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PURPOSE STATEMENT

West Africa Advanced School of Theology (WAAST) trains ministers to pursue excellence in the knowledge and skills needed to enable them to carry out God's mission (*missio Dei*) to the nations of the world as Pentecostal servants in the roles of pastor, evangelist, missionary, administrator, and Bible college teacher.

ENDORSEMENT AND ACCREDITATION

WAAST has received academic and ecclesiastical endorsement from the Africa Theological Training Services (ATTS) and from the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) for the Post-secondary Diploma in Theology and Bachelor of Theology programs. The Master of Arts degree program, offered through Assemblies of God Graduate School of Theology (AGGST), is equally endorsed. WAAST and AGGST have been fully accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education of the Government of Togo, for the Bachelor of Theology and Master of Arts degrees.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Missiologist John York posed these questions: “Will the Pentecostal revival further develop as Africa’s greatest force for evangelism and missions? Or will this revival be relegated to the obscurity of a church history footnote identifying yet another ecclesiastical aberration?” Through effective training, the truth of the gospel will continue to pass from generation to generation as African church leaders faithfully commit the truth to others, with exceptional results:

- ♦ Trained church leaders will bring good news to the hurting.
- ♦ Trained church leaders will strengthen the Church in its identity.
- ♦ The Church will be biblical in its worldview.
- ♦ The Church will be able to document its Christian and theological journey.
- ♦ The Church will have missionary blood flowing through its veins.

WAAST’s main campus in Lomé, Togo, serves as a regional training center for 20 nations in West and Central Africa. The school offers the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Post-Secondary Diploma in Theology. At the graduate level, through the Assemblies of God Graduate School of Theology, students can obtain the Master of Arts degree in Missiology. All programs are offered in both French and English. WAAST also hosts the PhD program in conjunction with Pan-Africa Theological Seminary. The programs at WAAST are recognized for their quality of academic scholarship and practical emphasis on ministerial skills to enhance the ministry of its students. Each course is taught by a qualified professor.

Your spiritual growth, interpersonal relationships, and physical and emotional well-being are also important to WAAST and its dedicated professors. WAAST provides an ambiance in which to develop healthy, life-long patterns of study and behavior that will empower the ministry God has entrusted to you.

Do you want to impact your world through Pentecostal servanthood? Have you asked God where He would have you go for further training? WAAST and its students have a tremendous opportunity to be change agents in their immediate environments and in their respective communities, from Lomé to Ouagadougou, to Freetown, to Kigali, to Kinshasa, to Luanda and to the ends of the earth. We invite you to consider WAAST’s training programs that ensure its graduates are trained to make a difference and to impact God’s mission in Africa and the world.

Sincerely in Him,

Dr. Mary Ballenger, President

HISTORY OF WAAST

West Africa Advanced School of Theology (WAAST) opened its doors to students for the first time in 1971 with a three-year program leading to an Associate of Theology degree. Dr. Richard Cunningham was the founding president and Dr. Delbert Tarr was the academic dean for the French section. Rev. Rex Jackson served as dean for the anglophones. The first commencement was in 1973.

After the death of Dr. Cunningham in 1975, Rev. Jackson became president. He retired in 1978, whereupon Rev. Ted Schultz was named the school's third president. In November 1979, the Board of Governors upgraded the academic program for the anglophones to a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Bible and Theology. The class of 1980 was the first graduating class to receive the BA degree. At the same time the francophone program was upgraded to a Diploma in Theology.

In January 1985, at the announcement of the retirement of Rev. Schultz, Rev. Willard Teague was named the fourth president. He served until 1998, when Rev. Randy Tarr, son of Dr. Delbert Tarr, became president. He served until 2010, when Dr. Mary Ballenger assumed this position. Rev. Jean Bandé arrived in 1988 from Burkina Faso and filled the position of academic dean for ten years. He is currently the vice president for the institution. In 1989, both the English and French programs were changed to a Bachelor of Theology (BTh) degree.

In the 1990s WAAST began extension sites in West and Central Africa. Today its BTh and diploma programs are offered at centers in Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Niger, Cameroon, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo-Kinshasa. Students do their studies at these locations until their final semester, then come to the central campus in Lomé to complete their program.

Seeing an increasing number of clergy holding bachelor's degrees and the difficulty in sending them overseas for further education, WAAST announced the launching of a graduate program, called Assemblies of God Graduate School of Theology (AGGST). Recognizing the centrality of *missio Dei* (God's mission) in the purpose of God, AGGST held the conviction that the first graduate major should be in the area of missiology. Eighteen students, representing six nations of Africa and the USA, were admitted into the new program in May 1994. A degree in Christian education was added in 2000 but has been temporarily discontinued. The MA degree has been offered in French since 2002.

In 2001, WAAST and AGGST received from Africa Theological Training Service (ATTS) and Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) both academic and ecclesiastical endorsement for the Post-secondary Diploma, BTh, and MA programs. In 2009, WAAST and AGGST received official accreditation from Togo's Ministry of Higher Education. WAAST has a liaison with the University of Lomé, to which credits are transferable.

