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GENERAL INFORMATION

Online Programs

#ETS-Online

<https://ets-india.org/online.html>

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 will have 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 applicant will be tested in the areas of Bible Knowledge, Christian Theology and English Language Proficiency. Admissions to the online diploma and degree programs are available throughout the entire year.

Applicants from theological and non-theological backgrounds will be **assessed separately**. 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.

The entrance exam will be followed by an **online interview**. Kindly make the travel arrangements accordingly. ETS has a fixed number of seats available each year.

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, 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 (B.Th.), then the degree will be evaluated as per ATA guidelines and the applicant will be instructed accordingly.
4. If the applicant has in total one bachelor’s degree in theology (B.Th.), then they need to complete 109 Credit Hours (2- Semester Structure) or 144 Credit Hours (3- Semester Structure)
5. The applicant **should have completed 21 years on March 1** during the year of enrolment.
6. Applications are accepted from **both male and female** applicants for both degree programs.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

- I. Pay the application fee of 500 rupees using the link below. **Payments will be accepted only from banks in India and only in Indian Rupees.**

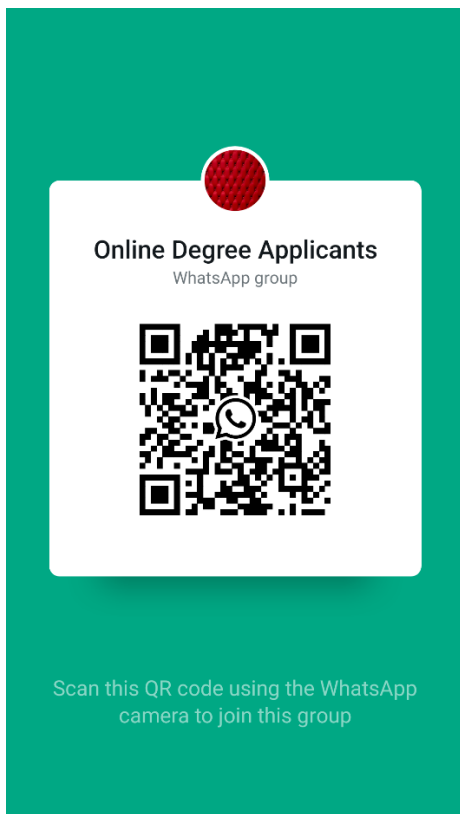
>>Click to Pay<<

- II. Upload the screenshot of the Application Form Fee receipt received in your email (with the transaction number visible). Applications without the application fee payment receipt **will not be processed.**

>>Click to Upload<<

- III. Join the WhatsApp group by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code.

>>Click to Join<<





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IV. Register for the Entrance Exam.

>>Click to Register<<

V. Courier the printed copy of the **application form**, along with the **notarized copy of the attached documents to**

The Registrar
Evangelical Theological Seminary (Online Education)
Asian Christian Academy
Jeemangalam, Bagalur Road
Bagalur Post Office Hosur-635103 Tamil Nadu.

VI. **Complete the online entrance exam and an online interview** on the assigned dates communicated. Applicants will be selected based on the evaluation of the application form, reference letters, entrance exam results, faculty feedback after the personal interview, and the recommendation of the Admission Committee.

VII. Selected candidates will be informed as soon as possible, with login instructions.

Documents Required: Photostat copies of the documents need to be uploaded along with the application form. Application form filled with the required documents should be compiled to form a single .pdf file. The single .pdf should be uploaded. **The file name should be the name of the applicant.**

1. Recent passport size photo.
2. Aadhar copy/Passport copy for international students: Name & Address
3. Class X Mark Sheet
4. Class X Pass Certificate



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5. Class XII Mark Sheet
6. Class XII Pass Certificate
7. Undergraduate Degree Certificate
8. Undergraduate Degree Mark Sheet.
9. If you have completed postgraduate diploma or other postgraduate degrees or other postgraduate studies, then you can add the respective Certificates and Mark Sheets along with the documents.
10. 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.
11. 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).
12. Marriage certificate (if applicable).
13. Fitness certificate.
14. Printed (2 pages) personal testimony explaining born again experience, Church life, and the call for Christian ministry.
15. **A conduct certificate from Employer** (the organization you are associated with at the time of application) **or from the Seminary** (if you have recently graduated or is awaiting graduation). The letter must include a valid phone number, mailing address and email address.



