

The ANGLICAN INSTITUTE *for* AFFIRMATIVE CHRISTIAN STUDIES

A Formational Ministry of the Evangelical Anglican Church in America

The Anglican Institute for Affirmative Christian Studies (AIACS) was established in 1994 by the Evangelical Anglican Church in America (EACA), an inclusive denomination in the Anglican Catholic tradition. Candidacy for Holy Orders in the EACA is open to all aspirants regardless of sex, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, perceived physical challenge, ethnicity, or age.

Many persons expressing interest in theological studies and possible ordination are unable to leave the workplace to attend a traditional seminary. The AIACS was established in order to prepare these and other candidates for Holy Orders within the EACA.

In a distance learning institution, students work on courses at home, at their own paces. Instructors are available via email and telephone to assist students with their coursework.

FORMATION FOR HOLY ORDERS

FOR THE DIACONATE

Individuals interested in ordination to the diaconate within the EACA must complete all 100-level courses.* Upon their completion, the candidate is awarded a **Certificate in Theological Studies**

FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Following ordination to the Diaconate, candidates approved for preparation for ordination to the Priesthood within the EACA must complete all 200-level courses. Upon their completion* the candidate is awarded a **Diploma in Theological Studies**

* Credit may be granted for courses taken at other institutions after the Dean and Bishop have reviewed a transcript of the candidate's previous academic work.

* Additional studies may be required if the Dean and Bishop feel they would benefit a particular candidate.

ORDINATION

Please note that completion of all courses does *not* automatically guarantee ordination. The Formation process also involves regular communication with the Bishop. The Bishop together with the Dean of Studies decides if a candidate is properly qualified and prepared for ordination.

If you are completing coursework with the AIACS and seeking ordination in another denomination, be sure to be in regular communication with your Bishop or denominational contacts to insure that AIACS courses will meet the requirements of your denomination.



COURSE LIST

There is a one-time-only registration fee of \$25. Tuition is \$75 per course due prior to receiving the syllabus for course.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BI 101 Introduction to the Old Testament
BI 102 Introduction to New Testament

CHURCH HISTORY

CH 101 Church History
CH 201 Anglicanism in History

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

LW 101 Introduction to Liturgy and Worship
LW 102 Homiletics: The Art of Preaching
LW 201 Book of Common Prayer
LW 202 Practicum in Liturgy and Worship

THEOLOGY

TH 101 Introduction to Christian Theology
TH 102 Liberation Theology & Social Justice
TH 201 Christianity and Sexuality
TH 202 Theological Integration:
What We Believe

PASTORAL CARE

PC 101 Pastoral Care I
PC 201 Pastoral Care II

MINISTRY

MN 201 Issues in Ministry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I begin the process?

Submit your completed Application for Admission and Registration Fee. Copies of transcripts should also be submitted to determine whether you might receive credit for courses already completed. Once all materials are received, your application will be reviewed. The Dean or Bishop may contact you to further discuss your academic and vocational goals.

How are courses completed?

Upon acceptance for enrollment and receipt of payment for a course, the AIACS Administrator sends the candidate a course syllabus outlining the requirements for completion of that course. Completed assignments should be submitted to that course's instructor for evaluation and comment. You may work at your own pace, but it is expected that each course will be completed within 3 months. If an extension is needed, students may discuss this with the course instructor.

How are courses evaluated?

Course assignments are evaluated based upon writing competence, knowledge of the curriculum, demonstrated ability to apply that knowledge, independent critical thinking, self-awareness, and social and ethical awareness. Based upon the Instructor's evaluation, the student is informed that 1) Credit is Awarded, 2) Credit is not Awarded, or 3) the coursework is incomplete.

Where can I get books for each course?

Textbooks are not provided by the AIACS. Students may be able to borrow some texts from a local public, college, or seminary library, or may purchase their own copies. You may be able to borrow a book through Inter-Library Loan at your local public library for a small fee. Most required texts are listed for purchase on amazon.com and other online booksellers and can be ordered from a local bookstore.

Are there any other requirements for ordination?

As stated above, persons interested in ordination in the EACA must maintain regular contact with the Bishop, who determines whether or not the candidate is prepared and qualified for ordination. Candidates must usually attend one or more EACA convocations prior to ordination as indicated by the Bishop.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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