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

WAAST, as a part of the Assemblies of God churches of Africa and the world, adheres to the following statement of fundamental truths. We believe

1. The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.
2. There is one God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory.
4. In the Blessed Hope, the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming.
5. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
6. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
7. The redemptive work of Christ on the Cross provides healing of the human body in answer to prevailing prayer.
8. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is given to believers who ask for it with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, according to Acts 2:4.
9. In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, who indwells and enables the Christian to live a holy life.
10. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

INSTITUTIONAL ROLE

WAAST is committed to excellence in ministry in Africa and in any other place in the world. Its purpose is that graduates might advance in the knowledge and skills needed to enable them to carry out God's mission (*missio Dei*) to the nations of the world as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, administrators, and Bible college teachers.

WAAST aims to develop an integrated Christian worldview in a context of conservative, evangelical, and Pentecostal scholarship founded on biblical theology and in accordance with the Assemblies of God.

The school has two divisions: English-speaking undergraduate and graduate schools of theology, and French-speaking undergraduate and graduate schools of theology.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The graduate of WAAST should be able to

1. Demonstrate spiritual maturity by his or her attitudes, values, personal consecration, faithfulness, cooperation, and dedication to Christian principles.
2. Give evidence of his or her commitment to the Pentecostal requisites by living a Spirit-filled, Spirit-endued, and Spirit-directed life.
3. Show a vision for world evangelism by encouraging active cross-cultural missions inasmuch as no church is truly indigenous unless it is missionary.
4. Demonstrate that he or she has sound knowledge of biblical exegesis and biblical theology.
5. Give evidence that general education in social studies and sciences has augmented his or her effectiveness in Christian service.
6. Show ministerial skills in study habits, administration, human relations, and methods of teaching.
7. Demonstrate increased effectiveness in Christian service in the local church context or give evidence of readiness to enter into further studies.
8. Give evidence that he or she is committed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle in terms of diet, exercise, and rest.
9. Express Christian cultural values in terms of refinement, appreciation, and social attitudes and skills.
10. Demonstrate that he or she is committed to continued growth subsequent to the campus experience.
11. Perform on a level equivalent to the graduates of institutions with similar programs anywhere in the world.

WAAST CAMPUS

WAAST is located in Lomé, Togo, on fifteen acres of land. The campus includes a chapel, library, student dining hall, student lounge, administration complex, dormitories for 200 students, classrooms, and faculty housing.

Spiritual Life

WAAST exists to promote the accomplishment of God's mission through Pentecostal servanthood. Fulfillment of this mission requires three spiritual qualities: 1) a passion for the mission of God, 2) a servant's heart, and 3) Pentecostal empowerment for holy living and effective service. The school seeks to see these qualities developed in the classroom, chapel, and times of focused prayer.

Worship

The WAAST International Chapel building occupies a position of prominence on the campus. It will accommodate about 3,000 people. Graduations and special convocations are held here. The Chapel operates full-time within the complex. The church offers multiple services weekly and opportunities for students to be involved in local church ministry. WAAST faculty and students conduct school chapel services as well, in the student chapel on campus.

Library

The library is a modern, air-conditioned facility with computerized technical and Internet services. It contains approximately 26,000 volumes and 60 subscriptions to periodicals. A trained librarian and staff serve the faculty and student body.

Computer Laboratory

Twenty modern desktop computers are available for WAAST students. A computer technician is available to assist the students with technical and printing needs.

Bookstore

At the beginning of each session, the business office operates a bookstore, which supplies all of the textbooks that are needed for the courses. On occasion used books or photocopies are provided when the text is out of print.

Radio and Video Ministries

Housed on the WAAST campus is an 18-hour-per-day FM radio ministry. Production studios and offices support this ministry, which reaches across all of southern Togo and into Ghana and Benin. In the center of the campus is a small chapel used for video production.

Administration Complex

The administration complex is comprised of administrative and faculty offices, a faculty lounge, the business office, and the reception area.

Residence Halls

The dormitories and apartments are equipped with wardrobe closets, study tables, flush toilets, running water, and screened verandas.

Dining Hall

African food is prepared and served in a lively and informal atmosphere. Mealtime is a time of peaceful relaxation and fellowship.

Student Lounge

The lounge, equipped with a television and comfortable furniture, provides a place where students can relax with visiting friends and fellow students.

Athletic Facilities

Facilities are provided for volleyball, soccer, tennis, and table tennis. Students are required to participate in physical activities weekly.

Location and Transportation

The WAAST campus is located in the Republic of Togo, about five kilometers north of downtown Lomé. It is easily accessible to the international airport.

FINANCES

WAAST is owned and operated by the churches of the Assemblies of God in West and Central Africa and Assemblies of God World Missions USA. Support for the school comes through donations from African churches and missionaries and through student fees. A student is expected to pay his or her educational expenses in full at the time of registration. Tuition for independent study is the same rate as tuition for regular sessions. Tuition is also required of all students enrolled for thesis credit.

