



Corpus Christi Campus  
At the South Texas School  
of Christian Studies

Addendum to the  
Seminary Bulletin and  
Seminary Student  
Handbook  
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## Introduction

Logsdon Seminary is pleased to offer Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Family Ministry courses in cooperation with the South Texas School of Christian Studies (SCS). The facilities and staff of SCS have been made available to Logsdon students. This addendum supplements the information contained in the 2007-2008 *Logsdon Seminary Catalog* and the *Logsdon Seminary Student Handbook* with specific reference to the logistics of the Corpus Christi campus and the needs of the MDiv and MAFM students there. The current Seminary Catalog and Student Handbook are available online at [www.logsdonseminary.org](http://www.logsdonseminary.org).

## Contact Information

### Logsdon Seminary, Abilene Campus

HSU Box 16235 / 2200 Hickory Street / Abilene, TX 79698

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Website: [www.logsdonseminary.org](http://www.logsdonseminary.org)

Email: [logsdonseminary@hsutx.edu](mailto:logsdonseminary@hsutx.edu)

Logsdon Seminary administrative staff and faculty assist Corpus Christi students in a variety of services as described in sections below. The following is a list of persons at the Abilene campus who are available to assist Logsdon Students at SCS.

Thomas V. Brisco, Dean	<a href="mailto:tbrisco@hsutx.edu">tbrisco@hsutx.edu</a>	(325) 670-1287
Robert Ellis, Associate Dean, Academics, & MDiv Program Director	<a href="mailto:rellis@hsutx.edu">rellis@hsutx.edu</a>	670-5841
Randall Maurer, MAFM Program Director	<a href="mailto:rmaurer@hsutx.edu">rmaurer@hsutx.edu</a>	670-1599
Omer Hancock, Logsdon Scholarships	<a href="mailto:ohancock@hsutx.edu">ohancock@hsutx.edu</a>	670-1490
Meredith Stone, Recruitment	<a href="mailto:mstone@hsutx.edu">mstone@hsutx.edu</a>	670-1576
Amanda Cutbirth, Admissions	<a href="mailto:acutbirth@hsutx.edu">acutbirth@hsutx.edu</a>	671-2194
Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian	<a href="mailto:tellis@hsutx.edu">tellis@hsutx.edu</a>	670-2159
Carol Bratton, Dean's Office	<a href="mailto:cbratton@hsutx.edu">cbratton@hsutx.edu</a>	670-1287

### South Texas School of Christian Studies, Corpus Christi

#### Administration and Staff

7000 Ocean Drive / Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Phone: (361) 991-9403 / Fax: (361) 991-8634

Website: [www.stscs.org](http://www.stscs.org)

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Friday: 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Tony Celessi, President	<a href="mailto:tcelessi@stscs.org">tcelessi@stscs.org</a>
Doug Jackson, Director of Logsdon Programs & Congregational Resourcing	<a href="mailto:djackson@stscs.org">djackson@stscs.org</a>
Deanne Celessi, SCS Librarian	<a href="mailto:dcelessi@stscs.org">dcelessi@stscs.org</a>
Allyson McDonald, Administrative Assistant	<a href="mailto:amcdonald@stscs.org">amcdonald@stscs.org</a>

## Academic Advising

Dr. Doug Jackson, the Director of Logsdon Programs at SCS, is available to Logsdon students in Corpus for academic advising and degree planning. Full-time Logsdon Seminary faculty may also offer advising assistance when they are at SCS. Dr. Robert Ellis, the Associate Dean for Logsdon Seminary, oversees the academic advising process for all Logsdon MDiv students, and Dr. Randall Maurer, Program Director for the MAFM, oversees advisement for the MAFM. Students should feel free to contact them in Abilene at any time.

## Class Schedules

Information about class schedules offered at Corpus Christi can be obtained on the School of Christian Studies website ([www.stscs.org](http://www.stscs.org)). Copies of the schedule are also available from the administrative offices at SCS.

## Computer Availability

Logsdon Seminary students have access to six computers located in the library at SCS. These computers are equipped with internet access, Microsoft Office, and printing capabilities. The main building at SCS has high speed internet connections in every room and wireless access.

