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Makripodis College

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Subject: World Evangelistic Outreach (WEO) Ministries Post-Secondary School Education Treatise

Beloved Followers of the Cross,

WEO Ministries, headquartered in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, is an international mission primarily focused on the West African countries of Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana, seeking to fulfill God's Great Commission, by presenting the good news of Jesus Christ to souls willing to listen and learn. WEO purposes to capture hearts at an early age for Jesus through Christian based curriculum taught in WEO run primary and secondary schools and in the Makripodis College of Theology, Management and Technology (MCTMT). WEO currently operates 36 churches, 17 schools, one college and two orphanages.

The treatise (Attachment), details many aspects of WEO post-secondary education under MCTMT, including demographics, fields of study, curricula, accreditation status, and planned expansions.

WEO is looking to develop a relationship with the International Association of Christian Colleges and Schools and desires their expertise in helping to develop a generation of leaders in this part of Africa and ultimately around the world. WEO requests that IACCS consider the merits of potentially developing an association with the National Council of Technical and Vocational Accreditation (NCTVA) services in Sierra Leone (as a near term goal) with an option to include other African country's respective accreditation bodies as a future goal.

WEO looks forward to growing a relationship with IACCS and seeks their advice in the above request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Attachment

Treatise on Makripodis College of Theology, Management and Technology

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Purpose

This paper discusses many aspects of Makripodis College of Theology, Management and Technology (MCTMT), including its demographics, fields of study, curricula, accreditation status, and planned expansions. Markipodis College was established for the purpose of equipping men and women for all areas of Christian ministry.

Background

WEO Ministries was founded by Dr. David Arnold in 1995 with the support of a devout Sierra Leone pastor named Max Gorvie. Together over the years, these men provided the strong spiritual and administrative leadership skills needed to establish 36 churches and 17 schools (primary and secondary) in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ghana, for the purpose of capturing young hearts for Jesus and training them to share God's word with others.

In 2008, Mike Makripodis (a businessman from Washington, Pennsylvania, USA) joined Dr. Arnold with WEO Ministries to offer financial support to start a series of academic seminars for the purpose of providing tertiary (post-secondary) school education. The seminars were designed to teach the basic fundamentals of Christianity to foster and promote the growth of men and woman answering the call of God into Christian ministry. These training seminars utilized pastors and teachers from the United States. During the first year, a total of 12 students from local areas within the Makunji area of Sierra Leone participated (enrolled) in the seminars.

In 2010, Makripodis College was established under WEO Ministries and in 2012, the college expanded to include additional academic fields of study. As a result, enrollment grew to approximately 30-40 students per year. It is the desire and vision of Makripodis College to continue expanding to University status.

Tax Exempt Status

Prior to 2021, WEO Ministries was initially registered as a 501(c)(3) organization under *The Open Door Church (TODC)*, in Chambersburg, PA. All supporters could claim tax exemptions for their donations through TODC. In April 2021, WEO Ministries separately applied for and obtained 501(c)(3) tax exemption status, making it possible for the ministry to operate autonomously under the name *World Evangelistic Outreach Ministries of PA, Inc.*

Description of the Current Makripodis Campus

The main campus of Makripodis College is currently located in Moyamba Junction, Sierra Leone, with virtual class participation available to aid those who cannot arrange on-site availability. The college currently rents its main campus teaching and administration facilities, however, plans to build a campus in Moyamba Junction are now finalized and fabrication of steel for the (combined) main academic building and worship hall have begun in the U.S. and will be shipped to Sierra Leone for assembly in late 2022. Further campus details are provided in the section entitled "Planned Expansion".



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Makripodis College operates on a semester system with fall semester classes starting in late August and ending during the week before Christmas. Semester final exams are held approximately one week prior to the end of the semester. Spring semester classes start during the second week of January and conclude during the first week in June. A summer term may be offered based on need and level of interest.