The cost of books and other materials is in addition to tuition charges. All tuition and fees are subject to periodic review by WAAST and may be changed. Current fee schedules may be obtained from the business office.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Spiritual Requirements

To demonstrate satisfactory Christian character and maturity for admission to WAAST, the applicant must

1. Be a member of a church in full fellowship with the Assemblies of God or such other church group as is approved by the Board of Administration. In all cases, if there is a lack of space, Assemblies of God members will have priority. Students from African churches not in full fellowship with the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) will be required to pay a higher rate for tuition and housing. This may be waived if the church is giving financial support to the general budget of the school.
2. Be recommended by the appropriate official of the Assemblies of God Church in his or her country.
3. Be filled with the Holy Spirit with the biblical evidence described in Acts 2: 4.
4. Give testimony of the call of God on his or her life and commitment to full-time ministry for God.
5. Have at least 2 years of full-time ministry experience.

Academic Requirements

- For the Bachelor of Theology Degree
The applicant must possess the academic qualifications required in his or her country for admission to the local university and pass the WAAST entrance exam.
- ♦ For the Post-secondary Diploma in Theology
The applicant must be a graduate of a Bible institute that is endorsed by ATTS or by another accrediting association, or hold an accepted diploma,

such as a General Certificate in Secondary Education (GCSE) or West Africa Education Certificate (WAEC) (equivalent to 10 or 11 years of primary and secondary education). He or she must pass the WAAST entrance examination.

♦ For the Master of Arts Degree

The applicant must hold an acceptable bachelor's degree, with a 3.0 minimum grade point average. He or she must have a minimum of 24 credit hours in biblical and theological studies, with a balance in Old and New Testament studies. If English is not the first language of the applicant, he or she must successfully pass an English proficiency entrance exam

Health Requirements

The applicant must be certified by a qualified medical authority and deemed capable of carrying the course of studies.

APPROVAL PROCESS

New students are accepted into the BTh and Diploma programs one time each year, and that is for the first semester, beginning the last week of February. For the MA program, new students are accepted one time each year, for the session beginning in May. Applications are considered for approval only after the entire packet of information has been submitted to the Registrar's office.

The admission procedure for all programs is as follows:

1. The prospective student should obtain an application packet from the WAAST receptionist and pay the prescribed fee. One can download the application from the school's Web site (www.waast.org) and pay the processing fee when submitting the completed packet.
2. The prospective student should send the proper documents to verify his or her academic qualifications. For any post-secondary academic work, transcripts from other Bible institutes, Bible colleges, or universities should be sent to WAAST for evaluation.
3. The application packet should be completed and returned to WAAST.
4. The church recommendation letter is to be signed by the national leader of the Assemblies of God church in the student's home country or his designated representative. If the prospective student is not a member of the Assemblies of God, he or she needs both a recommendation letter from the national leader of the Assemblies of God church and his or her own denominational leader.
5. The prospective student should select one of the dates when the entrance exam is offered, register in advance for that examination session with the WAAST receptionist, and pay the examination fee. The student is encouraged

to contact WAAST for his or her results. In certain cases, when a student lives a great distance from the Lomé campus, he or she may be able to sit the entrance exam at one of WAAST's extension locations. (Please inquire if you have questions.)

6. After the Registrar has received all the materials, including passing scores on the examinations and all the forms in the application packet, the file will be presented to the Board of Administration for approval. If approved, the prospective student will be notified by the Registrar's office.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

The academic programs at West Africa Advanced School of Theology are committed to fulfilling God's mission, *missio Dei*, and aim to develop an integrated Christian worldview in a context of conservative, evangelical, and Pentecostal scholarship founded on biblical theology and in accordance with the Assemblies of God. WAAST is recognized for its high standard of scholarship and practical emphasis on ministerial skills to enhance the ministry of its students.

WAAST offers the Bachelor of Theology (129 semester hours) degree and the Post-secondary Diploma in Theology (96 semester hours) in both French and English. These programs are offered in 2 semesters each year: for 9 weeks in March/April, and for 6 weeks in August/September. The final semester leading to matriculation requires approximately 13 weeks at the Lomé campus, during which the student completes 18 semester hours. In the BTh program, these hours include the writing of a fifty-page thesis.

Bachelor of Theology Degree

Students who have earned a diploma from a recognized Bible institute and qualify to enter into the BTh program will receive 33 semester hours of transfer credit. To complete the BTh at WAAST the student will need to successfully complete 96 credit hours and maintain at least a C grade point average (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).

Post-secondary Diploma in Theology

To earn the Post-secondary Diploma of Theology, the student must complete a total of 96 credit hours. No credit is granted for work completed at a secondary-level Bible institute. The student who has acquired A-levels (equivalent to 12 or 13 years of primary and secondary education) must complete 66 credit hours for graduation. Third-year second-semester courses are replaced with six Global/ICI courses, and Greek I (first semester) is replaced with one Global/ICI course.