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16. If the original documents are in a non-English language, then the documents must be translated and notarized.
17. 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. Assessment will be done 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

	Details	Amount
1.	Fee per module	3500 rupees
2.	Annual Technology Fee	4000 rupees

We at Evangelical Theological Seminary are very happy and committed to walk with you in your pursuit of theological education. We wish you God's Best.



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Application for Admission to M.Th. / MABS / MA (Online)

Return to: Admissions, Asian Christian Academy, Jeemangalam, Bagalur P.O., Hosur,
Tamil Nadu – 635 103, India. Phone: 04344-255800, 255858, 255851.

Email: etsadmissions@acaindia.org **Website:** www.ets-india.org

TICK THE DESIRED DEGREE PROGRAM	(For Office Use only)	Student Reg. No.
<input type="radio"/> Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGDBS) <input type="radio"/> Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Selected <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name as appears in official documents (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Name	
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Gender: Male Female

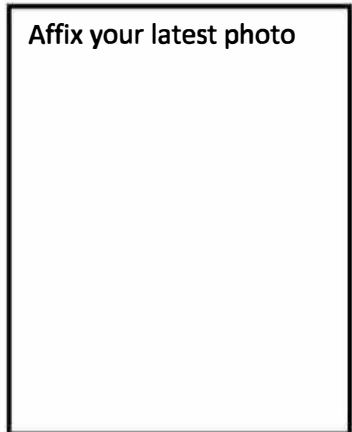
Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Nationality:

State:

If not an Indian citizen:

Country: _____



Present Mailing Address.....

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Permanent Mailing Address

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Telephone Number: Mobile:

Email Id: Aadhaar No:

(Attach a copy of your Aadhaar or any Government issued ID to the application)

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Separated Divorced

If you are single, do you plan to be married during the study period? Yes No

Do you agree to inform ETS authorities of any change in your marital status? Yes No

Languages known:

Mother Tongue:

II. CHURCH BACKGROUND

[Attach a recommendation letter from your local church along with application]

In which local church are you a member? (Give name and location)

With what denomination is this church affiliated?

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What type of church ministry you are involved with?.....

Are you ordained? Yes No Commended? Yes No

Does the church support you financially? Yes No

Attach a recommendation letter from your local church with signature of the church leaders printed in the church letter head

III. ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

Give complete record of all schools attended from high school. Enclose copies of matriculation, plus two & degree certificates, mark lists, and conduct certificates with the application. **Please make sure you submit a copy of your original degree certificate, not the provisional certificate (STUDENTS APPLYING FOR MA ONLINE SHOULD SUBMIT NOTARIZED COPIES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES AND MARK SHEETS)**

SECULAR STUDIES

Educational Program	Board/University	Location/Place	Month/Year attended	Graduated Yes / No	Year of Graduation
10*					
12*					

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Educational Program	Name and Place of the Institution	Accredited/ Affiliated to	Month/Year attended	Graduated Yes / No	Year of Graduation

Thesis or research topic written for Theological Studies (if any

.....

Are you applying to any other seminary, or planning for any other educational programs? Yes No

What study program?

Where?

IV. REFERENCES

(Give names and complete address of three persons whom you have selected as your references. See the attached letter from the Registrar. The reference forms need to be sent directly to our office in a sealed envelope from the people recommending you)

Form 1 - PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER REFERENCE *

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 2 - MENTOR OR A PERSON WHO INFLUENCED YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE *

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 3 - COLLEGE OR SEMINARY PROFESSOR OR HEAD OF INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION (for Seminary Applicants Only)

Name: Address:
Phone:.....Mobile:.....Email:.....

Form 4 - EMPLOYER (for Applicants with work experience only)

Name: Address:
Phone:Mobile:Email :.....

V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you have a sponsor for your study? No Yes (Specify who.....)

(Attach a financial guarantee letter from your sponsor)

If you do not have a sponsor who will support you financially while at seminary?

How much monthly financial support will you receive while at seminary? Rs \$..... (For international students)

Are you able to meet the financial requirements for your studies? Yes No

Explain.....