Currently, there is no cafeteria or vendor service on campus, so students must obtain food from local markets and street vendors.

Current Administration

Makripodis College appoints the following leadership positions:

Chancellor
Principal
Vice Principle
Registrar
Finance Officer
Exams Officer
Human Resource Officer / Dean of Students
Department Heads

Demographics

Enrollment: There are currently 82 full time students enrolled at MCTMT, with approximately half of the students coming from within the WEO ministry. The college currently offers a three-year diploma program in several academic disciplines. Almost all students are from Sierra Leone, with anticipated future enrollment from Liberia, Ghana, and other West African countries when the campus at Moyamba Junction becomes operational.

Age: 10% of students are between the ages of 18 and 24 years and 90% are between the ages of 25 and 35 years. Of the various fields of study currently offered at Makripodis College, approximately 57% of the students are enrolled in Theology/Christian Studies, 24% in Teacher Education (Teachers Certificate (TC) elementary, Higher Teachers Certificate (HTC) primary and secondary), 12% Accounting and Finance, and 7% in Community Development Studies. Human Resource Management and Technology will be added to the College in 2022.

Tuition and Lodging: Students currently pay an average of \$250 per semester for tuition and \$350 lodging to reside in a dormitory when present for on-campus sessions.

MCTMT Fields of Study and General Curriculum

There are currently four major fields of study at MCTMT: Theology, Business Management, Technology and Agriculture. All fields of study provide a three-year accredited diploma program.

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Curriculum

Specific curricula are provided below for each of the MCTMT academic disciplines as approved by the National Council of Technical and Vocational Accreditation (NCTVA) of Sierra Leone. The three-year curriculum for a diploma in Theology can be found below (page 10).

Accreditation Status

In 2021, Makripodis College obtained accreditation status in all areas of study by the NCTVA. The NCTVA serves as the governing body (comprised of 37 members) that establishes the framework of qualification requirements for accreditation and validation of higher learning institutions, including examination and certification services. The NCTVA administers an examination that is required by all Teacher Training Colleges in the Country of Sierra Leone.

The first set of candidates took the NCTVA exam in June (2021). This annual exam is worth 30% of the student's overall grade for that year, and is used to place them at the appropriate academic level (grade) for the following school year. In addition, at the end of the three year diploma program, the NCTVA administers a final test worth 70% of the grade recorded on the student's diploma.

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Planned Expansion

Development of the Makripodis site at Moyamba Junction will concentrate and focus the academic disciplines onto a single campus that is centrally located within the country making it most efficient for students traveling from various locations. The college is seeking to become a university by adding a larger selection of courses and fields of study. The following pages present sketches of the main campus building (isometric and plan views), land survey (deed), and a conceptual rendering of the developed campus (pages 6-9).

