

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Q. Is Carolina University of Theology an accredited school?

A. Carolina University of Theology is accredited by Accrediting Commission International, Inc. This accreditation is not recognized by the United States Department of Education. It is our intention in the months ahead to pursue a full accredited status with an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Since the application process is a very lengthy one, we are not able to provide a date as to when this might occur.

Q. Does the university have a Sponsorship Program to help prospective students who reside outside of the United States?

A. The university does not have such a program; therefore, any student who desires a sponsor is responsible for finding his or her own sponsor.

Q. What are the school colors for the university?

A. The university colors are Black and Red.

Q. What is the appropriate hood color for my graduation gown?

A. The color of your hood is the follows:

Bachelor of Biblical Studies – None
Master and Doctor of Christian Education – Light Blue
Master and Doctor of Christian Counseling Psychology – Dark Blue
Master and Doctor of Ministry – Scarlet Red
Master and Doctor of Theology – Scarlet Red

Q. What is the appropriate tassel color for my graduation cap?

A. The color of your tassel is the following:

Bachelor of Biblical Studies – Black
All Master's degree - Black
All Doctor's degree – Gold

Q. Does Carolina University of Theology offer an Associate Degree in Biblical Studies?

A. The university does not currently offer an Associates degree.

Q. Does Carolina University grant Life Experience Credit?

A. Carolina University no longer accepts or grants credit for Life Experience.

Q. When can I enroll at Carolina University of Theology?

A. Carolina University of Theology (CUT) maintains an open enrollment policy. You may enroll at any time throughout the year, unless you are enrolled for classes at one of our local campus.

Q. How long does it usually take to complete a course or program of study?

A. Our policy allows the student a 60 days period in which to complete any one course within his/her area of study. The student determines the duration and/or length of each course. Distance Learning courses are self-pace, so the more you commit to working on your courses the faster you will get done.

Q. What happens if I exceed 60 calendar days and have not submitted any coursework to the University?

A. Failure to submit coursework to the university every 60 days and not calling the school to request an extension will result in you being dropped from active enrollment.

Q. How can I be reinstated after being dropped?

A. You must pay a reinstatement fee of \$120.00 dollars, prior to continuing your coursework. Any coursework submitted will not be graded until the university has received your payment.

Q. How many courses can I take at a time?

A. As a distance education student, you have the option to work on as many courses as you wish; however, we recommend that you stick to working on one course at a time. In doing so, you will achieve complete understanding, knowledge and wisdom on each subject taken. It is our desire that you will take your time, allowing the course material to fully digest, before moving into your next course. Your goal and/or objective should be to learn and not simply just to receive a Degree Certificate.

Q. What is the cost of textbooks?

A. It is our goal to keep the cost of textbooks down. Our books are priced between \$17.95 and \$62.00. A listing of all our textbooks can be found on this website.

Q. Where can I purchase my textbooks?

A. You may purchase your textbooks directly from C.U.T. or via any major bookstore and most Christian Bookstores. Other viable options are online booksellers, such as Barnes & Nobles, Christian Book Distributor, etc.

Q. What is the student population of Carolina University of Theology?

A. The current active student population of C.U.T. is over three hundred students.

Q. Once I have enrolled in a specific program of study, is it possible to switch or transfer into a different program?

A. Yes and No. See the following scenarios:

1. If you are in possession of a course binder for the program of study you previously selected, and have not yet mailed any coursework for grading, you may return the binder at your expense with a typed letter requesting a change of program. Please specify the new program you desire to pursue. Along with your letter, please send a check or money order in the amount of \$4.05 made payable to Carolina University of Theology or C.U.T. to cover the cost of your replacement binder.

2. If you have already started your program of study and have mailed completed courses to the University for grading, but have decided that you no longer wish to continue your current program, you may submit a typed letter requesting a change of program. Please specify the new program you desire to pursue. Along with your letter, please send a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to Carolina University of Theology or C.U.T. to cover the cost of your new program binder.

3. If you have completed all coursework within a specific program of study, except for the Theses or Dissertation, you will not be allowed to switch to another program. Your only option at this point is to pay your current program in full and reapply for another program of study. You must start from scratch. Credit will only be given for those courses already taken that may be a part of your new program. No exceptions.

Q. If I complete all of my coursework, except for my Theses or Dissertation will I be able to participate in a graduation ceremony?

A. No. All papers must be received and graded before you are cleared to walk (Graduate).

Q. Must all financial obligations be met before graduation?

A. No. You will be allowed to graduate; however, you will not receive your Degree Certificate or Official Transcripts until all financial obligations have been satisfied. Also, be advised that official transcripts will not be forwarded to any education institution until you have paid in full your tuition obligations.

Q. I have completed a prior program of study with Carolina University of Theology. Will I have to pay another application fee for enrollment in a new program?

A. If 12 months has passed since the completion date of your previous program, then you will be required to submit an updated application as well as pay a new application fee.

Q. What is the cost for an official transcript?

A. The cost for official transcripts is \$5.00 per copy.

Q. How can I order a copy of my official transcript and what are the methods of payment?

A. You may order a copy of your official transcript by phone or online at www.cutofnova.org. You may choose to pay by credit card (fastest), by money order or personal check (slowest). Transcripts paid by personal checks will not be mailed until check has been cleared through our bank. Checks received are deposited every Monday of each week.