

Doctrinal Standard and Basis

The Bible will be the Seminary's primary and ultimate authority. The version used will be the *Authorised Version* (1611), still the most accurate and faithful translation of God's Word in the English language, the underlying texts of this version being the *Hebrew Masoretic* and *Greek Received Texts*, the authentic and preserved texts of Holy Scripture.

As a subordinate standard, the Seminary will recognise the clear, strong, comprehensive declaration of historic Christianity set forth in *The Baptist Confession of Faith* (1689), but will at the same time show the deepest respect for those other grand 17th Century Confessions: *The Westminster Confession of Faith of 1647* (Presbyterian) and *The Savoy Declaration of Faith and Order of 1658* (Congregational). Teaching in the Seminary will reflect the biblical doctrine of these Confessions and it is within this theological framework that the Seminary will seek to serve God and his Church.



Students will be expected to recognise and respect these convictions, even if in some matters they remain yet to be convinced.



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heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8).*



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The Course

Salisbury Reformed Seminary offers a course of study for men who are called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Preparing for the ministry is the principle focus of all studies in the course which has as its distinctive the following elements – conservative, reformed and evangelical teaching rooted in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; and a commitment to biblical inspiration, authority, sufficiency and inerrancy.

The course will be taught by men who are themselves active in pastoral ministry, availing students of the experience that the lecturers have built up over many years.

There is the need today for men to be able to preach “the whole counsel of God” as revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ and his Word, the Bible. Such preaching will have the aim of bringing sinners to true faith in Christ and to nurture and feed the flock of God. Therefore, men who apply to study at the Seminary should themselves be converted, and faithful Christians, with a genuine zeal for holy living. They will need to have a commitment to rigorous and diligent study.

The course will last for three years. Teaching modules will take the form of two full weeks of lectures and ten monthly sessions of two days each, making a total of 140 teaching hours in a year. Directed reading and assignments will take up the students’ time between lectures. The student’s local pastor will have a role in practical training, e.g. in preaching, pastoral visiting and evangelism.

In the Seminary’s teaching, special prominence will be given to the vital necessity of the Holy Spirit’s influences for instruction, holiness, and service; and students will be encouraged to seek a true experience

of the Spirit, one which will lead them to an intimate knowledge of God. Furthermore, emphasis will be given to the subject of Holy Spirit revival – God visiting His people and granting them an overwhelming sense of His presence, power, and favour, since it is our strong belief that only revival will arrest the present spiritual decline and remove the prevailing spiritual deadness, restoring to God’s Church the inestimable blessing of vital, living Christianity.

We pray that the Lord God will guide gifted and called men to the course, to the end that there will be a fresh generation of ministers of the Gospel whose hearts have been affected by truth and who prayerfully desire the salvation of souls and the revival of the Church in the 21st Century.



Main Meeting Room

Lecture notes will be provided for the course, along with a list of books recommended for reading.

Lectures may also be placed on the Seminary’s website and use will be made of Skype, which allows for intercommunication.

In addition to these courses, students will be encouraged to preach in other churches, as well as their own.

Course Principle

We remind all applicants that the Seminary is specifically intended for men who sincerely believe they have been called by God into the ministry and are recommended to the Seminary by the local church of which they are members. The Course is not intended to be only academic but one that encourages serious study of Biblical doctrine, preaching and pastoral practice, with a desire to serve the Lord as one filled with the Spirit ministering for the glory of God.

Admission

Students must be men who profess and evidence a biblical experience of conversion; a desire to grow in the knowledge of God and his Word; and a conviction of being called to the ministry, recognised by their minister, or pastor, and by their church.

Students will be interviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Accommodation

Suitably priced accommodation will be recommended.

Course Cost

Annual fee (for 2018): £750. Students to provide for their own living expenses and course materials.

Financial Support

It is to be hoped that the student’s local church, and perhaps other churches, will be able to offer them financial support.