

Admission Policies and Requirements

A. PROGRAMMES OF STUDY. The Seminary offers the following programmes of study:

1. a. M.A. in Biblical Studies, Old Testament,
b. M.A. in Biblical Studies, New Testament,
c. M.A. in Psychology and Biblical Counselling,
d. M.A. in Pastoral Theology,
e. M.A. in Christian Education,
f. M.A. in Expository Preaching,
g. M.A. in Christian Theology of Public Policies
All studies at this level are for a minimum of 2 years.
2. Post-Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Studies, 1 year
3. a. B.A. in Theology, (Pastoral) 4, 3 or 2 years
b. B.A. in Theology, (Missions) 4, 3 or 2 years
c. B.A. in Theology, (Systematics) 4, 3 or 2 years
d. B.A. in Education, (Christian Religious Studies) 4 or 3 years
e. B.A. in Christian Religions Studies, 4 or 3 years (accredited by the University of Jos)
4. Diploma in Theology, 3 years
5. Certificate in Theology, (Pastoral Major) 3 years
6. Certificate in Bible, (Women's Institute) 3 years
7. Basic English Programme, 1 year

B. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS :

1. M.A. level
Relevant BA with a 2nd class honours, second division, degree or higher.
Candidates for OT studies must have proficiency in biblical Hebrew
Candidates for NT studies must have proficiency in biblical Greek
2. PGD level
A first degree with second class honours or higher.
3. B.A. IN THEOLOGY (Pastoral, Missions or Systematics) and B.A. in Christian Religious Studies
 - a. Four-year course
SSCE, NECO or Grade II Certificate with 5 credits including English in not more than two sittings or
NCE/OND with a good grade
 - b. Three-year course
NCE with a good grade and a major in CRS or
2-year Diploma in Theology with a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale (3.0 on a 5-point scale)
 - c. Two-year course
A 3-year Diploma in Theology with at least a GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale (3.0 on a 5-point scale) (Note: the 2-year programme is not accredited.)
4. B.A. IN EDUCATION (Christian Religious Studies)
 - a. Four-year course
SSCE, NECO or Grade II Certificate with 5 credits including English in not more than two sittings or
OND with a good grade
 - b. Three-year course
NCE with a good grade or
A 2-year Diploma in Theology with a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale (3.0 on a 5-point scale)

5. DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (Three year course)
Entry qualifications: SSCE, NECO or Grade II Certificate, 3 Credits including English or a Certificate in Theology with a good result (GPA or 2.5 or above on a 4-point scale) or any other equivalent qualification.
6. CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (Three year course)
Entry qualifications: 2 Credits with English or T.T.I. with a good result (GPA of 3.0 on a 5-point scale)
7. CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE (Three year course) Open to any woman who is interested.
Entry qualifications: Primary School Certificate; Successful completion of the Literacy Course (GPA 2.5 on a 4-point scale)
8. CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (One year course)
This course consists of one year of regular study. At the end of the course, a successful student will receive the Seminary's Basic English Certificate.
Entry qualifications: One SSCE, NECO, or Grade II Certificate credit and some passes or a BTS/TTI certificate.

C. CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION :

1. All candidates for admission into the Seminary programmes are to be interviewed by members of the academic staff.
2. All candidates accepted are admitted on a provisional basis into the various programmes until they satisfy the minimum academic and spiritual requirements.
3. Formal admission into candidacy for Certificate/Diploma/Degree will be in the final semester of study.
4. Entrance Examinations: All new candidates seeking admission into the Seminary's programmes must write the appropriate Entrance Examination offered each year in January. The examinations take place on the campus at the times stated in the Academic Calendar (which is available for viewing or download at the Seminary's web site www.kagoroseminary.com). Graduates of the Seminary do not have to write an entrance exam if their graduation was within five years of making the new application.
5. Application forms can be purchased at the Seminary throughout the year. They can also be purchased on the examination day at the Seminary. It is possible to download the application form from the Seminary's web page (www.kagoroseminary.com) but the relevant fee will be charged when the applicant comes to sit the entrance examination.
6. The Seminary wants all students to have practical experience in addition to formal studies at the Seminary. This means a student may not normally move from one programme to another unless he/she already has practical ministry experience. Approved practice is as follows:
 - * A student with some years of practical ministry experience may take one programme of study immediately after completing another.
 - * Students who are in the armed forces or foreign students will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
 - * Those who study Basic English, then the Certificate in Theology followed by a Diploma in Theology must have at least one year of practical work experience before starting a degree.
 - * Those who complete the Diploma in Theology and then a degree programme must take a break of at least one year before applying for any post-graduate programme.
 - * There should normally be a break between the degree and any post-graduate programme.

D. DEFERRED ADMISSION :

In special situations with a written request and the approval of the Seminary's Registrar, a successful candidate will be allowed to defer his/her admission for a period not more than one calendar year upon payment of a non-refundable, non-commutable deferment fee. Candidates who fail to take up the offer of deferred admission within this one year shall automatically forfeit their original admission and be required to start the admission process all over again.

E. OTHER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES INTO ALL SEMINARY PROGRAMMES:

1. Must have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour (but not be a recent convert).
2. Must have evidence of a genuine call into Christian ministry.
3. Must write and pass the entrance examination into the programme for which he/she is applying.
4. Must have a successful interview with members of the faculty.
5. Must have three recommendation letters: (1) a stamped letter from the pastor/official of his/her local church or the D.C.C. or equivalent body, (2) stamped academic reference letter from the previous school and (3) a reference form completed by any responsible Christian who knows the candidate well.
6. Must be at least 18 years of age and exhibit mental maturity for an undergraduate programme and must be at least 21 years of age and exhibit mental maturity for any post-graduate programme of study.
7. Must submit a completed medical form stamped by a medical doctor so the Seminary is aware of any specific health care needs.
8. Must have academic credentials as defined in section B above.

F. FOREIGN STUDENTS

The Seminary welcomes students from outside Nigeria. Though a foreign student may be given admission to study at the Seminary, to actually register for study the student needs to satisfy the Nigerian Immigration authority when it comes to living in the country. The Seminary cannot register any foreign student for study at Kagoro who does not have the relevant documentation. At present there is no facility for distance learning offered by the Seminary.

Note: the text of this document is subject to change without notice but serves as a good guideline for the Seminary's policy at the time of writing which is September 2014.