

# Asbury Cluster Education (ACE)



## ACE VLI

Achieving academic goals in a spiritually-transforming environment

Achieve your academic goals through a spiritually-transforming environment created by the Asbury Theological Seminary Cluster Education and Vineyard Leadership Institute partnership.

You can complete 10 courses in two years attending weekend classes offered by Asbury Seminary on the Vineyard Leadership Institute campus, 6000 Cooper Rd, Westerville, Ohio. The Asbury Cluster Education (ACE) program provides a cohort model enabling students to learn together through classes and formational experiences each semester over the course of a two-year period.

ACE VLI will be a micro-expression of the Asbury Seminary community: academically-challenging and Christ-focused. Space will be created for nurturing powerful community. Students, faculty and staff will gather for chapel each weekend of classes.

Students can earn 30 hours toward a Master of Divinity or selected Master of Arts degrees. Courses can also be applied toward the 12 certificates offered at Asbury Seminary. Accreditation requires one half of M.A. and one third of M.Div. course work be "in residence." Specific courses can be taken in weekend, intensive or semester formats on the Asbury Seminary Kentucky or Florida campuses to fulfill residency requirements. The final third of an M.Div. can be earned online. Accreditation allows for certificates to be completed entirely online.

While **ACE VLI** courses can be applied to the majority of Asbury Seminary master degrees, the schedule best serves the following degrees: Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, Christian Ministries, Pastoral Counseling and Youth Ministry.

Prospective students can review an ACE VLI course offering/degree requirement comparison at [asburyseminary.edu](http://asburyseminary.edu) under Asbury Cluster Education.

### 2009-2011 ACE VLI course plan\*

Session 1	Christian Formation: Kingdom, Church and World IS501
Session 2	Christian Formation: Vocation of Ministry IS502
Session 3	New Testament Introduction NT520
Session 4	Inductive Biblical Studies: Matthew NT(IFS) 510
Session 5	Basic Christian Doctrine DO501
Session 6	Moral Development and the Formation of Moral Community CD610
Session 7	Cross-Cultural Leadership CL615/MS653
Session 8	Pastoral Crisis Intervention PC515
Session 9	Old Testament Introduction OT520
Session 10	Principles of Interpersonal Evangelism MS625

\*All courses are three credit hours. Course offerings are in a weekend format; two weekends for each three-credit course. View upcoming classes at *Become a Student*, [asburyseminary.edu](http://asburyseminary.edu).

## Meet some of the faculty



**Dr. Brian D. Russell**  
Professor of Biblical Studies  
*Expertise: Old Testament, Pentateuch, Early Israelite History, Hebrew Poetry*



**Dr. Stephen A. Seamands**  
Professor of Christian Doctrine  
*Expertise: Historical Theology, Systematic Theology, United Methodist Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, Renewal*



**Dr. Robert G. Tuttle Jr.**  
E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism  
*Expertise: The person and work of the Holy Spirit; A Wesleyan Theology of Grace; Historical Theology; Evangelism; Prayer; World Religions*



**Dr. Russell West**  
Professor of Leadership Education  
Ira L. Gallaway Professor of Leadership Development for Mission and Evangelism  
*Expertise: Leadership Formation; Intercultural Leadership Organizational Leadership Theory*



**Dr. Ben Witherington III**  
Professor of New Testament  
*Expertise: Women in the New Testament; The Historical Jesus; Christologies of the New Testament; Pauline Exegesis and Theology; Johannine Exegesis and Theology; Women in Ministry; The Jesus Seminar; James Ossuary*

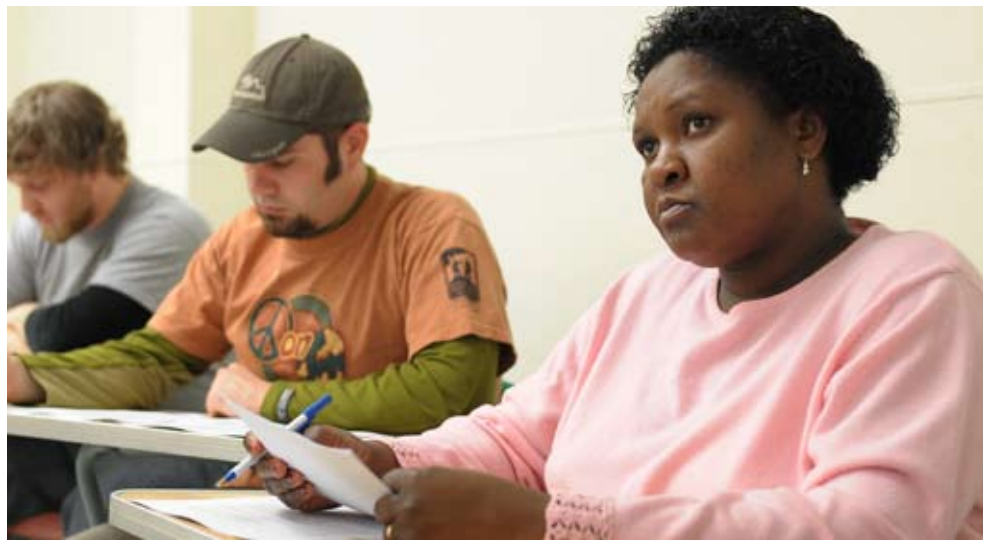
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for scholarship information  
and current tuition rates.