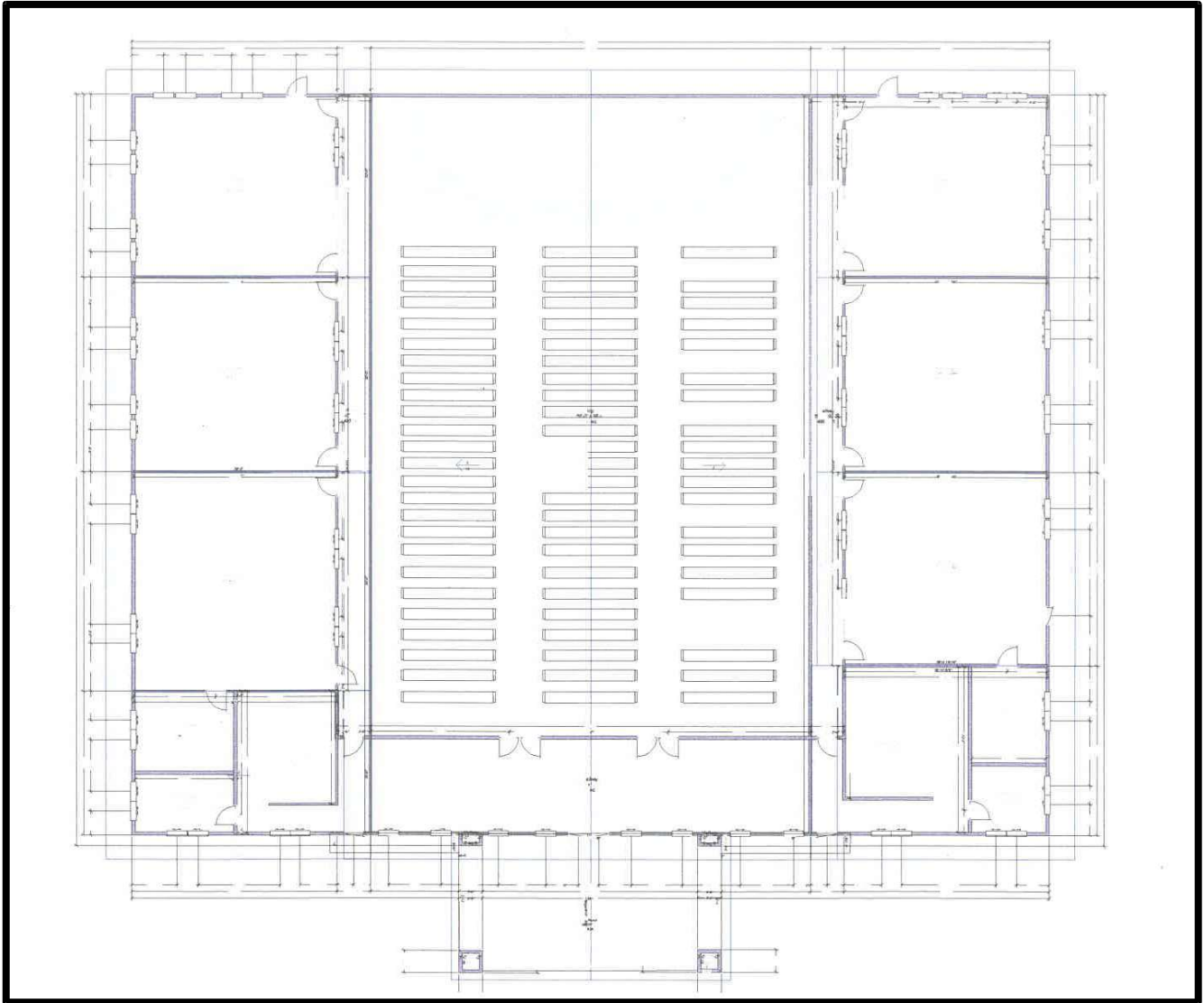


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Isometric View of Makripodis College (MCTMT)
Main Education and Activity Building

