Current and Potential Student Consumer Information and Statement of Educational Effectiveness

Schools operating in Michigan and receiving Title IV benefits from the U.S. Department of Education operate under regulations set forth both by the state and the federal government. Western Theological Seminary strives to be in compliance with each of these regulations. If you feel WTS is not in compliance, you have the right to file an external complaint. Most external complaint processes require that the student has exhausted all avenues of complaint internal to the institution before they will consider a grievance. Students should retain all paperwork to document they have exhausted all internal avenues. Complaints can be filed at www.michiganps.net/complaint.aspx. This site handles grievances against WTS's compliance with federal and state regulations NOT complaints against Western Theological Seminary's policies.

Code of Conduct in regard to Title IV Loan Participation

Western Theological Seminary:

- Does not accept gifts/revenue-sharing from any third party lenders
- Does not assign first-time borrowers to a lender or is not involve in any contractual agreement with any lender. Students are free to borrow from any lender.
- Our staff does not receive any compensation for advisory board service or assistance of any kind from a lender.

Retention rate:

WTS has a retention rate of 94%.

Placement:

Western Theological Seminary works with graduates in pursuing placement. Graduates seek calls in parish ministry, chaplaincy, social work, non-profit organizations and church administration. While the process may take some time, a very high percent of our students find placements where they feel God is calling them.

Of the 2011-12 graduates, 72% of those seeking employment were placed in part or full-time positions in their field within 7 months of graduation.

Peer to Peer File Sharing and Copyright Information

WTS has a policy regarding file sharing and copyright information which is included in our handbook. Copying should be consistent with the Copyright Act of 1976, available at www.copyright.gov. Copyright law necessitates that routine distribution of copyrighted material requires permission, copyright ownership or that the material be in the public domain. This includes distribution in paper format, electronically or by mounting material on a web page. In order to comply with copyright guidelines no copyrighted materials will be distributed within a classroom, chapel or other seminary activity without copyright compliance clearance. Before each semester the Associate Library Director will request citations for materials to be included in course material. Hymns distributed in chapel must be covered by the seminary's licenses or have permission of the publisher for use. Section 110 requires that videos and other dramatic performances be restricted to classroom settings as part of a systematic course of instruction or religious services. Copyright clearance for copying legally protected material is coordinated through the bookkeeper. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material may subject a student to civil and criminal liabilities.

Tuition Rate:

WTS's tuition rate has risen only slightly over the last 3 years. The latest increase (2012) was 2%.