



Evangelical Theological Seminary

GENERAL INFORMATION

The **Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS)** and **Post Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS)** are web-based initiatives of Evangelical Theological Seminary, aimed at taking theological education/biblical studies to those who are not able to pursue residential theological education on our campus.

Technological developments today facilitate the pursuit of theological education online while continuing in Christian ministry. Christian adults in secular fields who desire a seminary training to serve God in their local churches, pastors who desire an advanced training and para-church organizations who desire theological education for their staff can benefit from this online diploma/degree. The programs are student-centered and geared towards community learning.

Both the programs are accredited by ATA (Asia Theological Association).

Admissions to the online diploma and degree programs are available throughout the entire year.



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1. Post Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS) **Duration: Two Years**

PGDBS **(24 Credit Hours)** is a program that is designed for working professionals and ministers who cannot leave their setting to join a residential seminary. The program delivers 8 modules via the internet using videos, text, and live interactions on a weekly basis. Prerequisites for this program are identical to our other residential master's programs. This program is for two years and has 8 modules. Each year will have 4 modules, and each module will have to be completed in 12 weeks.

2. Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) **Duration: Five Years**

MACS **(60 Credit Hours)** is a program that is designed for working professionals and ministers who cannot leave their setting to join a residential seminary. The program delivers 20 modules via the internet using videos, text and live interactions on a weekly basis. Prerequisites for this program are identical to our other residential master's programs. This program is for five years and has 20 modules. Each year there will be 4 modules, and each module will have to be completed in 12 weeks. without a thesis requirement.

Admissions to the online diploma and degree programs are available throughout the entire year.



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ENTRANCE EXAM

The entrance exam will assess your proficiency in Bible, Theology, and English (Listening, Reading, and Writing). **Qualifying Exam** (apart from the entrance exam) will be arranged for candidates who possess in total only one bachelor's degree (non-ATA) in theology. Qualifying exam will follow immediately after the entrance exam. The entrance exam will be followed by an **interview**.

The Office of Admissions selects students based on the completed application, entrance exam, and interview.



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APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must have a conversion/'**born again**' experience. The applicant should have a personal conviction regarding this experience and should be willing to declare it. The applicant should have a **clear conviction** regarding the need for theological education.
2. The applicant should have **successfully completed** Class X, Class XII (10+2) or a three-year diploma (10+3), and a three-year undergraduate degree from a recognized university or bible college.
3. If the applicant has in total one bachelor's degree in theology, then the degree will be evaluated as per ATA guidelines, and the applicant will be instructed accordingly.
4. The applicant **should have completed 21 years on July 1** during the year of enrolment.
5. Applications are accepted from **both male and female** applicants for both degree programs.



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

All the Xerox/Photostat copies of the education related documents should be notarized before uploading.

1. Application Fee: Payment details (the transaction number should be visible)
2. Recent passport size photo.
3. Aadhar copy/Passport copy
4. Class X Mark Sheet
5. Class X Pass Certificate
6. Class XII Mark Sheet
7. Class XII Pass Certificate
8. Undergraduate Degree Certificate
9. Undergraduate Degree Mark Sheet.
10. If you have completed additional graduate/post-graduate studies, then you can add a copy the respective Certificates and Mark Sheets along with the documents.
11. Letter of recommendation from the local church where you are regularly in fellowship. The letter should be with the Church Letterhead and must include the signature, email address and phone numbers of all the Church leaders.
12. A separate page listing the three individuals who will be using the reference forms. The following details should be included: Name, Mobile Number, and Email ID, and their relationship to you (Church leader/Pastor, mentor/friend, professor/academic reference, or employer).
13. Marriage certificate (if applicable).
14. Fitness certificate.
15. Printed (2 pages) personal testimony explaining born again experience, Church life, and the call for Christian ministry.
16. **A conduct certificate from Employer** (if you are associated with an organization at the time of application) **and from the Seminary** (if you



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have recently graduated or is awaiting graduation). The letter must include a valid phone number, mailing address and email address.

17. If the original documents are in a non-English language, then the documents must be translated and notarized.
18. Provisional Certificates are not acceptable.

Reference forms

- 1) The individuals who fill in the reference forms should fill it privately, scan it/take a picture (the image should be very clear), and upload it using the link published on the website.
- 2) There are four reference forms available. **All applicants must submit three reference forms to complete the application requirements.**

Applicants, from a Seminary or Bible College, who have recently graduated/awaiting graduation and interested in a post graduate degree at ETS.	All other applicants
Reference Form 1: Church Leader/Pastor	Reference Form 1: Church Leader/Pastor
Reference Form 2: Mentor (Christian)	Reference Form 2: Mentor (Christian)
Reference Form 3: Seminary Professor or Dean/President	Reference Form 4: Employer If you are a missionary and not associated with any organization, use the Reference Form 1 again. You can ask a second Church Leader/Pastor to fill the form 1.



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MODULE DETAILS

All Modules will be instructed through Canvas LMS. A student will receive recorded lectures (video) and .pdf files. Assessments will be made weekly. Quizzes, Discussion Threads & Written Tests will be used. A module is designed in such a way that a student is required to use 8-10 hours per week for study. A module will be taught for 3 months. In a year there will be four modules. The student will have opportunity to interact with the faculty for assistance and discussion.

