



Campus Connexion

West Africa Advanced School of Theology ❖ www.waast.org
September 2022

Events on Campus

This Semester

August 8–November 4
BTh/Diploma Sessions
Graduating Class

October 6, 8 a.m.
Entrance Exam - BTh &
MA (must preregister)

Upcoming

November 12
Graduation

November 12–13
Board of Governors
Meeting

December 1, 8 a.m.
Entrance Exam - BTh &
MA (must preregister)

Please Pray

- for health and strength for third-year students as they complete their theses and last four courses.
- for the families and churches of students, that the Lord would meet every need during the students' absence.
- for more qualified English-speaking students to enter the WAAST BTh program, both at the central campus and at the centers in Cameroon, Ghana, and Sierra Leone.

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Second Semester 2022: The WAAST Intercultural Experience

The second semester of the 2022 academic year is passing quickly! Thirty-six first- and second-year students have completed four courses over their six-week term and returned to their homes and ministries. One hundred seven third-year students continue to work on their thesis projects or independent courses and have four more courses to take. Six of WAAST's eight active extension centers have sent students: Burkina Faso (10); Cameroon (14); Kinshasa, DR Congo (16); Gabon (4); Ghana (13); and Sierra Leone (1). They join other students from Benin, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, and Togo.



Students from DR Congo, Mali, and Togo cheer on their classmates at a campus soccer tournament.

A vital part of WAAST's missions-oriented training is the intercultural experience on campus as students live and study together. Outside the classroom, as they visit local churches, navigate the city, or try new foods, they learn to appreciate cultural differences. In the classroom, they gain from the experience of professors from various African nations and the U.S., and from one another as they bring their own perspectives to class discussions. During their semester together, they build lasting friendships, broaden their worldview, and are equipped to be more effective Pentecostal servants in the Kingdom wherever God may lead them. (Photos: <https://tinyurl.com/2ndsem22>)

New MA Concentration: Biblical Exegesis

A new option is slated to be offered in the Master of Arts in Theological Studies program beginning in 2023. The Biblical Exegesis concentration aims to help Pentecostal workers interpret and understand Scripture, considering the historical context and language, so that they might apply and teach it accurately and avoid the doctrinal errors that distract so many from the true gospel today. In 2018 concentrations in Christians Education and Counseling were added to the original Cross-cultural Ministries (Missiology) program.

Extension Center News and Prayer Requests

Cameroon: A new session begins at the center in Mbalmayo on October 3, with 21 students anticipated. Please pray that each student would be able to attend, and for financial provision for those in need. Pray especially for water; the lack of rain over the past two months poses a danger to the new water pump and may mean there will not be water available on campus.

Côte d'Ivoire: This center, in Daloa, holds its next session in February and asks us to pray that the needed professors, who are involved in other ministries, would be available to come teach at this time.

Senegal: Most of the students currently enrolled in this center have not been able to attend consistently. The center is making an effort to organize and offer in January the courses they need to catch up. Pray that these 14 students would be able to attend, and for the new group of 7 that will be starting the program.

English Centers: Enrollment at the English-speaking centers has declined as many pastors opt for popular, less-demanding theological "degree" programs. Many of these programs are independent and unaccredited. Most concerning, some propagate the unhealthy focus on prosperity that distorts the true gospel. Pray for pastors and workers, that they would be discerning and seek solid biblical and Pentecostal training.