VI. FAMILY INFORMATION

ABOUT PARENTS

Father's Name:

Occupation:

Mother's Name:

Occupation:

Contact Address:

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Telephone: Mobile Number:

Email:

Are your parents' believers in Jesus Christ? Yes No

ABOUT SPOUSE

(only for married applicants - copy of marriage certificate must be enclosed with Application)

Name..... Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Nationality:

State:

Occupation

Mother Tongue: Academic/professional:

Occupation: Place of Work:

Is your spouse supportive of your Theological Study? Yes No

Is your spouse applying for study at ETS? Yes No

Do you require family accommodation at ETS? Yes No

(You may contact the office with request for family quarters in advance)

Name and age of children (if applicable):

1:

2:

3:

4:

Do you require admission for children at the Asian Christian High School of ACA? Yes No

If 'yes' which class/classes:

VII. SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

Religious faith at birth:

Year of Christian conversion:

Have you taken believer's (Immersion) baptism: Yes No

Has God called you to His service: Yes No Not sure

If 'Yes' into what area of Christian service do you think God has called you?

Specify:

What are you planning to do after your studies at ETS-ACA?

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Spiritual gifts:

Special talents: in music in arts in sports, any other.....

Hobbies/interests

Did you read the doctrinal statement of ETS? Yes No

Do you agree with the doctrinal statement of ETS? Yes No

If there are areas of disagreements, state the areas of disagreement

If there are areas in which you have not formed an opinion, state those areas

VIII. WORK EXPERIENCE

[Enclose any relevant work experience certificates with application.]

List types of secular employment / business you were engaged in:

1 _____
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2 _____
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3 _____
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Are you currently employed? Yes No

If 'yes' position & work:

Have you actively participated in any Christian organization or ministry? Yes No

If 'yes' specify place & position.....

How did you come to know about this course

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IX. HEALTH INFORMATION

Blood group: Height Weight

Any chronic illness/physical disability Allergies.....

Have you ever been under psychiatric care? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Are you on any prolonged medicinal use? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Do you have any problem with vision or hearing? Yes (Give details on a separate sheet) No

Do you use tobacco? Yes No Intoxicants Yes No Narcotics Yes No

Do you suffer from sleeplessness? Yes No

Any other medical problems:

Attach a medical fitness certificate obtained from an authorized physician along with the application

X. CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANT

<input type="checkbox"/> All questions answered	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Autobiography enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> All certificates / documents enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Letter enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Notarized copies of certificates & mark sheets (Online MA applicants only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued ID (Preferably Aadhaar for Indians)	

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered for processing.

I promise, in submission to the Holy Spirit's guidance, that if admitted to the ACA ETS I will at all times conduct myself as a Christian, faithfully and diligently apply myself to the studies as required by the seminary curriculum, promptly meet all financial and other obligations, and carefully observe the rules and regulations as set forth by the seminary and its faculty. All the above mentioned information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Date: Signature:

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FORM

I, _____, the undersigned hereby declare that I am aware of the fee structure of ETS-ACA and I will be paying the fees at the account section without fail.

The mode of payment shall be (Tick the appropriate):

- Cash
- Cheque
- NEFT/IMPS/UPI
- DD
- Other (specify) _____

I would like to clear my financial commitment (Tick the appropriate):

- On every month
- Beginning of each semester
- For the entire academic year

I am

- Self-supported
- Supported by church/organization/institution/Government/NGO
- Sponsored by an individual

PS: Please produce a financial guarantee letter from your sponsor/supporter.

Declaration: I hereby declare that the details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately. In case any of the above information is found to be false or untrue or misleading or misrepresenting, I am aware that I may be held liable for it.

Name..... Sign.....
Date.....

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Kindly answer the following questions with regard to your Christian experience. Answer them in a separate sheet of paper and attach it to you application form.

1. When were you saved? Give a description of your conversion experience?
2. How long you are a member in your present church? Briefly explain your involvement in your local church.
3. What experience and success you enjoyed in various forms of Christian service, including personally leading others to Christ, preaching or teaching the Word of God and exercising leadership in the past?
4. What is your spiritual gift/s, and how do you use them?
5. How have you recognized God's call? Why do you want to consider Christian ministry?
6. Why do you desire to do the theological course with Evangelical Theological Seminary?
7. What do you plan to do after your theological training?