GENERAL INFORMATION

Evangel University is a comprehensive, Christian learning-centered community of faith that confers associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees. Evangel carries on the priority of higher education within the Assemblies of God as recognized when the founding fathers and mothers of the Assemblies of God met in Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 2-12, 1914. The priorities to promote unity and doctrinal stability, establish legal standing, coordinate the mission enterprise, and establish a ministerial training school are being realized though the consolidation of The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Central Bible College, and Evangel University into the comprehensive Evangel University.

Combining the rich heritage of over 200 years of academic excellence through Central Bible College, Evangel University, and The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Evangel University now encompasses three schools:

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Graduate & Adult Studies
- Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Offering approximately 70 baccalaureate degree majors, 12 masters and 5 doctoral degrees, Evangel’s commitment to the integration of faith and learning and ministerial preparation permeate the culture. Over 2,200 current students choose Evangel to prepare them with academic and spiritual disciplines.

Historical Perspective of the Entities

In 1922, the General Assembly authorized the establishment of Central Bible Institute (CBI) with a mission to train ministers and missionaries within a three-year curriculum. By 1939 CBI had an enrollment of 438 and graduated approximately 100 students each year.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the General Council recognized a need to establish a liberal arts college for the training of the professions within a Pentecostal environment. In the fall of 1955, Evangel College opened. Largely because only accredited institutions were eligible to benefit from the provisions of the GI Bill and academic services for veterans, Assemblies of God schools began to seek accreditation. While Evangel sought initial accreditation with The North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission, Central Bible College, along with other small Bible colleges, established and became charter members of The Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges (AABC) in 1948.

Over the past fifty years, Assemblies of God higher education has moved away from the Bible school model in favor of the comprehensive university. During the 1960s, several Assemblies of God Bible schools sought regional accreditation, bringing additional pressure upon schools to broaden their curriculum in general education and introduce non-ministry majors. Unlike, seven Assemblies of God institutions which expanded into the arts and sciences
and changed their names from Bible colleges to universities, Central Bible College continued its strong emphasis on ministerial education.


In August 2011, the General Council of the Assemblies of God voted to consolidate the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Central Bible College, and Evangel University. The regional accreditor, The Higher Learning Commission, approved the proposed merger and on April 30, 2013, the three institutions ceased to operate separately and to be separately accredited. The Seminary operates as a distinct unit within the consolidated Evangel.

Parent Corporation and Subsidiary Entities

As set forth in their respective Constitutions, Evangel University, Central Bible College, and The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary are and shall be at all times owned and controlled by The General Council of the Assemblies of God. The execution of policy and administration of the institutions may be delegated, but The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall have control over all phases of the institutions.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God has charged its General Presbytery to be the guardian of these institutions, to see that they promote forever the ideals and purposes for which they were founded, and to take whatever steps necessary to insure purity of doctrine and excellency of scholarship.

University Mission

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in education and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the Church and society globally.

University Theme: Christ is Lord

For Christians, Jesus Christ is the most important fact in history—not only in world history, but in the personal history of everyone. Christians seek to be Christlike in obedience, purpose, motivation, word, and deed. Instead of serving their own self-interests, they willingly seek to do Good’s will as servants. As a reminder to the entire University community, the theme Christ is Lord is prominent as our common purpose and goal.

University Vision: To be identified among the most respected Christcentered universities and a premier Assemblies of God institution of higher learning.

University Core Values

Truth. We pursue truth by knowing Christ who is Truth and embracing all truth as God’s truth.

Integrity. We honor God by reflecting Christ in our words and actions at all times and in all situations.
**Service.** We demonstrate God’s love by serving others as the presence of Christ in the world.

**Community.** We learn and live as a community of Christ followers to discern and pursue God’s missional purpose for our lives.

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**University Basic Premises**

The following assumptions are basic to the Evangel University programs:

1. The pursuit of truth, regardless of where it is found, is a basic commitment of the University. As a community of scholars and students, the University seeks to discover, apply, and communicate that truth.

2. An individual’s personality grows and develops through commitment to Christ and the search for truth.

3. Biblical truth should be central and integrated into all the curricular, cocurricular, extracurricular, and living experiences of students.

4. Faith and reason are viewed as complementary, and both are necessary in the search for truth. Thus, students can integrate biblical Christianity with humanities, arts, sciences, behavioral sciences, social sciences and specialized subjects.

5. In teaching, learning, and serving, quality is fundamental to all areas of the University. The entire University community accepts ownership in the processes of developing the academic, spiritual, and social lives of Evangel students.

