



Grace Communion Seminary

Consumer Information Disclosure¹

General Information

1. Name of Institution: Grace Communion Seminary
2. Address: PO Box 875, 2011 E. Financial Way, Glendora, CA 91740
3. Year Founded: 2003.² First accredited: 2012. Accreditation expires: 2020.³
4. CEO/President: Gary W. Deddo, PhD
5. Accreditation Status: GCS is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission, www.deac.org. DEAC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. DEAC is also a recognized member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
6. State Approval and E-mail Contact Information: As a church-related school teaching the doctrines of the supporting organization, GCS is authorized by the state of California, Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education to function as an institution with religious exemption. To contact BPPE, email bppe@dca.ca.gov.
7. Participation in Funding Programs (G.I. Bill, DANTES, Title IV, etc.): None.

¹ The Distance Education Accrediting Commission requires this form to be used by all institutions accredited by DEAC. We have adapted this form slightly to present the information in a format that makes it easier to compare one institution with another.

² Our legal entity is Ambassador College, a California non-profit religious corporation, founded in 1951. We began offering graduate classes online in 2003, and began doing business with the name Grace Communion Seminary starting in 2007.

³ It is normal for accreditation to expire every five years. It is also normal that institutions re-apply and are re-evaluated every five years.

Mission & Description

1. Institution Mission Statement: “*Equipping the Saints for Pastoral Ministry.*” We are committed to equip the saints for pastoral ministry through quality graduate-level distance education programs in biblical, theological, ministerial and pastoral studies informed by Incarnational Trinitarian faith.
2. Areas of Special Focus: Trinitarian theology and pastoral practice.
3. Description of Institution: Grace Communion Seminary is an educational institution sponsored by Grace Communion International. We offer training in biblical studies, theology, church history, and pastoral practice. We provide courses and programs that meet traditional graduate academic standards, and are designed to suit the needs of bivocational pastors who can study only on a part-time basis. Our programs also allow fulltime students to progress at a traditional pace. We do not offer any assistance for students looking for employment or placement. Our courses are designed to make students more effective in ministry, not to get them a new job.
4. Student demographic profile: A majority of our students are American pastors of Grace Communion International. We also have a contingent of younger, emerging leaders who are interesting in learning more about ministry from a Trinitarian theological foundation. About 10 percent of our students are women. All of our students are part-time students.
5. Courses/Programs/Degrees: We offer two degrees: Master of Pastoral Studies, and Master of Theological Studies. All *new* students are enrolled in the Master’s Level Continuing Education program, in which they may take classes as desired.
6. Average Program Tuition/Cost per Credit Hour: All our courses carry three semester units of credit. The tuition cost per hour is \$200; each course costs \$600, plus (on average) about \$50 for textbooks. GCS does not sell any textbooks – they must be obtained elsewhere.
 - At current tuition rates, a student can complete a master’s degree for about \$8450, plus about \$700 for books. A full-time student

can complete the degree in two years.

- These costs are accurate as of spring semester 2017. Costs in subsequent semesters may be different.

Success Indicators

1. Average Completion/Graduation Rate for Students:

- Course completion rate: 95 percent. During the past year, of those who registered for a course, 95 percent completed it.
- Program completion rate for the master's degree: Since all our students are studying part-time, graduation normally takes several years. Students must complete at least seven courses before they may matriculate into the program.
 - Of the 15 students who matriculated into the master's degree program in the years 2007-2009, 13 completed the degree.
 - Of the 11 students who matriculated in 2010, ten have completed.
 - Nine students matriculated in 2011. All have graduated.
 - Ten students matriculated in 2012. Four have graduated and three are still studying.
 - For those who matriculated after 2012, many are still studying and it is too early to report statistics.

2. Percentage of students surveyed⁴ who responded that they—

- a. achieved their learning goals: 98%
- b. would recommend the institution to a friend: 99%
- c. were satisfied with their studies: 99%

⁴ All institutions accredited by DEAC are required to ask these three questions in surveys of their students. Survey results are for spring 2015 to fall 2016.