

# ST. CHRISTY UNIVERSITY OF THEOLOGY & SEMINARY

## Degree Plans

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St. Christy University of Theology & Seminary currently has two degree programs to fit your needs.

- Earned Nonacademic Program
- Unearned Program
- Degree by Testing
- Honorary Degree Program

### **Earned versus unearned**

An earned degree is more distinguished than an unearned degree. By *earned* we mean the recipient worked for the degree. This degree is differentiated from a degree obtained from a *degree mill* or a mail order degree.

An *unearned* degree is one bestowed upon an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to their community or congregation. This is known as an *Honorary Degree*.

Salvation is the only thing that is worth more than what you put into it. And certainly, there is more worth to the individual to obtain the earned degree. The earned degree prepares the individual for the work of the Lord, whereas the unearned degree recognizes the lifetime of work that has already been accomplished for the Lord by an individual.

### **Academic versus nonacademic**

The same analogy can be applied here. An academic degree prepares the individual for excellence in their field of study. The nonacademic degree is for ministers that have ministry experience yet want to better equip themselves in a certain field of study. The nonacademic degree is also designed for the person that does not want an academically strict plan of study or is too remote for a textbook approach.

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## Degree(s) By Testing

If you are a seasoned minister with at least seven years in the ministry, and 30 years old, this program could be for you. It is a testing of your knowledge on any of the earned non-academic programs listed under each department in this student catalog.

Cost: Bachelor \$1250.00, Master \$1350, and Doctorate \$1700. Combination master/doctorate testing is offered at \$2000.

## Directive Studies

St. Christy University of Theology & Seminary sometimes uses an educational model in our postgraduate programs that is common in nontraditional education, although it is also found also in traditional institutions, known as *directive studies*. Directive studies merely means that the assigned instructor will look at the doctoral candidate's transcript to evaluate areas of weakness in their academic and professional (ministerial) background. The instructor will then assign courses, projects, papers, etc. to round out the candidate's base of knowledge (subject to the student's acceptance of such a transaction).

## Program Listings

A list of programs offered at St. Christy University of Theology & Seminary are listed in this catalog. Throughout the scholastic year that this publication covers, it may become necessary to make changes to the programs. These events may often be beyond our control. So, the courses listed here may not be up to date. If in doubt, check the most current listing of programs and course descriptions on the Internet at [www.saintchristy.org](http://www.saintchristy.org), or call our office for details.

For your convenience a listing of course descriptions are listed in the next pages in this catalog.