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“Christ is Lord” is the essence of Evangel University. We seek to be a community in which each member actively participates and where there is a sense of belonging, mutual respect, and caring. In such an atmosphere, members can fully develop into the person God wants them to be. Evangel seeks to integrate Biblical truth with every area of life, submitting oneself to Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to direct and control us. Accordingly, while on campus, during an off-campus class, or at any Evangel University function, students, faculty, staff, and administrators are expected to:

- Respect God, others and self at all times
- Abide by the life-style standards of Evangel University as outlined in the catalog
- Seriously pursue academic and spiritual growth through diligent, disciplined behaviors
- Exercise financial responsibility
- Maintain positive health habits by abstaining from alcohol, tobacco, and abusive drugs
- Dress so that a professional learning environment is maintained
- Refrain from vulgar, obscene, or suggestive language

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**University Learning Goals**

Our mission and values provide the foundation for four University Learning Goals that all undergraduate and graduate degree programs are designed to support.

**Christ-Centered.** The Christ-centered theme highlights the centrality of the person and teachings of Jesus Christ to the Christian’s life and education.
**Exploratory.** The exploratory theme affirms that all truth is God’s truth, regardless of where it is found, opening all academic disciplines as avenues for the curious Christian scholar to explore.

**Integrational.** The integrational theme demonstrates the ways in which the pursuit of truth aligns faith, learning, and living into an integrated whole from which student can step into their callings.

**Global.** The global theme encourages students to connect with others personally, locally, and globally.

**Doctrinal Statement**

The Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths, as conceived by the founders of the Fellowship, have been and continue to be the nonnegotiable theological position of Evangel University. We believe these 16 fundamental truths.

- The Scriptures are inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind;
- There is only one true god—revealed in three persons...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- In the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, as God's son Jesus was both human and divine.
- Though originally good, man willingly fell to sin—ushering evil and death, both physical and spiritual, into the world.
- Every person can have restored fellowship with God through 'salvation' (trusting Christ, through faith and repentance, to be our personal savior);
- We practice two ordinances—(1) water baptism by immersion after repenting of one's sins and receiving Christ's gift of salvation, and (2) holy communion (the Lord’s Supper) as a symbolic remembrance of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a special experience following salvation that empowers believers for witnessing and effective service, just as it did in New Testament times.
- The initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is ‘speaking in tongues,’ as experienced on the day of Pentecost and referenced throughout acts and the epistles.
- Sanctification initially occurs at salvation and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christ like.
- The church has a mission to seek and save all who are lost in sin. We believe 'the church' is the body of Christ and consists of the people who, throughout time, have accepted god's offer of redemption (regardless of religious denomination) through the sacrificial death of his son Jesus Christ.
- A divinely called and scripturally ordained leadership ministry serves the church. The bible teaches that each of us under leadership must commit ourselves to reach others for Christ, to worship him with other believers, to build up or edify the body of believers—the church and to meet human need with ministries of love and compassion.
- Divine healing of the sick is a privilege for Christians today and is provided for in Christ's atonement (his sacrificial death on the cross for our sins).
- The blessed hope—when Jesus raptures his church prior to his return to earth (the second coming). At this future moment in time all believers who have died will rise
from their graves and will meet the lord in the air, and Christians who are alive will be caught up with them, to be with the lord forever.

- In the millennial reign of Christ when Jesus returns with his saints at his second coming and begins his benevolent rule over earth for 1,000 years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and the establishment of universal peace.
- A final judgment for those who have rejected Christ. They will be judged for their sin and consigned to eternal punishment in a punishing lake of fire.
- And look forward to the perfect new heavens and a new earth that Christ is preparing for all people, of all time, who have accepted him. We will live and dwell with Him there forever following His millennial reign on Earth.

Accreditations and Affiliations

Evangel University holds institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. In addition, the institution and certain of its programs are accredited by:

- Association of Theological Schools
  the Commission on Accrediting
- National Association of Schools of Music
- Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- Evangel University is authorized to train students under the Veteran’s Bill of Rights.
- The Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issues teaching certificates to graduates who successfully complete the Teacher Education program

- The University, including its embedded seminary, AGTS, is endorsed by the Assemblies of God.