## Financial Information

### Tuition

Tuition rates are set by Hardin-Simmons University and Logsdon Seminary. Logsdon students at Corpus Christi all benefit from scholarships provided by Logsdon Seminary and the School of Christian Studies. Baptist students receive additional scholarship from the Baptist General Convention of Texas. For the academic year 2007-08 the tuition rates for Logsdon students at Corpus Christi are:

Tuition for Non-Baptist Students after Logsdon Scholarships	\$320/semester hour
Tuition for Baptist Students after BGCT and Logsdon Scholarships*	\$150/semester hour

With additional Christian Leadership Scholarships from the School of Christian Studies	
Tuition for Non-Baptist Students	<b>\$245/semester hour</b>
Tuition for Baptist Students*	<b>\$110/semester hour</b>

\* BGCT scholarships are available to all Baptist students for the first year of study and to students who are members of BGCT churches after the first year. The scholarship amounts to \$150/hour for MDiv students and \$100/hour for MAFM students.

### Fees

The following fees are applicable to Logsdon Seminary students at Corpus Christi:

Student Fee	\$25
Application Fee for New Students	\$50

### Registration Fees

Early Registration Fee (April 9 – July 31)	\$ 0
Regular Registration Fee (August 1 – 17)	\$30
Regular Registration Fee (August 20 – 30)	\$45
Drop Fee (After August 27)	\$20 per class
Fee for Late Application for Graduation	\$25

No refunds are given for dropping individual classes after the closing date of official registration each semester. In the case of withdrawal from all courses, Logsdon Seminary students are entitled to refunds as outlined in the *Logsdon Seminary Catalog*, p. 53.

### Scholarships

Logsdon Seminary students who wish to apply for any financial aid must complete the following applications along with any necessary supporting documentation:

- ✓ SCS General Scholarship Application
- ✓ Logsdon Seminary Financial Aid Application

Baptist General Convention of Texas Ministerial Financial Assistance is available for qualifying Logsdon students at SCS. See the *Logsdon Seminary Catalog* for details, and for more information and certification forms, contact the Office of Dr. Omer Hancock, Financial Officer for Logsdon Seminary.

In addition to BGCT financial aid, the following scholarships are also available to Corpus Christi students: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership Scholarships, the E. Edward Schmeltekof Servant Leadership Scholarship, and the Claud Slate Bi-Vocational Scholarship Fund. (See the *Logsdon Seminary Catalog*, for descriptions of these scholarships. Other scholarships, fellowships, and grants described in the *Catalog* are limited in availability to students at the Abilene campus)

For additional information on the scholarships available to Corpus Christi students and application forms, contact:

Dr. Omer Hancock  
Logsdon School of Theology  
HSU Box 16235  
Abilene, TX 79698  
Phone: (325) 670-1490  
Fax: (325) 670-1406  
Email: [ohancock@hsutx.edu](mailto:ohancock@hsutx.edu)

### Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, the cancellation of classes at SCS corresponds to the decision made by officials at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. Notification of cancellation is indicated through local news outlets in Corpus Christi.

## **Library**

Logsdon Seminary students at Corpus Christi have access to a variety of library resources at the Corpus Christi campus. The blue pamphlet included as an appendix gives details concerning available databases, library access, and student privileges. For assistance with library resources through the Hardin-Simmons University Libraries contact Teresa Ellis, HSU and Logsdon Theological Librarian.

Logsdon students also have access to the library collection of over 12,000 volumes housed at SCS. Books may be checked out for two weeks. Reference works, journals, and magazines cannot be checked out. The SCS library is open during normal office hours and during evening and weekend hours when classes are in session. Special arrangements may be made with the SCS staff to use the library during off hours. For assistance with library resources at SCS contact Deanne Celelli, SCS Librarian

## **Lost and Found**

Inquiries about lost and found items are made in the administrative offices of SCS.

## **New Student Orientation**

A seminary representative will meet with new Logsdon students each semester for a general orientation to academic, spiritual, and practical aspects of seminary life.

## **Placement**

Logsdon Seminary provides assistance to current students and graduates seeking ministry opportunities. The seminary receives requests from churches and other entities seeking candidates for ministry positions. Students may provide a resume to the office of Dr. Omer Hancock (see contact information above). SCS students may provide a resume at the office of Dr. Doug Jackson (see contact information above).

The administrative staff at SCS periodically receives requests from churches seeking persons to fill a variety of ministry positions. Many of these requests are posted on a bulletin board at the center.

## **Residency in Abilene**

One-third of the coursework for the MDiv and MAFM degrees must be taken in residency at the main campus of Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas. To assist in scheduling residency courses, Logsdon offers one-week intensive classes in January, May, and in two Summer terms. For a schedule of Abilene intensive courses consult the website at [www.logsdonseminary.org](http://www.logsdonseminary.org), contact Dr. Doug Jackson, or the Office of the Associate Dean in Abilene. January term courses in Abilene are listed with the Spring semester schedule, and May and Summer terms are listed as a separate schedule.

## **Safety**

In the case of an emergency, students at SCS may contact Campus Security at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, at (361) 825-4444.

## **Solicitation**

Solicitations are not permitted in any building of the Corpus Christi campus without the permission of the President's Office at SCS.

## **Spiritual Formation**

As a community of faith and learning dedicated to the full development of mind and soul, Logsdon Seminary places significant emphasis on spiritual formation. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to engage in activities that foster spiritual formation within the seminary and beyond. While not a comprehensive list, the following activities are important to the spiritual development and health of every seminarian.

### ***Church Involvement***

Finding a community of faith where one can worship and serve God is an indispensable element for all Logsdon students. Regular participation and service to the local church provides vital spiritual nourishment and affords opportunities to serve God's Kingdom. Corpus Christi and the surrounding area provide a wide variety of churches representing multiple denominations from which to choose a spiritual home during your Logsdon years. Logsdon students are encouraged to actively participate in a local church and/or serve in a ministry capacity throughout their seminary experience.

### ***Chapel and Spiritual Formation Colloquium***

Chapel services and Spiritual Formation Colloquium are held regularly as SCS on Thursdays at 11:40 am during the course of each fall and spring semester in connection with a shared lunch. The Colloquium involves guided theological reflection and dialogue within the graduate theological community. Although Colloquium requirements are specified as part of the spiritual formation courses for each Logsdon Seminary student, all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate regularly in chapel and Colloquium as an act of worship and devotion to God. MDiv students enroll in Colloquium for four semesters and MAFM students enroll for two semesters.

### ***Ministry Formation Retreat***

Students participate in the Ministry Formation Retreat occurs at the midpoint of the MDiv or MAFM program. The purpose of the retreat is to provide the student with an opportunity for reflection on spiritual and ministry formation. The retreat is periodically offered at SCS, usually in the spring. For more information contact Dr. Doug Jackson.

### ***Ministry Formation Conferences***

Logsdon recognizes that participation in ministry conferences outside the structured curriculum is an important part of the MDiv experience. Consequently, a student is required to participate in at least six Ministry Formation Conferences in the course of the program – preferably one per semester.

Logsdon offers regular conferences at the Abilene campus addressing biblical, theological, and ministerial issues. Corpus Christi students are encouraged to participate. Most Logsdon events qualify as Ministry Formation Conferences. Numerous conferences offered at other venues may also meet this requirement; however, a student must obtain approval through Dr. Doug Jackson in order for the conference to meet this requirement. Promptly after participation in a Ministry Formation Conference, a student provides evidence of involvement (normally in the form of a conference agenda) to Dr. Doug Jackson.

A student is not required to pay tuition for Ministry Formation Activities; however, fees may be charged. Transcript credit is assigned for completion of some of these activities; however, that credit is not computed in a student's grade point average (GPA).

### **Textbook Availability**

Textbooks may be purchased at SCS prior to the beginning of each semester. Every effort is made to have available for students all texts utilized in the courses taught at the Corpus Christi campus.



**LOGSDON DISTANCE  
LEARNING RESOURCES  
CORPUS CHRISTI CAMPUS**

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**“Help, I Need Theology Sources!”  
OR  
“HINTS” for the Logsdon Researcher**

We want our distance education students to have all the resources you need to fulfill the requirements for your coursework at Logsdon Seminary as you prepare for ministry. We therefore provide the sources listed below in which you may accomplish your research. As a distance education student, an excellent source of information is the online materials available through the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials (see description below). You should also check with the library there at the South Texas School of Christian Studies for books (commentaries, etc.). Next, you may check with the Bell Library located at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (see details below). If you are still unable to locate the necessary resources you should contact the HSU Richardson Library as explained below. If you have questions concerning your research needs please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theology Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary at [theolib@hsutx.edu](mailto:theolib@hsutx.edu) or 325-671-2159.

### **HSU Database Access**

1. Enter [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu) and then click on Library (located at the bottom of the graphic) or go directly to <http://rupert.alc.org/library>.
2. Click on HSU Databases (located on the tabbed menu bar, top of page)
3. Click on EBSCO
4. Enter barcode number (this is the 13 digit number located on the back of your HSU ID card that begins with 13070)
5. Click on EBSCOhost Web – All databases
6. Click on ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

## ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

*ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials* is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion.

### Basic Search Tips

1. Click on “Search Tips” located just below the Find box for detailed instructions on various search features (For example: Boolean Operators using “and” – If you are searching for articles on Martin Luther’s contribution to the Protestant Reformation and you use the search term “martin luther” you will get results for 226 full text articles. However, by using the Boolean Operator “and” you can narrow or focus your search in the following way: “martin luther and reformation.” This search results in 13 full text articles that should represent what you are looking for more accurately. Read through the use of the other Boolean Operators “not” and “or” as well as the other tips listed.)
2. Enter search term in Find box
3. Select “Full Text” box under “limiters” to get results with full text material only. (“Full Text” means that the entire article is available online.)
4. Select “Article” from the “Publication Type” drop box also under “limiters” if you want to get results with articles only rather than book reviews, essays, etc. (This feature is available through both the Basic and Advanced Search option located on the tabbed tool bar at the top of the page)
5. If you are looking for articles on a particular scripture passage you may enter that passage in the Find box **or** you may click on “Scriptures” located on the green menu bar at the top of the page. Remember to broaden your passage request to insure context – perhaps requesting an entire chapter.
6. When you find an article you want, click on the “click here for electronic resource” link which will take you to the full text article.
7. If the article has a gold bar at the top of the page, click on the “TOC” (table of contents) to see if there are other articles in this particular journal issue pertinent to your topic.
8. If you click on the chosen article title (back on the original screen showing the listing of articles relative to your topic) you will find the citation for the article. Also found on this citation page are a list of linked subjects that could expand your search.

### Other HSU Database Resources

In addition to ATLA, the databases listed below may also assist you in your research needs. You may locate these databases by following the instructions listed above and clicking on the desired database.

#### EBSCO

- **Academic Search Premier** (large database with some full-text)

### **First Search**

- **Philosopher's Index** (index)
- **World Cat** (index)
- **Dissertations** (index with abstracts)
- **Wilson Select Plus** (general database with full text articles)
- **Humanities Abstract** (abstracts with some full text articles)

### **TexShare**

- **Info Trac Custom Newspapers** (includes some international, national and state newspapers – full text)

**Encyclopedia Britannica** (access to encyclopedia articles plus Merriam-Webster's dictionary and thesaurus)

## **South Texas School of Christian Studies Library**

Location: 7000 Ocean Drive

Phone: 361-991-9403

Contact: Deanne Celelli – [dcelelli@stscs.org](mailto:dcelelli@stscs.org)

Website: [www.stscs.org](http://www.stscs.org)

### **Student privileges**

Borrowing privileges include unlimited number of books for a check-out period of two weeks.

The library provides six computers for word processing and the internet. SCS library catalog is available online and can be searched from the SCS website. Simply click on the top library tab at the SCS website. Scroll down and click on SCS Online Library Database. When searching the SCS catalog, a student may research a book by author's name, title and subject. If a book title starts with the words *the*, *an*, *a* do not include when searching by title.

## **Area Library**

### **Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi**

Location: Mary and Jeff Bell Library  
6300 Ocean Drive

Phone: 361-825-2340

Website: <http://tamucc.edu>

- Click on “Bell Library”
- Click on “Online Catalog” to search library holdings

## 1. Student privileges

Borrowing privileges to include a maximum of 6 books for a check-out period of three weeks

## 2. Student responsibilities

- a. Obtain a Community User Card from the TAMUCC library (you will need to present your HSU ID and tell them that you are at the South Texas School of Christian Studies campus)
- b. Present the Community User Card when checking-out materials

## HSU Richardson Library

If you are unable to obtain the necessary materials from one of the sources listed above you may search the HSU online catalog for those resources. To access the HSU online catalog you should go to [www.hsutx.edu](http://www.hsutx.edu), click on Library (located at the bottom of the graphic) or go directly to <http://rupert.alc.org/library>. Then click on Online Catalog (located on the purple tab menu at the top of the page). This will take you into the HSU online catalog where you may begin your search.

If you need assistance with materials please contact **Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theology Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary at [theolib@hsutx.edu](mailto:theolib@hsutx.edu) or 325-671-2159**. If you email, you should give the following information concerning the book(s) you were unable to locate at the non-HSU sources: title, author, publication date. If you have questions concerning the search process, please indicate the steps that you have already taken in your search. This will assist the librarian in her attempt to help redirect your search.

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