

# Azusa Pacific Seminary

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## Accreditation

- All Azusa Pacific University programs are accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). (<https://www.wscuc.org/>)
- Azusa Pacific Seminary is accredited by the The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) (<https://www.ats.edu/>).

Learn more about Azusa Pacific Seminary. (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/>)

## Mission Statement

Azusa Pacific Seminary, in keeping with its commitment to the centrality of Jesus Christ and the authority of Scripture, prepares men and women for effective, practical ministry in the Church throughout the world by promoting the spiritual, personal, and vocational development of students and by extending theological knowledge through academic inquiry, research, and writing for the glory of God.

## Spiritual Life

The faculty of Azusa Pacific Seminary believe that the growth of the student's spiritual life is foundational to effective ministry. Accordingly, the development of spiritual life is integral to every course. In addition, there are opportunities for the seminary community to pray together and share experiences in Jesus Christ. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend university chapels as well as special services and lectures.

## Experiential Learning

Azusa Pacific Seminary utilizes an experiential learning model. The Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS), and the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) programs intentionally integrate biblical, theological, and ministerial studies with ministerial practice. Mentored ministry courses form a central component in the MDiv and MAPS programs and facilitate the integration of academic learning and experience in ministry. Students are required to devote at least eight hours per week to some form of supervised ministry for the duration of their master's degree program.

## Online Courses

Azusa Pacific Seminary offers several courses online. Maximum enrollment in each online course is 20 students; enrollment is granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Korean Program

The Korean Program (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/korean-program/>) offers courses in Korean (directly or translated) for the various graduate degree programs in Azusa Pacific Seminary at the Azusa Campus and the Orange County Regional Campus. This program seeks to make an impact for Christ by equipping Korean pastors and lay leaders to serve as ministers, missionaries, and leaders in the Korean community throughout the world. Blending Korean culture with the principles of God's Word, the program provides academic excellence coupled with practical ministry training. Daniel Newman, PhD, is the director of the Korean Doctor of Ministry program; Linda Pyun, PhD, is the director of the Korean master's degree programs. For more information, call (213) 252-0962 or (626) 815-5439.

## Programa Hispano

Azusa Pacific Seminary is committed to equipping leaders for the Hispanic church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With that focus in view, the seminary provides Hispanic students a graduate theological education in a linguistic and cultural dynamic that enhances the richness of the Hispanic worldview in the context of mainstream American culture.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (48 units) and the Master of Divinity (74 units) programs are offered in a bicultural setting. Classes are taught in Spanish or, on rare occasion, in English with a translator. Hispanic students who understand both languages gain an expanded worldview that will advance their witness in church leadership. Enrique Zone, EdD, associate dean, is director of Programa Hispano (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/programa-hispano/>). For more information, call (626) 815-5448.

## El Centro Teológico Hispano (CTH)

Dedicated to fostering the field of Hispanic church studies, El Centro Teológico Hispano (<https://www.apu.edu/seminary/resources/centrohispano/>) at Azusa Pacific Seminary offers unique courses, guest speakers, and relationship-building opportunities. It also provides a place for pastors and students to meet and discuss current issues, gain diverse training, and tap into multicultural resources that enable Hispanics to adequately minister within their particular contexts. For more information about El Centro Teológico Hispano, contact Enrique Zone, EdD, associate dean, at (626) 815-6000, Ext. 5653, or [ezone@apu.edu](mailto:ezone@apu.edu).

## **El Centro Teológico Hispano (CTH) Advisory Members**

Agustin Barajas, MDiv, Senior Pastor, Eagle Rock Victory Outreach Church; Overseer, Liberia Victory Outreach Church

Aureliano Flores, Pastor Emeritus, Church of the Redeemer, Assembly of God

Eddie Ruano, Senior Pastor, Azusa Foursquare Church

Edgar Mohorko, MA, CEO, Social Outreach Service; President, National Police Clergy Council; Youth Outreach/Gang Intervention Consultant; Senior Pastor, Messiah Foursquare Church