Courses are offered within five academic divisions:

B	Bible
BL	Biblical Languages
G	General Education
M	Church Ministries
T	Theology and Church History

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

FIRST YEAR COURSES

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
B1223 Exegesis I	3	B2113 Romans and Galatians	3
G1113 Research Methods	3	G1213 English Composition/ Grammar	3
M1213 Missions Orientation	3	T1213 History of the Church in Africa	3
M1223 Church Administration	3	T1223 Apologetics	3
T1123 Christology/Soteriology	3		
T1143 Church History I & II	3		
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	12

SECOND YEAR COURSES

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
G1123 French	3	B2123 Acts	3
G2223 Cultural Anthropology	3	B2223 Biblical Archeology/ Intertestamental History	3
M2143 Introduction to Christian Education	3	G2233 Principles of Teaching	3
M2333 Marriage and Family	3	M2113 Church Strategy	3
T2213 Johannine Theology	3		
T2223 Pneumatology	3		
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	12

***THIRD YEAR COURSES
BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE***

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
B3213 Major Prophets	3	B3223 Exegesis II	3
BL3113 Greek I	3	BL3213 Greek II	3
G3113 Introduction to Philosophy	3	G3243 Thesis	3
M3113 Biblical Ethics	3	M3123 Bible School Administration	3
M3223 Homiletics	3	M3343 Holistic Ministries: Principles and Practices	3
T3233 African Contemporary Theology	3	T3113 Islam in Africa	3
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	18

Total number of credits earned :	96
Transfer credits from a Bible institute/other:	33
<i>Total credits for the Bachelor of Theology degree :</i>	<i>129</i>

THIRD YEAR COURSES
POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Credits</u>
B3213 Major Prophets	3	B3233 Corinthians*	3
G3113 Introduction to Philosophy	3	B3243 A Study in the Book of Hebrews*	3
M3113 Biblical Ethics	3	M3243 Human Relations*	3
M3223 Homiletics	3	M3253 Expository Preaching*	3
T3233 African Contemporary Theology	3	M3263 Evangelism Today*	3
M3133 The Work of the Pastor*	3	M3273 The Worship of God*	3
Total Credits	18	Total Credits	18

**Global/ICI course*

Total credits for the Post-secondary Diploma in Theology : 96

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA's are based on the 4.0 grading system, where a letter grade is assigned a numerical value as follows:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Passing</u>	<u>Failing</u>
A 4.0	B+ 3.3	C+ 2.3	D+ 1.3	F 0.0
A- 3.7	B 3	C 2	D 1	
	B- 2.7	C- 1.7	D- 0.7	

If grades are calculated on a percentage basis, the following scale is used:

A	96-100	C+	83-85	D-	70-72
A-	94-95	C	79-82	F	0-69
B+	91-93	C-	77-78		
B	89-90	D+	75-76		
B-	86-88	D	73-74		

Credit Hours

All courses at WAAST are offered for 3 credit hours. Three credit hours are earned by spending 37.5 hours under guided instruction with a professor. A class period is 2 ½ hours (150 minutes) per day for 3 weeks. The Post-secondary Diploma in Theology requires a minimum of 96 credit hours while the BTh requires 129 credit hours.

Transfer of Credits

WAAST will accept credits from any approved Bible school or university for courses that are equivalent to courses offered at WAAST. The Academic Dean will determine the transferability of courses.

Graduation Requirements

- ♦ The WAAST Board of Governors awards diplomas and degrees only after the student's academic record is reviewed and all requirements have been satisfactorily completed.
- ♦ A student is subject to the academic requirements of the catalog for the year in which he or she first enrolled.
- ♦ A minimum of 33 credits must be taken through the WAAST program, on the Lomé campus or in one of its extensions.
- ♦ A student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be 2.0 or above.
- ♦ Financial accounts must be paid in full.

Graduation Honors

A graduating student who has completed a full year of study at WAAST prior to his or her final semester is eligible for honors based on his or her GPA. For honors at graduation, the cumulative GPA is calculated prior to the final semester of study; the cumulative GPAs required for honors are as follows:

<i>Summa cum laude</i>	3.90–4.00
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	3.75–3.89
<i>Cum laude</i>	3.50–3.74

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Division of Bible

B1223 Exegesis I

An investigation of the basic principles for interpreting the Bible in its various genres. The student is required to write a paper in which he or she applies these principles to a problematic passage.

B2113 Romans and Galatians

An exposition of these epistles with careful consideration of the doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. The course explores the relationship of God to Israel; the believer's obligation to God, to government, and to his fellow man; legalistic and antinomian tendencies; the relation of law and grace; and Christian liberty as set forth in these books.

B2123 Acts

An expository study, chapter by chapter, of the Book of Acts, placing emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the birth and growth of the Early Church and particular emphasis on the missiological implications for today's Church.

B2223 Biblical Archeology/Intertestamental History

An examination of ancient archaeological finds in the Middle East, for the purpose of understanding Old and New Testament cultures and languages. Consideration is given to the intertestamental period as a means of better understanding the life of Christ and the message of the New Testament.

B3213 Major Prophets

A study of the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel in their historical contexts. The prophets, their call, their cultural setting, and the missional message God gave them to preach are considered. The course gives special attention to messianic and eschatological themes.

B3223 Exegesis II

A study of the methods of doing exegetical analysis on selected passages. These methods are employed as the student produces several formal, exegetical papers.

Division of Biblical Languages

BL3113 Greek I

A course in the basic elements of grammar in the Greek New Testament. Students learn the basic verb, noun, pronoun, and adjective forms and analyze sentence structure.

BL3213 Greek II

A continuation of the study of basic elements of the grammar of New Testament Greek. Students learn additional nouns, participles, infinitives, verbs, adjectives, and adverb forms, as well as exegetically useful syntax and grammar concepts. This course includes practice in translation and exegesis of New Testament verses.

Division of Theology and Church History

T1123 Christology/Soteriology

An examination of the principle topics concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ from the perspective of historical, systematic, and biblical theology.