In addition, the University is affiliated with several professional organizations, of which the following are representative:

- Association of Governing Boards
- Christian Adult Higher Education Association
- Council for Adult and Experiential Learning
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities

Licensing/Certification Requirements Disclosure

Evangel’s degree programs prepare graduates for licensure/certification within the State of Missouri. Requirements for licensure may differ from state to state. Please consult professional licensure/certification requirements for your career within a state of planned practice including:

Accounting (CPA)
Finance
Licensed Professional Counselor
Social Work
Early Childhood/Elementary
[birth-grade 6]
Elementary [grades 1-6]
Middle School [grades 5-9 in two content areas: math, science, social studies, English/Language Arts, and business]
Special Education
[K-12 Mild/Moderate Cross Categorical]
Art Education [K-12]
Music Education [K-12: vocal or instrumental or both]
Physical Education [K-12]
Spanish Education [K-12]
Biology Education [grades 9-12]
Business Education [grades 9-12]
Communication Arts [grades 9-12; journalism and English]
Mathematics [grades 9-12]
Social Science [grades 9-12]
Speech & Theatre [grades 9-12]
M.Ed. School Counseling K-12
Ed.D. [superintendent K-12]
Ed.L. [school principal K-12]
Literacy [Special Reading K-12]

Diversity

Evangel University encourages students to understand, appreciate, and celebrate ethnic and cultural differences. Recognizing the principles of Scripture and the rich contribution that each culture can make to campus life, the University supports the biblical concept of multiculturalism and diversity (Galatians 3:28, Revelation 7:9) in which all people participate equally in the Kingdom of God.

Chapel

University chapels are the corporate expression of the spiritual nature of the university’s educational mission and culture. Chapel services emphasize worship, Scripture, prayer and real-life stories from special speakers, faculty and students that integrate faith, life and learning. The chapel program is designed to encourage, enlighten and motivate students towards holistic development that empowers them to engage in a life of service to God and others. The university also recognizes that spiritual formation is often better accomplished in smaller, peer led settings. Considering this, multiple, smaller chapel/discipleship opportunities are provided in addition to larger university chapel services. Traditional undergraduate students of the College of Arts and Sciences must attend 33 chapel/discipleship opportunities per semester.

See the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary section of this catalog for information on seminary chapel services.

The Community of Springfield

With more than 475,000 people in the metro area, Springfield is where the rolling hills of the Ozarks plateau form a surprisingly modern and green city.

A “big, small town,” Springfield offers a great blend of fascinating attractions, historical treasures, sports excitement and cultural and leisure activities in a welcoming environment. The city offers 102 parks, including a linear trail system that integrates with the city’s growing on-street bike route system; an airport; an art museum; a zoo; the Springfield Lasers professional tennis team; the Springfield Cardinals minor-league baseball team and is home to Bass Pro Shops, Missouri State University, Drury and Evangel universities and the Assemblies of God USA.

Springfield/Greene County is the only municipality in the nation with a Gold Medal Award-winning parks and recreation department, American Chamber of Commerce Executives Chamber of the Year award and accreditation in law enforcement.

1 http://www.springfieldmo.gov/35/Discover-Springfield
fire, emergency management, environmental services and public works.

Springfield Public Schools is Missouri's largest fully accredited school district. More than 23,500 students attend 35 elementary schools, an intermediate school (grades 5-6), nine middle schools, five high schools, Phelps Center for Gifted Education and four Early Childhood Centers. The school system offers more than a dozen programs to address the diverse needs of students, including the International Baccalaureate program, Wonders of the Ozarks Learning Facility (WOLF), and the Middle College Program. All five district high schools are designated Missouri A+ Schools.

Casual dining, upscale restaurants, antique shops, trendy clothing, art galleries and a public art and sculpture tour make downtown Springfield a great place to live and visit.

**Evangel University Campus**

The main campus consists of 88 acres with more than 881,000 square feet of building space in 25 major buildings.

The original government grant included 70 wood-frame buildings of the former WW2 O'Reilly General Hospital. These were remodeled to serve as dormitories, classrooms, and offices. In the fall of 1963, the government approved an additional grant of 7 acres and 14 buildings. In 1972, the University purchased two additional buildings and 13.6 acres adjacent to the original campus.

Buildings include the Klaude Kendrick Library, the Robert H. Spence Chapel, and the J. Robert Ashcroft Activities Center (the gymnasium). Six permanent residence halls (Burgess, Krause, Lewis, Scott, Spence and Walther) accommodate approximately 1300 students; Noel Perkin apartments provide residence for 16 married couples. Thomas F. Zimmerman Hall opened in January 1997 and houses the departments of Business, Science and Technology and Social Sciences. The Mabee Student Activities Center, competed in 1999, serves the intramural program and individual student fitness activities. The John K. Cantrell Student Union building, completed and dedicated in 2001, includes the Barracks Coffee Shop, the Crusader Hall cafeteria, the Joust Student Union, the Wellness Center, the Bookstore, and student-related facilities including a pool table, computer carousels, and study spaces.

