program allows qualified churches to host teaching centers for groups of students in their local community, using qualified faculty/facilitators and standard postsecondary textbooks and course syllabi.

TUITION RATES

(per semester hour– January 1, 2004-January 1, 2005)

Undergraduate	\$50	\$150 per course + materials/books
Master's	\$60	\$180 per course + materials/books
Doctoral	\$80	\$240 per course + materials/books
Audit	\$10 per session,	plus cost of materials/books optional

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

All students must pay the initial non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 along with their enrollment forms before receiving an acceptance letter from the Vice-President of Academic Affairs or President's office. The following items listed below must also be submitted with enrollment forms:

1. Copy of high school diploma, GED, or equivalent(except for ETCH)
2. Transcripts from all prior colleges/schools attended.
3. All students not paying tuition and fees with enrollment forms must full pay by the 2nd week of classes or

submit a signed Financial Agreement.

4. Official transcripts must be sent to the Office of the Registrar. These official transcripts must be in the Registrar's office before transfer credits can be accepted.
5. Off-campus or Distance/Satellite candidate students must also have a letter signed by their pastor and/or a Regional Director of Aspen.

‘DON’T MISS IT’

Aspen now has an “Internet Channel” for *Andrew the Prophet*. This new media extension is a way of greatly marketing our new *Prophecy Series*, starting with the popular texts=“Signs, Science and Symbols” of the Prophecy. Go to the website=andrewtheprophet.com and take classes online. Examine the many podcasts concerning the coming prophetic events that will effect you and world at large. So far over 100,000 people have logged on our website at this address since we introduced it beginning 2009. This course material is now required for all candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees from Aspen Christian College & Seminary. If you cannot take the course enroll at our campus or one of our satellite sites, you may enroll and take the course online. Go to our home website address at www.aspenchristiancollege.com and enroll, then go to the course site for the lesson live.

Yours in Christ,

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