T1143 Church History I & II

A historical study of the people, culture, events, and theological developments in the Church, from its inception through the Reformation and to the present day. In this light students consider practical application and responses to the present-day role of the Church.

T1213 History of the Church in Africa

An overview of the origins and development of Christianity in Africa as part of global Church history. The course highlights the point that Christianity was not introduced by Europeans, but has been a continuous force on the continent since the first century A.D. Students consider the development of the Northern and Eastern churches, the history of colonization and its effect on missions, and the current situation and future of the indigenous African church.

T1223 Apologetics

An examination and explanation of the relationship that exists between faith and knowledge for the Christian life. The student will be better equipped to defend his or her faith and Christian doctrines in a complex and changing world.

T2213 Johannine Theology

A study of Johannine theology as found in the Gospel and the Epistles of John. Special attention is given to John's concept of God, the Logos, the Spirit, life, light, love, and knowledge. John's treatment of the Gnostic problem is also considered.

T2223 Pneumatology

A study of the biblical theology of the Holy Spirit, considering the Spirit's person, offices, gifts, administration, and ministry, with emphasis on His missional role.

T3113 Islam in Africa

A study of the Muslim world, the life of Mohammed, major beliefs and practices, and sects and schisms, especially as found in Africa. Students will develop a conceptual "bridge" from Islam to Christianity.

T3233 African Contemporary Theology

An analysis of selected theological themes of several major independent church movements in Africa. The course gives special attention to apparent methods of biblical contextualization used by these groups to achieve relevancy to the culture and examines the danger of syncretism.

Division of Church Ministries

M1213 Missions Orientation

The study of the basic principles of missions and church growth with special attention to a biblical theology of missions. The course includes an examination of the issues faced by today's churches and Christian missionaries: the divine call, recruitment, theological issues, cultural problems, political involvement, methodology, and indigenization.

M1223 Church Administration

A study of the theoretical and practical aspects of church and Christian organizational structures. The following concepts are studied: leadership, management, interpersonal relationships, and evaluation of personnel and programs.

M2113 Church Strategy

A survey of current church growth theory and practice with special attention to receptive and resistant people groups, spiritual soil testing, and goal setting for significant increase in the churches of West and Central Africa.

M2143 Introduction to Christian Education

An overview of the function and place of Christian education in the Church. The course includes a study of the basic objectives and biblical principles of education that is Christian.

M2333 Marriage and Family

An examination of the biblical meaning of marriage and family and biblical guidelines for healthy and productive marriages and families. Students consider the proper relationship between the minister and his or her marriage and family, and how pastoral counseling can strengthen marriages and families in the church. The study emphasizes the role of the family in accomplishing *missio Dei*.

M3113 Biblical Ethics

A study of the principles of biblical ethics with application to contemporary issues in the African context, such as euthanasia, birth control, abortion, racism, tribalism, polygamy, bribery, and general ministerial ethics.

M3123 Bible School Administration

A study of the basic principles of organization of Bible schools, including the development of a purpose statement, objectives, details of administration, programs,

facilities, and accreditation, with emphasis upon Africa's need for trained church leaders.

M3223 Homiletics

An analysis of the principles and practices of preparing and preaching biblical, missional sermons. The student concentrates on preparing and delivering relevant expository sermons.

M3343 Holistic Ministries: Principles and Practices

A study of the biblical, theological foundation of holistic witness. Students consider the issues related to HIV/AIDS and other community health concerns; the responsibility of the Church as a redemptive, missional agent in society; and the development of micro-enterprises in the community.

Division of General Education

G1113 Research Methods

A study of research techniques and the process of preparing a term paper and thesis. The course guides students in the selection of a topic, formation of an outline, research techniques, and preparation of note and bibliography cards, and offers an in-depth study of style in preparation for formal research and writing.

G1123 French

An introductory course in phonetics, conjugations of *être*, *avoir* and the basic verb groups in the present tense and negative forms, formation of simple sentences, and the use of articles.

G1213 English Composition/Grammar

A study of English grammar, sentence structure, composition, vocabulary building, and spelling rules. Students learn to use the special aids available in the dictionary and in the library. Further work in phonetics is given as needed.

G2223 Cultural Anthropology

An examination of the cultural values and differences of various people groups with emphasis upon development of an understanding and an appreciation of various cultural backgrounds and preparation for cross-cultural ministry.

G2233 Principles of Teaching

A study of the basics of Christian teaching: the biblical foundations; the relationship of teaching to the Christian ministry; and the fundamental principles of the teaching-learning process, such as lesson planning, goals, learning activities, methods of instruction, and evaluation. The course presents a synthesis of various philosophical positions, and relates and compares each position to biblical truth.

G3113 Introduction to Philosophy

A study of the broad field of philosophy from a Christian perspective, with discussion concerning problems regarding knowledge, reality, ultimate concerns, and morality.

G3243 Thesis

A major research and writing project that requires extensive biblical, exegetical research and a thorough literature review on a specific, approved topic. The student works personally with a mentor. This course is required for all students earning the Bachelor of Theology degree and serves as preparation for further work on the graduate level.