The C. Lawrence and Alletha M. Barnett Fine Arts Center, completed in 2002, houses the programs of Music, Theatre, and Art. Thomas E. Trask Hall, which opened in September 2005, is home to the Communication, Theology, Education, Behavioral Sciences and Humanities departments.

Opened in 2009, the Ralph M. Riggs Administration Building houses the offices of the President and Vice Presidents, Admissions and Financial Aid, the Bursar, Records and Registration, Public Safety, the Post Office, Student Development, Institutional Advancement, and Business and Finance.

**The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary**

The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) is located on the northeast side of the Evangel campus. The 58,000 square foot academic building includes state of the art classrooms, the Cordas C. Burnett Library, a computer lab, the William J. Seymour
Chapel, the Khoo Kay Peng World Prayer Center, the Admiral Vern Clark Veterans Center, and administrative offices.

AGTS officially opened its doors in September 1973. AGTS began its ministry under the name of Assemblies of God Graduate School. The present name was adopted in 1984 to clarify the seminary’s mission.

The Library

The Library System serves Evangel University as the primary information resource facility, supporting all undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate programs with extensive resources in several formats along with a wide variety of services. There are three locations on campus: the Kendrick library, the Cordas C. Burnett library and the Instructional Resource Center. All three locations offer print, digital, multimedia and audio-visual resources. In addition, a satellite library is located at the James River Leadership Campus, a two-year program focused primarily on Church Leadership.

The Kendrick Library offers multiple locations for study on two levels including a computer lab with 13 computers, multiple laser printers, and a copy machine/scanner/printer, providing productivity software, library resources and the Internet. The main level also has two distinct areas for study, one for group study and one for quiet study. Kendrick Library provides study stations at carrels, tables and comfortable reading seats most of which offer power connections for individual device use. The entire building has wireless network connectivity. The main level also houses the Reference and Circulation collections of print resources which includes over 120,000 printed books, multiple current periodicals, bound periodicals and an additional 140,000 E-books which support a wide assortment of Liberal Arts education, including Behavioral and Social Sciences, Business, Communications, Education, Humanities, Kinesiology, Music, Science and Technology, Theology and Church Ministries.

Devotional books and recreational books, along with extensive DVD and Audio-book collections allow students to enjoy resources other than what is necessary to fulfill academic requirements. Art displays, special book collections, two gardens and a fountain help make the Kendrick library comfortable for patrons.

The Instructional Resource Center, housed in the Zimmerman Academic Building, and includes curriculum collection educational technology computer lab, media equipment work tables, media equipment, and various other services.

The Cordas C. Burnett Library is the major information resource center of AGTS, incorporating both a physical resource center along with an increasingly vast array of digital resources that can be made available to students throughout the world. The two-level physical facility provides students with a pleasant, quiet atmosphere and a wealth of resources for the pursuit of serious graduate study. The library has a 135,000-volume capacity and its holdings currently consist of 127,726 bound volumes, 5,561 media in various formats. The holdings include extensive biblical, theological and missiological materials, a collection of counseling resources and are augmented by the Flower Pentecostal
Heritage Center located at The Assemblies of God General Council headquarters in Springfield.

The facility includes a computer center that provides access to productivity software, library resources and the Internet. AGTS students may use the library’s copy machine to scan and save copies of documents, either using USB drives or their personal email accounts, and for color printing. A wireless network is accessible throughout the facilities and students can send their laptop or home computer print jobs to the library’s printer or copy machine.

Evangel University libraries provide students and faculty access to several online databases and publisher backfiles that significantly enhance the library’s collection, serving as periodical indexing tools while also providing full-text access to a wide range of electronic resources, including journals and eBooks. These databases include: full-text databases available through EBSCOhost (the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials, Old and New Testament Abstracts, Educational Resources Information Center – ERIC, Jewish Studies Source, Humanities International Complete and EBSCO databases such as Academic Search Ultimate and the EBSCO eBook Collection); eHRAF (Electronic Human Relations Area Files for cross-cultural and intercultural studies); Pro Quest Research Library, including the Pro Quest Dissertations & Theses Full Text database; Guide to Social Science & Religion in Periodical Literature. In addition, the library also has BibleWorks installed for student use on a handful of Student Computer Center machines.

Requested materials are delivered within one or two days of being requested by the MOBIUS Courier Delivery System. Local libraries that participate in MOBIUS include Cotey College, Crowder College, Drury University, Missouri Southern State University, Ozark Christian College, Ozarks Technical Community College and Southwest Baptist University. The library also offers interlibrary loan services through OCLC that enable patrons to borrow books from other non-Consortium libraries throughout the country.