FEES (2026-2027)

	Details	Amount
1	Annual Technology Fee	4000
2	Tuition (for one subject per session)	3500

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If you have only one undergraduate degree in total, without another postgraduate degree and if that degree is a non-ATA degree in theology (BTH), then kindly note the following details. The mark sheet must reflect the following.

- i. The minimum credit hours completed for the subjects graded should be 108 (Minimum 36 subjects with 3 credit hours each, $36 \times 3 = 108$). An additional 12 credit hours completed in Christian Ministry and Practice. Thus, a total of 120 credit hours ($108 + 12 = 120$).
- ii. If the credit hours are less than three for some subjects, then additional subjects should be reflected in the credit hours mentioned in the mark sheet. If most of the courses are 2 credit hour subjects, additional subjects and their respective credit hours must be reflected in the mark sheet.
- iii. If the credit hours are less for the subjects related to Christian Ministry and Practice, then additional subjects and their respective credit hours must be reflected in the mark sheet.
- iv. The average course grade of B+ is compulsory.



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- v. The above requirements are compulsory to process the application and to determine the eligibility to write the entrance exam and the qualifying exam.

ETS-ATA Registration: If you are not able to produce your original Class X, Class XII, and an Undergraduate Degree (theological/non-theological) pass certificate and marks sheet on the day of enrollment for verification, then kindly note the following details.

1. ETS will proceed with the ATA registration on July 30. The ATA registration process will be initiated only if all the required academic documents are produced on the first day of enrollment (or before July 30) at the registrar's office.
 - a. If the registration is delayed due to the non-availability of the original academic documents (after July 30), then ETS will attempt the ATA registration after the documents are made available at the Registrar's office, and the document verification is complete. All the students are encouraged not to delay the documentation process. Delaying documents can lead to unforeseen complications regarding registration.
 - b. If the above documents produced after July 30 do not match the ATA admission requirements, then the registration will be cancelled.
 - c. If you are granted admission based only on your non-ATA undergraduate degree in Theology, then the documents produced must meet the academic requirements of ATA (Mark Sheet with 120 Credit Hours and average course grade of B+).

Certificates

If you are doing a BA or BSC (or any other undergraduate degree program), the course needs to be completed (must be graduated) before applying or before joining ETS. If you have incomplete subjects and have still completed 6th semester, even then the degree is considered incomplete. **Hence the date**



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printed on the graduation certificate is important. You can apply for a postgraduate program **only after successfully completing an undergraduate program.** If you are graduating only after the entrance exam, then you must successfully graduate before the joining date and the marksheet and graduation certificates must be produced. **The date of graduation on the certificate is important and must reflect** that you have graduated before the joining date at ETS. Any irregularities here will result in unforeseen complications later. Admission to the ATA-accredited program requires that the applicant **complete an undergraduate degree prior to July 1** of the year in which they are applying.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1 - [Instructions for successfully submitting the Application Form](#)

- a. You are allowed to submit the application form **only once, so do it carefully.**
- b. You will be eligible to take the entrance exam only after successfully completing the Application Form.
- c. Open the following link and go through the application form.
- d. (Keep the **cursor** over the word "Application Form" and press **Ctrl** key, then the word "Application Form" will become clickable).

Click >> [Application Form](#)

- e. Go through the web page many times and determine the documents required.
- f. Download the templates required for the specific document by clicking the .pdf files present within the Application Form .
- g. Fill up the downloaded template as required.
- h. Pay the application fee of 500 rupees and keep the screen shot or the .pdf file of the bank transaction ready. The transaction number must be visible.
- i. Keep the .pdf files of all the documents ready.
- j. **All the Xerox copies of the documents related to your education must be notarized before uploading them in the application form.**



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- k. All the .pdf files should have your name as the filename (write your complete name as mentioned in your Class X certificate).
- l. Once all the documents are ready then you can click "**Application Form**" (above), fill out the information, and **upload all the documents and submit the application form.**

STEP 2 - [Instructions to successfully register for the Entrance Exam.](#)

- a. Click the link below and fill in the entrance exam registration form. Register only after you submit the application form and application fees. (Keep the **cursor** over the word "ETS-Online // Entrance Exam Registration" and press **Ctrl** key, then the phrase will become clickable).

Click >> [ETS-Online // Entrance Exam Registration](#)

- b. Join the WhatsApp group for the 2026 Applicants.



- c. Email the office at etsonline@acaindia.org after completing STEP - 2.



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APPLICATION FEE PAYMENT

You can pay the application fee using:

UPI ID: upi.etsaca@sib

QR code



Write your name and purpose in the comments/remarks section while making the payment. This will help us to track the payment. If your name is Albert, then kindly write "Application fee for Albert". (Important !)

Bank to Bank transfer:

Account Number: 0970053000000011

Name: Evangelical Theological Seminary

Bank: South Indian Bank

IFSC Code: SIBL0000571

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