GRADUATE PROGRAM: MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

The Master of Arts degree in Missiology is designed for men and women whose ministerial skills and demonstrated competence qualify them for continued education at the master's-degree level. In offering the degree, AGGST manifests its conviction that Christian ministers should be encouraged to improve their skills and enlarge their vision in order to be the most effective ministers of Jesus Christ. Effectiveness and excellence in ministry include these components:

- An understanding of biblical materials at a significant level
- A growing knowledge of theology and its practical application
- A greater awareness of the social, political, and ethical dimensions of the Christian faith
- An increased sensitivity to the problems and potential of people
- An acquaintance with a wide range of media
- A high level of competence in written and oral communication
- An ability to transcend cultural differences and traditions with innovative outreach methods
- An ability to go beyond the traditional techniques of ministry, using more effective methods of ministry
- A steadily maturing relationship with God and an increasing understanding of servanthood
- An emphasis on the Pentecostal distinctive of our faith

The MA degree program emphasizes research. Research at AGGST is associated with practice rather than pure academics. The program seeks to motivate students to carry research and study through to practical action, to apply biblical theology to the needs of people. To permit the students to remain in their positions of ministry and apply what they have learned, all courses are offered in block sessions.

The final phase involves the writing of a thesis related to the student's ministry. It requires a high level of competence and skill as the studies are applied to the context of practical ministry. AGGST considers the MA program a part of a lifelong process of personal development and cultivation of experiences leading to excellence in the function of ministry. The theoretical part of the program is intellectually demanding, but the application of that knowledge is much more challenging.

AGGST offers the MA degree in both French and English. Courses are held yearly over a 10-week period, from May through July. Students attend classes for 3 years, then 1 year is dedicated to the thesis.

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

FIRST PHASE: EIGHT CORE COURSES (1st and 2nd years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
THM 501 Biblical Theology of Missions	3
GEN 501 Research Methodology	3
BIB 501 Old Testament Genres and Issues	3
BIB 502 New Testament Genres and Issues	3
HIS 601 Worldwide Expansion of Christianity	3
THM 601 Beyond the Indigenous Church	3
MIS 601 Socio-political Context of the Church	3
REL 602 Contemporary African Theology	3
Total Credits	24

SECOND PHASE: COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (2nd year)

THIRD PHASE: SIX FINAL COURSES (2nd and 3rd years)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
GEN 602 Cultural Patterns of Communication	3
BIB 602 Lucan Pneumatology	3
LDS 501 Foundations of Christian Leadership	3
CED 606 Christian Education Today: Foundations and Practice	3
GEN 601 Writing for the 21 st Century	3
MIS 602 Specialized Studies in Islam	3
Total Credits	18

FOURTH PHASE: THESIS PROJECT (4th year) 6

Total credits for the Master of Arts degree: 48

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA's are based on the 4.0 grading system, where a letter grade is assigned a numerical value as follows:

<u>Excellent</u>		<u>Good</u>		<u>Satisfactory</u>		<u>Passing</u>		<u>Failing</u>	
A	4.0	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3	F	0.0
A-	3.7	B	3	C	2	D	1		
		B-	2.7	C-	1.7	D-	0.7		

If grades are calculated on a percentage basis, the following scale is used:

A	96-100	C+	83-85	D-	70-72
A-	94-95	C	79-82	F	0-69
B+	91-93	C-	77-78		
B	89-90	D+	75-76		
B-	86-88	D	73-74		

In the event a student receives a grade that is lower than a B (3.0) in any course during the first year (initial five core courses), he or she will not be admitted to the next course. If a student receives a failing grade during the second year (after completion of the eight core courses), he or she will be required to follow instructions by the professor for revision work to achieve a pass. A second failure will result in automatic dismissal from the program.

Credit Hours

All courses at AGGST are offered for 3 credit hours. Three credit hours are earned by spending 37.5 hours under guided instruction with a professor. A class period is 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours (225 minutes) per day for 2 weeks. The Master of Arts degree requires 42 credit hours of class and 6 for the thesis project, for a total of 48.

Transfer of Credits

Transfer of credits from other approved seminaries is limited to 12 credit hours. No credit is given for undergraduate work, including hours taken in a bachelor of theology degree program.

Independent Study

Occasionally a course may be taken by independent study under the close supervision and direction of an AGGST professor. Normally an additional amount of reading is required for independent study. A student must demonstrate unusual academic strength in graduate work to qualify for permission to enroll in an independent study course. The professor in charge will set requirements consistent with the standards for graduate work. At appointed times the student will interact with the professor

concerning his or her progress. Only one independent study course by any student is allowed in the MA program.

Graduation Requirements

- ◆ The WAAST Board of Governors awards the degree only after the student’s academic record is reviewed and all requirements have been satisfactorily completed.
- ◆ A student is subject to the academic requirements of the catalog for the year in which he or she first enrolled.
- ◆ All thesis work must be completed and signed by October 1 of the year of graduation.
- ◆ A student’s cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be 3.0 or above.
- ◆ Financial accounts must be paid in full.

