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About ADC

Where does ADC fit theologically?

ADC welcomes all students, no matter what their theological background. Whatever your perspective, you will experience respect and have the right to freely express your views in class and assignments without any concern for reprisal. Like all seminaries though, we teach from a particular theological stance. As a seminary we seek to reflect the warm evangelicalism of our supporting constituency. At ADC you will encounter professors who believe in the trustworthiness and authority of scripture. Our faculty members are in substantial agreement with significant expressions of the christian faith found in historic documents such as the Apostles Creed and contemporary documents such as the statement of faith of the World Evangelical Alliance and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

What about ADC's faculty?

One of the great strengths of ADC is its faculty. Our faculty have studied at major research universities throughout the world, including St. Andrew's, Wales and Warwick in the UK, Harvard and Temple in the US, Alberta and Guelph in Canada, Potchefstroomse in South Africa. Our have lived and engaged in ministry in many countries of the world including Scotland, the United States, Guyana, Afghanistan, England and South Africa. The faculty have engaged in diverse ministry setting including hospital and military chaplaincy, denominational leadership, christian camping, youth ministry, university teaching and administration, historical research, Christian education, and parachurch leadership in addition to pastoring local churches. In spite of their diversity the faculty share a common passion – equipping students to engage in effective ministry and mission and scholarship both within Canada and abroad.

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Should I study full-time or part-time?

Most students find that full-time study on our main campus in Wolfville, Nova Scotia is the best option due to many benefits, which include:

- Quicker completion
- Greater scholarship and bursary assistance (in 2010, all full time students received a minimum of \$1,600) plus campus employment
- Spiritual formation and community through chapel, more interaction with profs and fellow students, and special events
- Varsity athletic opportunities and culture involvement on the wider Acadia University campus
- Building friendships with fellow students
- Living in the beautiful Annapolis Valley

However, Many students choose to complete their degree part-time at Acadia. This includes students who live both far and near from our main campus in Wolfville, Nova Scotia or one of our extension sites. Part-time study allows you to continue in your current ministry or devote more time to your job or family. Our degrees are structured in such a way that you can complete a degree without relocating to Wolfville.

Either way, there [are benefits](#) and you can complete a degree at Acadia the way that best suits your needs and situation.

What are the academic requirements for admission to ADC degrees?

Doctor of Ministry: Master of Divinity (or its educational equivalent) with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Master of Divinity: Bachelors degree from an approved institution with a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Master of Arts (60 credit hour): Bachelors degree from an approved institution with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Master of Arts (30 credit hour): Honours Bachelors degree in the same discipline from an approved institution with a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or Masters degree in a theological discipline.

Bachelor of Theology: High School graduation. Normally for applicants 21 years of age or older.

Bachelor of Theology (Ordination Track): High School graduation. Normally for applicants 21 years of age or older. **Note:** Applicants seeking ordination within the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches should normally be at least 35 years of age before enrolling in this program (for more information consult with the Board of Ministerial Standards and Education's policies at www.baptist-atlantic.ca or call 506-635-1922)

When should I apply?

May 1st: Students can apply at any time during the year, but we highly recommend that students apply by May 1st , prior to the year they expect to attend. May 1st is the cut-off date for incoming full-time students to be eligible for the Entrance Scholarship.

Aug 1st: Canadian students should apply by Aug 1st for classes in September. Applicants who apply after May 1st are not eligible for entrance scholarships, but ADC's generous bursary assistance is still available.

Students can apply beyond Aug 1st, but please be advised that late applications will result in a delay of acceptance. [Apply Now](#)

I'm an international student, when should I apply?

International students should apply by April 1st for the following year. [Apply Now](#)

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Are ADC programs accredited?

Since Acadia Divinity College is accredited by the premier accrediting body for theological schools in North America, The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the quality of our D. Min., M.Div, and M.A. programs is recognized and affirmed by the body. In addition, since the degree is award by Acadia University, a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, our degrees carry a weight beyond that of many other Canadian seminaries, having been approved by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and the Senate of Acadia University.

Does ADC offer online degrees?

At ADC we believe in the value of face to face education! Since ministry is a vocation where someone's success or failure often rises or falls on their ability to interact well with people, classroom experiences are very important when seeking excellence in ministry preparation. In a class you learn how to debate and discuss issues of disagreement with respect. You build personal relationships with future ministry colleagues, relationships that are deeper in nature and longer-lasting than most made online. In live classroom settings you benefit from

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closer interaction with your professor and are impacted by their live and teaching in a deeper way.