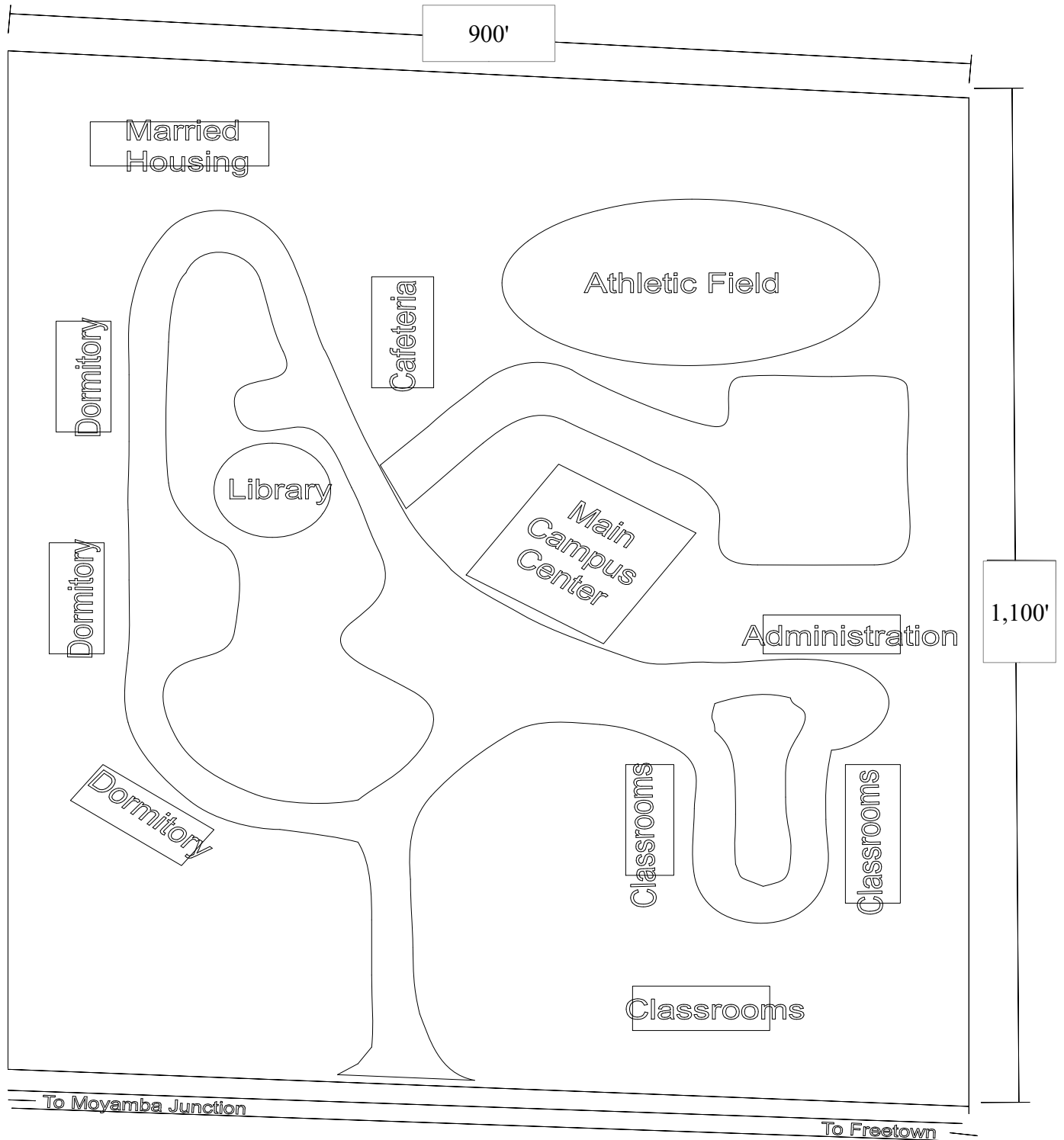
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Plan View of Makripodis College
Main Education and Activity Building