Graduation Honors

A graduating student is eligible for honors based on his or her GPA. The cumulative GPAs required for honors are as follows:

<i>Summa cum laude</i>	3.90–4.00
<i>Magna cum laude</i>	3.75–3.89
<i>Cum laude</i>	3.50–3.74

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

First Phase: Core Courses

THM 501 Biblical Theology of Missions

A survey of the biblical themes of *missio Dei* and the kingdom of God, which are seen as the unifying concepts of the Bible and the primary vehicles for the biblical theology of missions. In addition to a consideration of the evangelistic mandate of the Church, attention is given to the biblical foundation for socio-humanitarian ministry. Students are challenged to respond personally to the biblical theology of missions and to evaluate their church's contemporary involvement in *missio Dei*.

GEN 501 Research Methodology

A course designed to acquaint the graduate student with research methodology and key bibliographies in the areas of theological, biblical, and historical studies. The *Professors Packet* includes sample readings of informative literature to aid the student in preparing a scholarly research paper. The course guides the student in preparing a meaningful bibliography on a selected subject. Suggestions are included on how and where to collect and use non-book materials that have theological and historical importance.

BIB 501 Old Testament Genres and Issues

A study of the *missio Dei* motif of the Old Testament. The course highlights the diachronic treatment of key Old Testament theological issues and discusses practical applications of such concepts within today's Church.

BIB 502 New Testament Genres and Issues

A study of the literary and rhetorical aspects of the New Testament and historical-critical issues related to understanding the theology of the New Testament. The various theological themes and motifs of the New Testament are investigated. Students attempt to develop a synthesis of the overall message of various New Testament authors. The course addresses the continuing relevance and significance of New Testament issues in the Church today.

HIS 601 Worldwide Expansion of Christianity

A survey of the expansion of Christianity from the first century to the present. Special attention is paid to the role of secular and church forces that have contributed to the different states of missionary effort of the Church. Students also study the history of missions within their own country, place that history within the context of global missions history, and discuss the role of secular world trends which affect the Church's work of evangelization in their country.

THM 601 Beyond the Indigenous Church

An analysis of the mission of the Church from a biblical perspective. A theology of mission is developed with a scope far beyond that often envisioned in the historical

quest for an indigenous church. Questions addressed include: What is the relationship of the Church to the world (*kosmos*)? Why is it said that the concept of “indigenous church” has sometimes been understood to have restricted the missionary vision of the Church? What are the implications for missionary strategy resulting from seeing mission as the mandate of the entire “people of God”?

MIS 601 Socio-political Context of the Church

A study of the Church in the world, with the goal of equipping students to be more effective ministers and missionaries of the gospel within a variety of social, political, and economic environments. Students consider the history of the Church’s involvement in social transformation from apostolic times until the present, the biblical basis of evangelism and social responsibility, and modern evangelical efforts to redefine the relationship between evangelism and social responsibility. Students also address the issue of liberation theology and study the biblical perspective on mission-state and church-state relationships and civil disobedience.

REL 602 Contemporary African Theology

A survey of the nature of the kingdom of God in Africa over the centuries, with emphasis on how the African church has interpreted the kingdom of God. Students consider selected theological themes of several major independent church movements in Africa. The course gives special attention to apparent methods of biblical contextualization in attempts to achieve relevancy to the culture and examines the danger of syncretism.

Second Phase: Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination is taken after the completion of the core courses, before the student is allowed to continue in the final six courses and the writing of the thesis. The examination is based on seven of the eight core courses:

- THM 501 Biblical Theology of Missions
- BIB 501 Old Testament Genres and Issues
- BIB 502 New Testament Genres and Issues
- HIS 601 Worldwide Expansion of Christianity
- THM 601 Beyond the Local Church
- MIS 601 Socio-political Context of the Church
- REL 602 Contemporary African Theology

A grade of 3.0 is required to pass the examination. If a student fails to achieve the minimum passing grade, he or she is required to review the area(s) found insufficient. The student may then take another examination specific to the area(s) of weakness. However, the student cannot take the second remedial examination until he or she has spent at least 6 months reading and reviewing in the area(s) of weakness. If the student

fails to achieve a minimum grade in the second examination, he or she is dismissed from the program.

When a student successfully completes the comprehensive examination, the director of graduate studies sends him or her an official letter. The student is then advanced to candidacy status.

Third Phase: Final Courses

GEN 602 Cultural Patterns of Communication

An advanced course on the communication of the Christian faith to people of diverse national, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. The aim is to prepare students to understand current communication theories, both verbal and non-verbal, and how they must be internalized into each communicator's own worldview with the goal of effective cross-cultural witness. Variations in basic values are seen as factors in interpersonal relations and effective gospel outreach. Cultural encapsulation, ethnocentrism, and non-verbal assumptions are other elements considered.

BIB 602 Lucan Pneumatology

An exposition of the pneumatology of the Lucan literature. Students evaluate the biblical data historically, grammatically, and contextually; analyze the structure of Luke and Acts; and determine the relevance of understanding Luke's strategy when reporting about the activity of the Holy Spirit. The study traces the development of the prophethood of all believers, examining its origin on the Day of Pentecost, its community expression, and the six examples of prophets about whom Luke reports. Finally, students do a critical evaluation of some contemporary approaches to the hermeneutics of Luke and Acts as historical narrative.

LDS 501 Foundations of Christian Leadership

A study of the fundamental principles and practices of effective spiritual leadership. The course examines theological foundations that impinge upon pastoral management, emphasizes primary traits required for effective pastoral service, explains foundational skills specific to pastoral ministry, and enhances the student's ability to work with people in fulfilling the mission of the Church.

