

It is with a sense of expectancy that we welcome you to the new academic year. As you begin your program at Gordon-Conwell, whether this is your first or your final year here, we trust you have come with a sense of realization of your call to ministry.

The *Student Handbook* is an official document that is essential and binding for all students. It is based on the current structure and policies of the seminary. We have tried to make it user friendly, and hope that students will take it seriously and use it as a reference guide to academic and student life at Gordon-Conwell. It contains information regarding policies and procedures that have a direct influence on students. Each student is held responsible for the information contained in the *Student Handbook*.

Policy and procedure changes that might be made during the year will be expeditiously conveyed. When changes are made, it is the policy of the seminary to give such notice as will ensure adjustment without undue inconvenience. However, the right to make whatever changes may be deemed necessary at any time is specifically reserved.

As reflected in the *Student Handbook*, the seminary takes seriously its role in helping students to be prepared as whole persons who are called to various forms of ministry in God's world. We extend a warm welcome to new and returning students who are here from around the United States and the globe. May God grant us all his grace and mercy as we encourage one another to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, trusting that all that is needed to accomplish his purpose he will provide!

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The policies contained in the *Handbook* are not comprehensive. Please consult individual offices for complete details regarding any specific policy.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color gender, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or veteran status.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary admits students of any race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin, age, handicap, or veteran status to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Seminary.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, or veteran status in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, employment of faculty and administrative staff, use of facilities, athletic programs, other extracurricular activities, and other Seminary-administered programs

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MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage students to become knowledgeable of God's inerrant Word, competent in its interpretation, proclamation and application in the contemporary world.

To maintain academic excellence in the highest tradition of Christian scholarship in the teaching of the biblical, historical and theological disciplines.

To train and encourage students, in cooperation with the Church, to become skilled in ministry.

To work with the churches towards the maturing of students so that their experiential knowledge of God in Christ is evidenced in their character, outlook, conduct, relationships and involvement in society.

To provide leadership and educational resources for shaping an effective evangelical presence in Church and society.

To develop in students a vision for God's redemptive work throughout the world and formulate strategies that will lead to effective missions, evangelism and discipleship.

INFORMATION GUIDE WHERE TO GO CONCERNING

Address Changes	Registration
Automobile & Bicycle Registration	Campus Safety
Byington Application	Dean of Faculty
Cancellation of Classes	Registration
Chapel Schedule.....	Dean of Faculty
Counsel, Support, Encouragement	Faculty/Dean of Students
Degree Program Change	Admissions
Denominational Information	Dean of Faculty
Email Account	Information Technology
Emergency Services	Dial 911*
Enrollment Verification	Registration
Employment Opportunities	
On-campus and Off-campus	Human Resources
Off-campus (ministry).....	Placement
F-1 Visa Information	Student Life Services
Facilities	
Children's Playroom	Student Life Services
Commuter lounge	Student Life Services
Room for meeting	Physical Plant
Picnic area	Student Life Services
Playground.....	Student Life Services
Student Lounge (Great Room)	Student Life Services
Final Exam Schedule	Registration

Graduation	
Academic	Registration
Events	Student Life Services
Lost and Found	Campus Safety
Medical Insurance	Student Life Services
Prayer Requests Notices for Self/Family	Student Life Services
Publications	
Auto and Public Safety	Campus Safety
Chapel Program Schedule	Chapel Office
Community Directory.....	Registration/Communications
FridayAM.....	Copy Services
Out and About	Student Life Services
Student Handbook: Student Life Services.....	Student Life Services
Student Handbook: Academic Services.....	Registration
Student Association	Student Life Services
Seminary Wives Events.....	Student Life Services

*In case of an emergency on campus, dial 911 to contact the Hamilton Emergency Center Operator (ECo). When the ECo answers, speak clearly. Give your name, address, telephone number and the nature of your emergency. Let the ECo hang up first. This ensures that they have all the information they need. The ECo will immediately dispatch the necessary emergency services and then dispatch Gordon-Conwell Campus Safety by radio.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT GORDON-CONWELL

Gordon-Conwell is a school where community life is taken seriously. It is acknowledged that development is an integral part of preparation for ministry, and this development involves the many dimensions of human personality. Furthermore, this time of preparation is best understood as a period when relationships are emphasized and the sharing of life's moments, insights and substance is encouraged. All of the aspects of community life are drawn from the basic conviction that God created us to live together; that Christ died and rose again so that we could live together; that our Lord will return again to receive all of the 'household of faith' to live together forever; and that Scripture has been given to humanity as the ultimate authority and guide for all of our living. The *Community Life Statement*, below, serves as the guide for our life together. Questions pertaining to it may be directed to the Dean of Students in Student Life Services.

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