



## Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

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### PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

**2020-2021**

**Accreditor types:** Institutional

**Recognition Status:** Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

**Range of Accreditation Activity:** Accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. (2015)

#### International Accreditation Activity:

**34** Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

**16** U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

**Yes** Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

#### Program Countries

Germany	United Kingdom	Taiwan	Russia
Guatemala	Romania	Poland	
South Korea	Argentina	Spain	
Myanmar (Burma)	Ukraine	Hong Kong SAR China	
Brazil	Kenya	Thailand	

**Sponsoring Organization:** Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. ATS shares its facility and some support services with the Commission, but they operate separately and independently.

#### Composition of Decision-Making Body:

A 20-member Board of Commissioners composed of 5 public members, 5 faculty members, 7 academic deans, 1 librarian, 2 chief financial officers (one of whom is also a public member), and one president.

**1,402,100** Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

**n/a** Direct support from any sponsoring organization

**n/a** In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

**Employees: 7** Full-time **6** Part-time

**Volunteers: 126** – served 2020-2021

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

**2020-2021**

**223** Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

**223** Degree-Granting:

**n/a** Public

**223** Private Nonprofit

**n/a** Private For-Profit

**n/a** Non-Degree-Granting:

**n/a** Public

**n/a** Private Nonprofit

**n/a** Private For-Profit

**78,635** Students

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

**2020-2021**

**Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up:** Maximum of 10 years for reaffirmation of accreditation and 7 years for initial accreditation.

**Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards:** Every five years (most recently in 2018-2020, resulting in a comprehensive redevelopment of the accrediting standards, approved by the membership in June 2020).

#### Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

**3** Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

**0** Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

**4** Initial Accreditation Granted

**0** Initial Accreditation Denied

**0** Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

**25** Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

**6** Notice or Warning

**0** Probation

**0** Show Cause

**0** Accreditation Terminated or Removed

**0** Actions under Appeal

**0** Other

#### Summary of Additional Actions

**151** Substantive Changes Reviewed

**38** Site Visits

**3** Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

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