CED606 Christian Education Today: Foundations and Practice

A study of the biblical, theological, philosophical, historical, sociological, and psychological bases of Christian education. The course considers the dynamic forces underlying the teaching-learning process; provides help in understanding people in various age groups and how to teach and minister to them; considers appropriate strategies for the church and its educational ministries; and provides a perspective on concerns for a biblical basis of the family and parenting, schools, and parachurch organizations.

GEN 601 Writing for the 21st Century

An analysis of the characteristics of a successful Christian writer and a survey of the types of literature that should be published today. The course provides opportunity and guidance for producing several writing projects, and outlines possibilities and procedures for launching into publishing in Africa today.

MIS 602 Specialized Studies in Islam

An overview of the historical beginnings and development of Islam and of its system, creed, and practice. The course gives special attention to Christian witness to Muslims and the planting of the Church among them.

Fourth Phase: Thesis Project

Early in their course of studies, students should begin to consider a ministry-related problem they would like to address in the thesis they will produce at the end of their program. The document *Master of Arts Thesis Guide* provides instruction and guidance for this extensive research project.

Each student is assigned a mentor to guide him or her through the thesis-writing process. The mentor is a member of the AGGST faculty and is assigned by the academic committee with the recommendation of the director of graduate studies and in consultation with the student. Appointment is made during the second year of studies, after the student has successfully completed the comprehensive examination. The mentor assumes responsibility for the student in the research and writing of the thesis and helps the student in the following ways:

- Consults with the student concerning the selection and development of a particular thesis topic
- Reads and evaluates all written materials submitted by the student during the writing of the proposal and thesis
- Reads, corrects, and promptly returns each chapter of the thesis as the student submits it, evaluating content, grammar, style, punctuation, footnotes, and bibliography
- Gives tentative approval to each chapter when the recommended revisions and corrections have been made
- Reviews the completed first draft
- Reads and approves the final revision that the student submits after making suggested corrections

A complete draft of the thesis project must be submitted to the mentor no later than May 1 of the year of graduation. The final project must be submitted by October 1 of that year. Once the mentor has received and a complete approved final copy, he

certifies to the academic committee that the student has successfully completed the program and recommends that he or she be approved for graduation.

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ACADEMIC CALENDER 2012

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs

February 24–25	Registration for First Semester
February 27–April 27	First Semester
May 28–29	Meeting of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee
June 27	Deadline for First Semester Written Assignments
August 3–4	Registration for Second Semester
August 6–September 14	Second Semester
November 14	Deadline for Second Semester Written Assignments

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs Graduating Class

August 3–4	Registration for Final Semester
August 6–October 31	Final Semester–Central Campus
September 17–19	Mid-term Break
October 5	Deadline for BTh Thesis Projects
October 31	Last Day of Class
November 3	Graduation
November 3–4	Board of Governors Meeting

Master of Arts Program

May 5	Registration
May 7–July 20	Session (5 courses)
June 18–22	Mid-term Break
September 20	Deadline for Written Assignments
November 3	Graduation

The completed MA thesis is required to be in the hands of the thesis mentor by May 1 of the year the student plans to graduate.

ACADEMIC CALENDER 2013 (Tentative)

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs

February 22 & 24	Registration for First Semester
February 25–April 26	First Semester
May 27–28	Meeting of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee
June 26	Deadline for First Semester Written Assignments
August 2 & 4	Registration for Second Semester
August 5–September 13	Second Semester
November 13	Deadline for Second Semester Written Assignments

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs Graduating Class

August 2 & 4	Registration for Final Semester
August 5–October 30	Final Semester–Central Campus
September 16–18	Mid-term Break
October 7	Deadline for BTh Thesis Projects
October 30	Last Day of Class
November 2	Graduation
November 2–3	Board of Governors Meeting

Master of Arts Program

May 3 & 5	Registration
May 6–July 19	Session (5 courses)
June 17–21	Mid-term Break
September 19	Deadline for Written Assignments
November 2	Graduation

The completed MA thesis is required to be in the hands of the thesis mentor by May 1 of the year the student plans to graduate.

ACADEMIC CALENDER 2014 (Tentative)

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs

February 21 & 23	Registration for First Semester
February 24–April 25	First Semester
May 26–27	Meeting of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee
June 25	Deadline for First Semester Written Assignments
August 1 & 3	Registration for Second Semester
August 4–September 12	Second Semester
November 12	Deadline for Second Semester Written Assignments

Post-secondary Diploma and Bachelor of Theology Programs Graduating Class

August 1 & 3	Registration for Final Semester
August 4–October 29	Final Semester–Central Campus
September 15–17	Mid-term Break
October 7	Deadline for BTh Thesis Projects
October 29	Last Day of Class
November 1	Graduation
November 1–2	Board of Governors Meeting

Master of Arts Program

May 2 & 4	Registration
May 5–July 18	Session (5 courses)
June 16–22	Mid-term Break
September 18	Deadline for Written Assignments
November 1	Graduation

The completed MA thesis is required to be in the hands of the thesis mentor by May 1 of the year the student plans to graduate.