Having said all of that, we also recognize that an education needs to be accessible and recognize the complexity of people's lives as they seek a seminary education today. In light of the realities of modern life, we do offer some online courses to supplement your classroom experience at ADC and allow you to complete up to one third of your degree through non-traditional course experiences.

Student life at ADC

Will I have an opportunity to grow spiritually?

At ADC we believe that positive spiritual formation is critical to excellence in ministry preparation. Ministry is not just about what you can do, it's also about who you are. Those we lead will expect us to live a vital spiritual life, modeling the relationship with Christ we encourage. So at Acadia we not only offer required and elective courses in spiritual formation, we also offer planned opportunities for spiritual growth (such a twice-weekly chapel experiences.) and encourage students from the time of their arrival to be involved in campus groups like Inter-Varsity and to find a local church you can be involved in, even before you settled into your Mentored Ministry courses. Faculty also seek to encourage your spiritual growth though one on one times of prayer and support.

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How much does ADC cost?

Our fee structure changes slightly from year to year. To see the most up-to-date information, see the [fees page](#).

Am I eligible for any scholarships or bursaries?

Yes you are! Students with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 or greater are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Amounts awarded each year vary but are often in excess of \$4,000 per year. ADC is very proud to offer **every student who applies for financial assistance**, some form of financial help. Currently, Full-time Master's students receive a **minimum of \$1,800** per year, and full-time Bachelor's students will receive a **minimum of \$1,650** per year. All part-time students also receive a \$100 bursary per 3-credit course.

Am I eligible for student loans if I study at ADC?

Absolutely! ADC students are eligible for student loan assistance. However, it is the student's responsibility to have made application in ample time to pay all fees when due; otherwise be faced with interest charges or possibly de-registration from courses.

How am I billed for my tuition and fees?

Tuition and fees are payable to Acadia University and due on the first day of classes in September and January. Tuition and fees may be paid by cheque payable to Acadia University, debit (in-person) or credit card (in person or on-line). In cases where finances may be delayed, students need to work out a schedule of payment with the university.

Is my tuition tax deductible?

Yes. Each February we will send Canadian tax filers a T2202A indicating what you paid in tuition during the last calendar year. You can deduct this amount when you calculate your income tax owed. In addition, this form will also indicate how many months you were a student, allowing you to claim the educational amount as well. For more information on how to claim these deductions, please contact the Acadia Divinity College Controller.

Travel and Location

What is Wolfville like?

[Wolfville](#) is a delightful university town located in the picturesque [Annapolis Valley](#), about a one-hour drive from Halifax. The stunning landscape lends itself to a relaxing retreat from the stress and busyness of ministry. For more about Wolfville you can visit the Wolfville visitor's [website](#).

What is the closest airport?

The [Halifax Stanfield International Airport](#) is only a one-hour drive from campus

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What is the closest rail terminal?

[Halifax](#) – one hour and fifteen minutes from campus.

Where are graduate level courses (M.Div. & M.A.) offered?

While the majority of the courses are offered on [campus](#), ADC offers courses in Halifax, New Brunswick, as well as online and virtually. [More info...](#)

Where can I live when studying at ADC?

Wolfville is a university town with many rental options. For assistance in finding a rental, use the **Find-a-spot** program in the [Acadia Student's Union website](#).

Some students prefer to stay in dorm. To arrange your dorm room, contact [Residence Life](#).

Where can I stay when taking intensive courses on campus?

Accommodation options depend on the preference and budget of each student. Some students, especially for courses offered in the spring, choose to stay in the university residences (located just steps from the Divinity College) because of convenience and to reduce cost (contact [Residence Life](#)). Some students prefer the historic ambience of one of several Victorian Inns located within walking distance of campus. Still others prefer modern motel options located within reasonable driving distances. For information on accommodations options, visit [this site](#).

Where can I eat when I am studying in Wolfville?

During the academic year, many students choose to eat in Wheelock Dining Hall, which is located just steps away from the Divinity College. Many students also walk down the hill to enjoy dining at one of the many reasonably priced restaurants in Wolfville.

In addition, doctoral students are welcome to eat in the Divinity College faculty/staff lounge and kitchen and make use of the refrigerator if you are bringing a bag lunch for your noon meal. For more information on restaurants in Wolfville, you can visit [Wolfville's visitor page](#).

When in Wolfville, what can I do in my off time?

Many students make use of the library during the evenings. However, all work and no play do not an escape from ministry make! Many students take full advantage of local amenities such as hiking, biking, sightseeing, strolling on nearby beaches or dykes, shopping in nearby New Minas, relaxing with fellow students over a coffee in local coffee shop, or attending a concert or movie.



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