## ✓ Admission requirements

- Application
- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- Accredited baccalaureate degree
- 2.75/4.00 GPA
- Official transcripts of all postsecondary schools where a degree was granted
- Personal history essay
- Four references (pastor required)
- For applicants whose native language is other than English, 79 internet (550 paper) TOEFL score or 7.0 IELTS

Check with denomination regarding ordination requirements. Refer to online catalog for in-depth requirements and additional program information.



## Campuses and extensions

In addition to the ACE extension, Asbury Seminary students can choose among classes offered on the Kentucky and Florida campuses and online.

### Kentucky campus

Block scheduling is blended with a more traditional course schedule as classes are offered Monday evenings through Friday mornings, and occasional weekends.

### Florida campus

Block scheduling maximizes the calendar and minimizes the commute. Classes are available Tuesdays, Thursdays, and often on Fridays and Saturdays, allowing students to condense their seminary classroom commitment.

### Virtual campus

Attend class at your computer from anywhere in the world. Students can take up to two-thirds of the M.Div. and half of the M.A. online.

### Weekend residential course schedule

Asbury Seminary commits to offering the following courses on a rotating two-year weekend schedule as one option helping ACE VLI students fulfill residency requirements.

#### (38) Year one course offerings (38 credit hours)

Fall	(3)	Christian Formation: Kingdom, Church and World
Fall	(3)	Old Testament Introduction
Fall	(3)	Philosophy of Christian Religion
Fall	(3)	Servant ministry elective CD/CO/PC/YM510-549
January	(3)	Method and Praxis in Theology
January	(2)	Christian Ethics
Spring	(3)	Christian Formation: Vocation of Ministry
Spring	(3)	New Testament Introduction
Spring	(3)	John Wesley's Theology for Today
Spring	(3)	New or Old Testament exegesis
Summer	(3)	Servant ministry elective CO/PC510-549 or CD/YM/CM610-649
Summer	(3)	Church History One
Summer	(3)	Church History Two

#### (37) Year two course offerings (37 credit hours)

Fall	(3)	Christian Formation: Kingdom, Church and World
Fall	(3)	Old Testament Introduction
Fall	(3)	Christian leadership elective CL610-649
Fall	(3)	Christian Ministry in a Multicultural Society CS632/MS652
January	(3)	Basic Christian Doctrine
January	(2)	Christian Ethics
Spring	(3)	Christian Formation: Vocation of Ministry
Spring	(3)	New Testament Introduction
Spring	(2)	United Methodist Polity & Discipline
	(3)	Proclamation elective WO510-549
Summer	(3)	Biblical foundations IBS one elective
Summer	(3)	Church History One
Summer	(3)	Church History Two



“Followers of Christ live ministry in place every day. Asbury Seminary and the Vineyard Leadership Institute join in providing courses that address critical issues of faithful congregations and Christian leaders. Colleagues will gather for rich fellowship and learning that immediately applies to their settings.”

— Thomas F. Tumblin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Leadership and Executive Director of Mission Outreach

## Frequently asked questions

### How will I pay for school?

Most students need multiple sources of income to finance their education: personal savings, scholarships, church/conference funds, foundations, federal student loans and part-time employment.

### What is the cost?

2009-2010 tuition: \$480 per credit hour  
Institutional fees: \$50 per semester  
Books (estimated): \$38 per credit hour

### Does Asbury offer financial aid?

Financial aid is available for eligible ACE VLI students. For complete information on financial aid, including scholarships and the partnering church program, see [asburyseminary.edu](http://asburyseminary.edu). The Asbury Seminary partnering church program allows students to invite churches to partner with them through prayer and financial support. All partnering church funds go directly to the student. Additional information about partnering churches is also available by calling the office of alumni and church relations at 866.287.2586.

### How long will it take me to finish a degree?

Students have up to 10 years to complete the Master of Divinity degree and seven years to complete a master of arts degree.

### Should I relocate?

The Florida and Kentucky campuses offer intensive courses in January, June, July and August. Weekend intensives are also offered in the spring and fall semesters.

### When do I need to apply?

Degrees have rolling application deadlines. Check [asburyseminary.edu](http://asburyseminary.edu) for degree explanations, admission requirements and deadlines.

### What is Asbury Seminary's educational mission?

Asbury Theological Seminary is a community called to prepare theologically educated, sanctified, Spirit-filled men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world through the love of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father.

For information about scholarships and current tuition rates, or to schedule a campus visit, go to [asburyseminary.edu](http://asburyseminary.edu) or call the admissions office at 800.2ASBURY.