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

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**PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION**

- **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
- Guatemala
- South Korea
- Myanmar (Burma)
- Brazil
- United Kingdom
- Romania
- Poland
- Argentina
- Spain
- Ukraine
- Kenya
- Taiwan
- Russia
- South Korea
- 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**

- **223** Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions
- **78,635** Students

- **223** Degree-Granting:
  - n/a Public
  - n/a Private Nonprofit
  - n/a Private For-Profit

- **n/a** Non-Degree-Granting:
  - n/a Public Nonprofit
  - n/a Private Nonprofit

**PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES**

**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 of Warning
- 0 Probation
- 0 Show Cause
- 0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
- 0 Actions under Appeal
- 0 Other

**Summary of Additional Actions**
Substantive Changes Reviewed

Site Visits

Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation