



TYRANNUS ONLINE SEMINARY

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Tyrannus Online Seminary (TOS)!

I trust that this Prospectus will provide the necessary information and excitement you will need to undertake this journey in education with TOS.

The Scripture tells us that when the apostle Paul was in Ephesus, he rented a lecture hall named after Tyrannus to continue to teach his disciples (Acts 19:8–9). The vision of our founders, Elder Tan Tek Seng and the late Dr. Paul Cheng Chai Liao is to provide this very same opportunity towards the community of the faithful. The objective is for TOS to educate and enable passionate Christians from all walks of life to bear much fruit for the Lord.

We are guided in this work by three fundamental principles:

First, we believe that the evangelical theology, as defined by any of the various schools, should be the framework to guide us to arrive at a proper understanding of our Faith. Second, we believe that the Scripture is inerrant, but we are not. Consequently, we need to approach Scripture through careful scholarship, prayerful insights, and practical pastoral experience to arrive at a Christ-centered hermeneutics shaped by the conviction that the holy God of grace is revealed in that Scripture. Third, we believe that theological education is not an end in itself, but rather a means to live the Gospel and proclaim it at home, in the church, and in the workplace. Therein, it must hold the twin objectives of all churchmanship – strong pastoral care and strong missional goals.

We envision a time in the near future where our graduates will serve all over the world as pastors, deacons, teachers, missionaries, translators, administrators, mentors, marketplace professionals, business leaders, and owners. We want to be used by God in this way, and are grateful for this privilege of serving you. TOS is transitioning from a synchronous online model to a hybrid of majority asynchronous and some synchronous classes. This offers great flexibility and customization for potential students at a much-reduced cost

I invite you to walk with us in this journey to equip yourself to go out into the world that we may love and serve the Lord.



Dr Tan Tek Seng
CEO/Acting Principal

BRIEF HISTORY

Tyrannus Online Seminary (TOS) was established with the vision of providing accessible, flexible, and high-quality theological education to Christian working adults through an online learning platform. The seminary began as **Tyrannus Online Seminary Sdn Bhd**, officially registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM/SSM) on **28 October 2014**, and later transitioned to **Tyrannus Online Seminary Bhd** on **4 March 2015**.

The seminary is governed by a **Board of ten members** representing various evangelical denominations, reflecting its commitment to interdenominational cooperation in theological education. In **2017**, Dr. Anthony Loke was engaged as **Consultant Principal** from April to November to lead the foundational phase and launch the seminary's academic operations.

TOS is actively preparing for **full accreditation** with the **Asia Theological Association (ATA)** for its certificate, diploma and degree programs, ensuring academic excellence and regional recognition in theological education.

FOUNDING PHILOSOPHY

TOS is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone" (Eph. 2:20). His servants, the co-founders Dr. Paul Cheng Chai Liao and Elder Tan Tek Seng took inspiration from the story of the Apostle Paul whom when criticized by those who were "stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus" (Acts 19:9). There rests our institutional philosophy: (a) an alternative place for the learning of reasoned theology; and (b) that Theology for Everyone. Our vision follows therefrom.

VISION

To be a global learning platform that brings the Word of God to the nations

MISSION

TOS provides accessible, Christ-centered education to equip disciples and empower lives to the glory of God.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1. **Scriptures** We believe in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, as Scripture, written and handed down to us by persons inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is inerrant, infallible, and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice. Therefore, it is relevant in all cultural context for all times; and that theology be taught in a way that does not contradict Scripture. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Prov. 30:5-6; John 10:35; 2 Pet. 1:21)
- 2. **God** We believe in one true and living God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are coequal in glory, majesty, and power. God is sovereign, holy, and gracious, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. God has revealed Himself in Creation, History, and in Jesus Christ. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 8:6).
- 3. **Jesus Christ** We believe in Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the Cross to atone for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will personally return in glory and power to judge the living and the dead, and reign forever. He is the only Mediator between God and humanity and the Head of His Church. (John 1:1-14; Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Col. 1:18; 1 Tim. 2:5)
- 4. **The Holy Spirit** We believe in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, regenerates sinners, and indwells believers. The Holy Spirit empowers, sanctifies, and equips the Church for ministry, distributing spiritual gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ, conforming believers to the image of Christ. (John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Gal. 5:22-23)
- 5. **Humanity** We believe that humanity, male and female, is created in the image of God and was made for a relationship with Him. However, through Adam's disobedience, humanity fell into sin, becoming spiritually dead and alienated from God, and is now subject to His judgement (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:12-19).
- 6. **Salvation in Jesus Christ** We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. It is a gift of God, not based on human works. The death and resurrection of Christ provide full atonement for sin, and through repentance and faith, individuals are justified, regenerated, and adopted into God's family. Salvation calls believers to live lives of obedience and holiness (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 5:1-2; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
- 7. **The Church** We believe in the universal Church, the body of Christ, composed of all true believers. The Church exists to glorify God by worshiping Him, preaching the Gospel, disciple believers, and serving the world in love. The local church is a visible expression of this universal body, gathering for teaching, fellowship, prayer, baptism, and the Lord's Supper (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 1:22-23).

- 8. **Spiritual Realm** We believe that God created the spiritual realm of hosts of angels, among whom there were those who did not keep their holy estate and deviated from the eternal purpose of God, chief among whom is one referred to as Satan. Though Satan has temporary power in the world, Christ's death and resurrection have decisively defeated him. (Gen. 3:1-5; Job 1:6-12; Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 10:18; Eph. 6:10f; Col. 2:15; Rev. 12:9)
- 9. Last Things We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ in power and glory to judge the living and the dead. We affirm the resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous, eternal life in God's presence for the redeemed, and eternal separation from God for the unrepentant. We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth, where righteousness dwells. (Matt. 25:31-46; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:1-4).



FACULTY



Dr Tan Tek Seng

Position: CEO/Acting Principal, TOS

Qualifications: BEng; DipMgmt; Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), Promised Christian University,

USA.



Rev Dr Andrew Teo

Position: Vice-Principal, TOS; Pastor, Toowong

Baptist Church

Qualifications: PhD, Whitefield Theological Seminary; DMin, Golden Gate Baptist Theological

Seminary

Subjects: Romans, Biblical Counseling, Spiritual

Formation



Dr Phillips Koh

Position: Academic Dean and Dean of English Department, TOS; Pastor, Japanese Church (KL Japanese Christian Fellowship)

Qualifications: PhD in Education, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; MTh, King's College, University of London

Subjects: Overview of the New Testament, Foundational Christian Doctrines, Critical Thinking Skills, Philosophy and Methodology of Christian Education



Dr Hannah Lee Ah Hoon

Position: Dean of Chinese Department, TOS

Qualifications: DMin, Taiwan Theological Seminary; MDiv, China Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan; MEc,

University of Malaya

Subjects: Introduction to the New Testament,

Gospel of Mark, Prison Epistles



Dr Ng Kee Chuan

Position: Dean of BM Department, TOS

Qualifications: PhD in Practical Ministry, Master's Graduate School of Divinity, Indiana; MA in Science

Education, University of London

Subjects Taught: IPS 101A – Menghayati Injil yang menakjubkan; IPS 101B – Menyampaikan Injil yang menakjubkan dengan berkesan; IPS 102 – Membentuk Identity di dalam Kristus yang

membebaskan



Mdm Masako Masuda

Position: Dean of Students; Curriculum Developer,

TOS

Qualifications: MA (Old Testament and Semitic Languages), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; MA

(Pastoral Counseling), AOIC

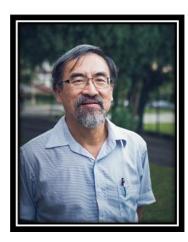
Subjects: Old Testament Books, Counseling



Dr Michael Loke

Position: Global Ambassador and Lecturer, TOS Qualifications: DMin, Fuller Theological Seminary; MA in Ministry, Harvest Bible College, Melbourne; MPhil in Mechanical Engineering, University of Nottingham; BSc Hon (Mechanical Engineering), University of Strathclyde

Subjects: Leadership Development, Marketplace Ministry, Missional Church, Economic Empowerment, Spiritual Warfare, Emotional Wellbeing, Deliverance, Pentecostal Theology



Dr Anthony Loke

Position: Academic Advisor and Lecturer, TOS; Adjunct Lecturer at BCM, AOIC, SPTC, JBCM, ATC (Singapore)

Qualifications: PhD in OT, University of Wales;

MTheol (SEAGST); BD (SEAGST)

Subjects: OT Studies, Biblical Hebrew, Public

Theology, Cults and Sects



Deacon Steven Foong

Position: Lecturer and Curriculum Developer, TOS;

Bible Teacher at Petaling Jaya Gospel Hall

Qualifications: MDiv, STM; MTh (Candidate), STM Subjects: Biblical Theology, Overview of the New

Testament, Gospel of Mark, Hebrews

ADJUNCT LECTURERS

Bishop Emeritus Dr Solomon Rajah

- Qualifications: DTheol, SEAGST; MTh, University of Canberra
- Subjects: Pastoral Theology, World Religions

Rev John Kalaimuthu

- Qualification: MTh (Cand), STM; BTh, STM
- Subjects: Critical Thinking Skills

Paul Ling Sing Zan

- Qualifications: MDiv, Moody Theological Seminary, Chicago; BA (Bible & Pastoral Studies), Moody Bible Institute, Chicago
- Subjects: Systematic Theology, Old Testament Studies, Homiletics

Ng K. L.

- Qualifications: MDiv (Malaysia); BA (Computer Science), Canada
- Subject: Biblical Hebrew

Rev Samuel Nesan

- Qualifications: PhD (Candidate), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; MTh, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, USA; MCS, STM
- Subjects: Apologetics, Cults and Heresies

Dr Voon Choon Khing

- Qualifications: DMin in Spiritual Direction, GTF; ThM, Duke Divinity School; MLIS, University College London
- Subjects: Spiritual Formation, Christian Spirituality, Discernment Spirituality, Pastoral Counselling

Khor Yee Ming

- Qualifications: MTh, Asia Baptist Theological Seminary; BA, Chinese Culture University, Taiwan
- Subjects: Theology and Church History

Rev Mak Wai Sing

- Qualifications: DMin (Candidate), MBTS; MTh, MBTS
- Subjects: Pentateuch, Minor Prophets, Biblical Hebrew

Dr Ooi Hiu Min

- Qualifications: DMin, MBTS; Professional Diploma in Satir Family Therapy, Canada
- Subjects: Hermeneutics, Family Ministry

Rev Lai Weng Fook

- Qualifications: MTh in NT, Trinity International University, USA; Certified T-JTA Counselor, USA
- Subjects: New Testament Epistles

Rev Dr Kang Chee Chen

- Qualifications: PhD in Old Testament, Taiwan Theological Seminary
- Subjects: The Book of Daniel, Ecclesiastes

Jiang Wen Yuan

- Qualifications: MTh, Global Enrichment Theological Seminary, USA
- Subject: Systematic Theology

Rev Yeoh Hang Chye

- Qualifications: PhD (Missiology) Candidate; MMin, Singapore Bible College
- Subject: Evangelism

Huang Yi Bo

- Qualifications: MTh, Singapore Bible College; MDiv, Singapore Bible College; BTh, Pioneering Region Theological Seminary
- Subjects: Gospel of Matthew

Rev Choo Kien Wai

- Qualifications: DMin, MBTS; MTh, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; MDiv, MBTS
- Subject: Biblical Greek

Dr Carol Chen

- Qualifications: PhD in Systematic Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; MTh, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; MTh (New Testament Theology), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Subjects: Christian Ethics, Christian Philosophy

Chai Mei Ling

- Qualifications: MTh, Hong Kong Alliance Bible Seminary
- Subjects: Proverbs, Book of Isaiah, Homiletics

Rev Shih Mei Fei

- Qualifications: PhD (Management) Candidate, Fu Jen Catholic University; MSE, College of Commerce, Chinese Culture University; BCe, Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary
- Subject: Christian Education

Rev Dr Grace Lee Kim Poh

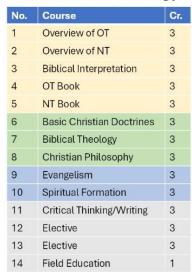
- Qualifications: DMin, Holy Light Theological Seminary, Kaohsiung; MDiv, Malaysia Bible Seminary; BTh, Bread of Life Pastoral and Missionary
- Subject: New Testament





CURRICULUM

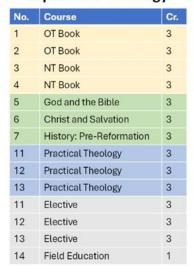
Certificate in Theology



The Certificate in Theology graduate demonstrates foundational proficiency in biblical knowledge, theological understanding, and ministry awareness. This stage is focused on equipping learners with essential tools for personal growth, basic biblical interpretation, and introductory engagement in Christian service.

Credits required for graduation: 40 credit hours

Diploma in Theology



The Diploma in Theology graduate builds on the Certificate level by deepening biblical engagement, expanding systematic theological understanding, and developing awareness of church history. This stage aims to prepare learners for lay leadership or support roles in ministry

Credits required for graduation: 40 credit hours Total accumulated credits: 80 credit hours

Bachelor of Theology

No.	Course	Cr.
1	OT Book	3
2	OT Book	3
3	NT Book	3
4	NT Book	3
5	Holy Spirit and Humanity	3
6	Church and Last Things	3
7	History: Post-Reformation	3
8	Practical Theology	3
9	Practical Theology	3
10	Practical Theology	3
11	Elective	3
12	Elective	3
13	Elective	3
14	Field Education	1

The Bachelor of Theology graduate is a theologically grounded, biblically literate, and practically equipped individual ready for pastoral leadership, theological instruction, or advanced theological study. This stage fosters integration of theology, history, and ministry in a comprehensive and critical way.

Credits required for graduation: 40 credit hours Total accumulated credits: 120 credit hours

Legend

OT Books (5)	Pentateuch, Historical Books, Major Prophet, Minor Prophet, Psalms, Wisdom Literature, Daniel, 5 Scrolls
NT Books (5)	Synoptic Gospel, Gospel of John, Book of Acts, Pauline Epistles, Prison Epistles, Pastoral Epistles, General Epistle, Revelation
Practical Theology (6)	Christian Ethics I and II, Marketplace Theology I and II, Public Theology, Malaysian Law, Church Management I and II, Apologetics, Pastoral Care, Theology and Practice of Worship, Spiritual Disciplines
Electives (8)	Christian Education I and II, Cults and Heresies, Counselling, Homiletics, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Majority Religion, Other Religions

ASYNCHRONOUS VS SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

TOS is slowly transitioning from using entirely synchronous online classes to a hybrid model of using asynchronous online learning for the majority of the courses with the exception of a few courses (e.g., Spiritual Formation, Pastoral Counselling) utilizing synchronous learning. What is the difference between asynchronous and synchronous learning?

- Synchronous online model: Students are required to log in and participate in a class at a specific time of the week for a number of weeks. They participate in real-time discussions with instructors and fellow classmates. At times, students join together to make class presentations.
- Asynchronous online model: Students can log in to view instructional materials each week at
 their own time and pace. There is no live online lecture but a recorded video uploaded onto the
 website portal. Together with the videos, they read assigned materials. They can participate in
 discussion boards. Students can complete their assignments each week according to their
 schedule. When answering quizzes, they can get feedback from their instructors.

A big advantage to asynchronous online learning is its flexibility. It means that students do not need to be online at a specific time and day. They can almost take an entire degree program working on a flexible schedule that fits their convenience. Does that mean asynchronous learning is less rigorous than their synchronous or onsite counterparts? Not necessary so. Asynchronous learning requires the same amount of commitment and effort from students. The big difference is that you can be flexible and work according to your own pace.

To ensure the quality and depth of learning in the asynchronous learning mode, some interaction with the course lecturer or facilitator will be provided. To put this face-to-face meeting into effect, two tokens will be offered to students doing the asynchronous type of course. The first token is for a 2-hour Zoom meeting between the lecturer/facilitator on a one-to-one basis to address some concerns from each individual student. The second token is for a 2-hour group Zoom meeting to be held once a year for students taking up a particular asynchronous course available on the TOS website. This approach will help to alleviate the lack of interaction between the course lecturer and students in the asynchronous courses.

To accommodate the needs of working adults, ministry leaders, and students around the world, we offer a robust asynchronous learning pathway through our Learning Management System (LMS), Moodle. Each course is carefully designed to maintain academic rigor while offering the convenience of self-paced study.

Through Moodle, students can:

- Access recorded video lectures and reading materials.
- Complete quizzes to reinforce learning of course content.
- Submit assignments and assessments.
- Track their progress through each module.

The asynchronous format ensures that students receive quality theological education, even if they are in different time zones or balancing other commitments.

STUDENT ADMISSION

Tyrannus Online Seminary (TOS) welcomes applications from Christians who desire to be equipped for Gospel-centered ministry through quality theological education. Admission is open year-round and follows a step-by-step procedure to ensure applicants meet both academic and spiritual readiness.

1. REVIEW ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old. Applicants aged 30 or above with at least five years of significant ministry experience (e.g., pastoral, missionary, church planting, teaching, or para-church service) may apply under the *Mature Student* category.
- Be Christians in good standing with their local church.
- Have a minimum SPM Grade 2 (or equivalent).
- Have at least 2 years of working experience (non-ministry or ministry-related).
- Demonstrate proficiency in English or Chinese, depending on the program language.
- Have access to a computer, stable internet, and a dedicated space for online study.

2. PREPARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants should submit the following to the TOS Academic Office at info@toslms.org:

- Completed Application Form (download from toslms.org)
- A 1000-word testimony describing your faith journey and how you came to know the Lord.
- A completed Self-Evaluation Form (included in the application packet).
- A **copy of your highest academic certificate** and transcripts from other theological institutions (if applicable).
- A **letter of recommendation** from your church pastor or leader.
- Proof of admission fee payment (RM100 or USD 30). This fee is refundable if the application is not accepted.

Bank details for payment:

Account Name: Tyrannus Online Seminary Berhad

Bank: CIMB BANK BERHAD Account Number: 800 745 3958

Swift Code (for international applicants): CIBBMYKL

3. APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

- Email all documents to the TOS Academic Office.
- The Academic Committee will review each application individually based on spiritual maturity, academic preparedness, and calling to ministry.

• Mature Student applicants must submit a ministry report and may be eligible for up to 21 credit hour exemptions (Bachelor of Theology program only).

4. ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

- If accepted, students will receive an official **Letter of Admission**.
- Students must register for courses using online application forms and pay tuition fees before the module begins.
- Registration deadlines and tuition rates are listed on the TOSLMS website.

5. ORIENTATION AND PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT

- Newly admitted students are encouraged to check out the TOS online orientation session.
- Students must abide by the TOS Academic Policies, including conduct, integrity, and church endorsement standards.



PROTECTION POLICY

PRIVACY AND PERSONAL DATA



Policy Brief & Purpose

Tyrannus Online Seminary (TOS) Berhad has a Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy ('PPDPP') in place to protect your personal data in accordance with Malaysia's Personal Data Protection Act 2010 ('PDPA'). TOS PPDPP is our commitment to treat information of employees, students, stakeholders and other interested parties with the utmost care and confidentiality.

With this policy, we ensure that we gather, store and handle data fairly, transparently and with respect towards individual rights.

Scope

This policy refers to all parties (employees, job candidates, students, alumni etc.) who provide any amount of information to us. It outlines how we collect, use, disclose, and process your personal data.

Who is Covered Under the PPDPP?

Employees of our institution and its subsidiaries must follow this policy. Generally, our policy refers to anyone we collaborate with or acts on our behalf and may need occasional access to data.

Policy Elements

As part of our operations, we need to obtain and process information. This information includes any offline or online data that makes a person identifiable such as names, addresses, usernames and passwords, digital footprints, photographs, IC numbers, financial data etc.

When you register with TOS, personal data (name, address, phone contacts, email addresses, personal details like birthdate, age, gender, status, religion, qualifications etc.) is collected through various means including:

- Application forms, surveys, questionnaires from students, alumni, participants in TOS organized events
- TOS social media platforms when you join as user, guest or member
- Correspondences through letters, emails, queries, complaints or feedback

Your personal data will be processed at TOS administrative office in Plaza Prima, Kuala Lumpur. If you are located outside Malaysia, your data will be transferred to Malaysia and processed in according with the PPDPP.

TOS collects this information in a transparent way and only with the full cooperation and knowledge of interested parties. Once this information is available to us, the following rules apply.

Our data will be:

- Accurate and kept up-to-date
- Collected fairly and for lawful purposes only
- Processed by the company within its legal and moral boundaries
- Used to generate reports for regulatory authorities (if required)
- Used to comply with legal and regulatory obligations
- Used for statistical analysis
- Protected against any unauthorized or illegal access by internal or external parties

Our data will not be:

- Communicated informally
- Stored for more than a specified amount of time (unless for official transcripts)
- Transferred to organizations, states or countries that do not have adequate data protection policies
- Distributed to any party other than the ones agreed upon by the data's owner (exempting legitimate requests from law enforcement authorities)

In addition to ways of handling the data, TOS is directly obligated towards people to whom the data belongs. Specifically, we will:

- Let people know which of their data is collected
- Inform people about how we'll process their data
- Inform people about who has access to their information
- Ensure that your personal data is protected with adequate security measures
- Have provisions in cases of lost, corrupted or compromised data
- Allow people to request that we modify, erase, reduce or correct data contained in our databases

Actions

To exercise data protection, we're committed to:

- Restrict and monitor access to sensitive data
- Develop transparent data collection procedures
- Train employees in online privacy and security measures
- Build secure networks to protect online data from cyberattacks
- Establish clear procedures for reporting privacy breaches or data misuse
- Include contract clauses or communicate statements on how we handle data
- Establish data protection practices (document shredding, secure locks, data encryption, frequent backups, access authorization etc.)

Our data protection provisions will appear on our website.

Disciplinary Consequences

All principles described in this policy must be strictly followed. A breach of data protection guidelines will invoke disciplinary and possibly legal action.

Policy Updates

TOS reserves the right to update the PPDPP at any time. Changes will be posted in TOS website and will take effect immediately.

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