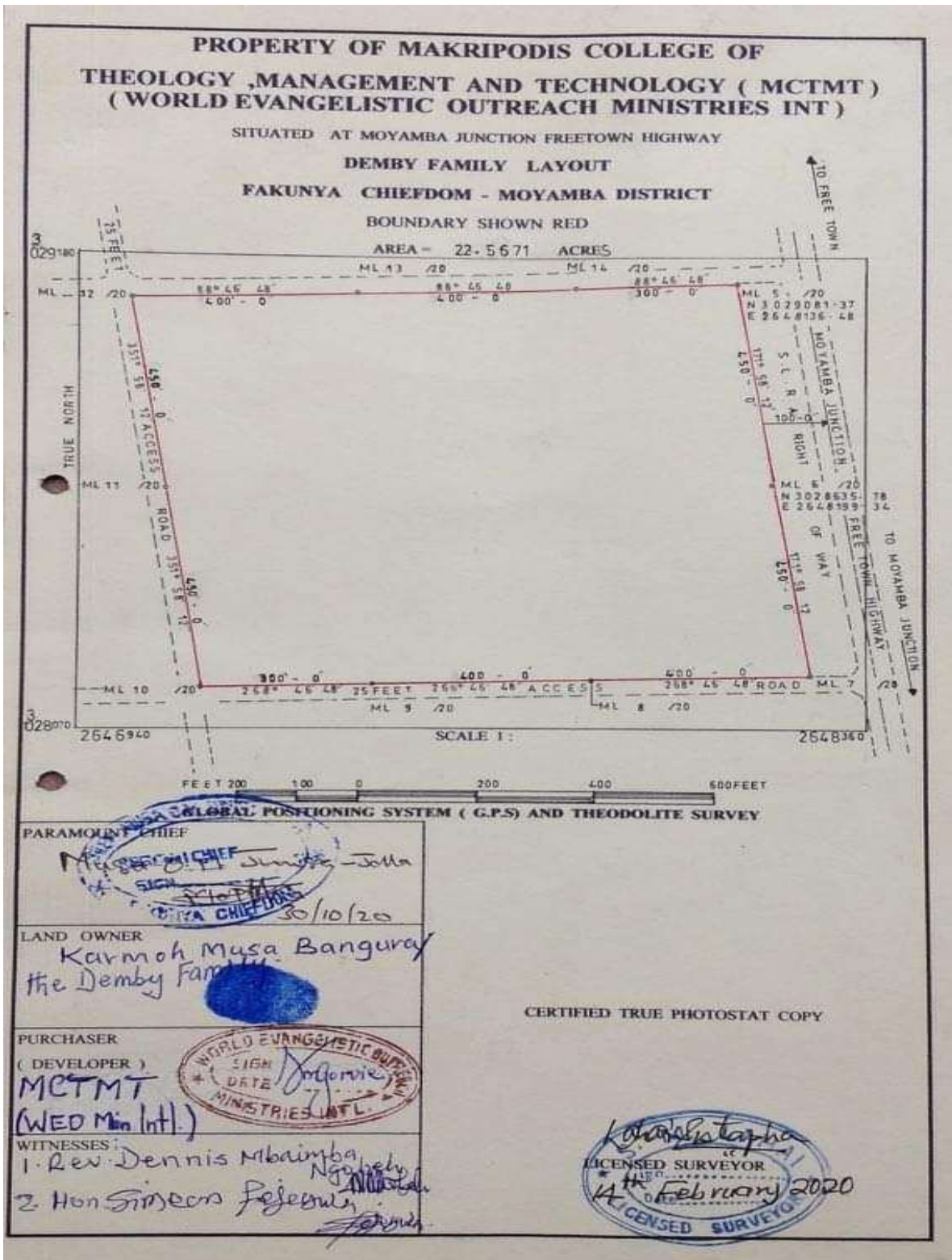


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Artist's Rendering of the Makripodis College Campus

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Department of Theology

Year	Three (3) Year Curriculum	
1	Pentateuch	Old Testament Survey
	Doctrine I (Bibliology / Proper Theology)	Doctrine I (Christology / Biblical Anthropology)
	English I	Christian Ethics
	Hermeneutics	New Testament Survey
	Harmony of the Gospels	Life of Paul
	Mankind's Religion's	
2	Romans / Galatians	Church History
	Doctrine II (Harmatology / Soteriology)	Doctrine II (Pneumatology)
	Evangelism / Soul Winning I	Prison Epistles
	Church Planting	English II
	James / Hebrews	Pastoral Epistles
	Homiletics I	
3	Biblical Counseling	Homiletics II
	Doctrine III (Eschatology)	Doctrine III (Ecclesiology / Angelology)
	Major Prophet	Pastoral Theology
	Daniel / Revelation	Evangelism / Soul Winning II
	English III	Leadership / Administration
	Minor Prophet	