Eduardo Font, PhD, President, Alberto Motessi Escuela de Evangelismo

Gladys Trejo, MDiv, Assistant Pastor, Comunidad Cristiana, Iglesia del Nazareno

Heliberto Cayetano, MDiv, Director, Hispanic Ministry Church of the Sacred Heart

Hugo Melvin Aldana Jr., Senior Pastor, Lynwood Grace Church; Hispanic Coordinator, Anaheim District Church of the Nazarene

Rodelo Wilson, DMin, President, Asociación Teológica Hispana

## **Friends Center**

The Friends Center (<https://www.apu.edu/friendscenter/>) is the seminary education and ministry training program of Evangelical Friends Church Southwest at Azusa Pacific Seminary. The Friends Center's mission is to make an eternal impact for Christ by equipping men and women to serve internationally as ministers, missionaries, and leaders. The program highlights the Evangelical Friends' theological tradition with its emphasis on the primacy of Scripture as the revelation of God's Word. The center provides an excellent academic environment for students seeking a scholarly foundation for ministry. The Friends Center also provides leadership development to Friends churches by overseeing a Certificate of Leadership Ministry through the Friends churches. For more information, call Kent Walkemeyer, DMin, director, at (626) 815-5077.

## **Library and Information Resources**

The James L. Stamps Theological Library (<https://www.apu.edu/library/stamps/>), located in the Duke Academic Complex, houses the university library collections in the areas of biblical studies, theology, philosophy, church history, and ethics. The collection numbers approximately 60,000 volumes and is complemented by collections in the Marshburn Memorial Library and Darling Library, also at the Azusa campus.

The Stamps Library maintains special collections for denominations with historic ties to the university, including the Church of God – Anderson, Free Methodist, Friends, and Salvation Army.

The Stamps Library places a high priority on making available the latest information technology, including more than 100 licensed databases and a variety of CD-ROM databases in the areas of biblical studies and languages, theology, and church history. Access to many of the resources is available through the Internet. Current journal holdings exceed 13,500 titles.

Consortial arrangements allow students to access the rich theological collections of the seminaries in the Southern California Theological Library Association (SCATLA) (<https://www.atla.com/learning-engagement/rg/scatla/>), collections of libraries throughout the Inland Empire (IEALC), and through the Link+ system, which connects the APU libraries with libraries throughout the state of California. Additionally, a contractual arrangement exists with the Claremont School of Theology Library.

The theological librarian serves on the faculties of the APU libraries and Azusa Pacific Seminary, serves as the subject specialist, and oversees collection development for the theological disciplines. Training in the use of the resources is available to classes and by appointment.

## **Advanced Standing**

- MDiv students may petition for up to 18 units of Advanced Standing from upper-division undergraduate work in religion.
- The number of core courses in any department that may be replaced by Advanced Standing is limited to two.
- MAPS students may petition for up to 12 units of Advanced Standing from upper-division undergraduate work in religion.
- Prior to formal admission, the Request for Advanced Standing Petition form should be completed.
- All Advanced Standing examinations are administered in a proctored setting.
- Students must pass examinations for advanced standing within 12 months of their admission date. If the student passes the exam(s), he/she will not be required to pay full tuition for those units.
- A student may repeat Advanced Standing examinations one time without further charge.
- Courses in which a grade of *B*- or lower was earned may not be used for Advanced Standing.
- Students admitted under the exceptional category may not petition for Advanced Standing units.
- Undergraduate work must be from a regionally accredited college or university.

## Transfer Units

A student may petition to transfer in up to 48 units for the MDiv, less any Advanced Standing units (e.g., 30 units transfer and 18 units Advanced Standing or any other combination totaling 48 units), and up to 32 units for the MAPS, less any Advanced Standing units, from other regionally or ATS-accredited graduate degree programs. Units transferred are limited to one half of an earned master's degree. A minimum of 26 units for the MDiv and 16 units for the MAPS must be completed at Azusa Pacific Seminary.

## Advancement to Candidacy

In order for students to progress beyond the initial courses of the master's degree program, they must be granted candidacy. Candidacy is granted by faculty approval upon the satisfactory completion of 16 units of coursework with a minimum 2.7 grade-point average and evaluation of each student's personal growth and commitment to the mission and goals of Azusa Pacific Seminary.