



WTS-ECHAM

Doctorate in Ministry

Evangelical Theology:

*Engaging the Pastoral, Doctrinal & Public Theologies
of The Hispanic American Church*

Faculty/Mentors

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Launching Spring 2024

Vision

The vision of the doctoral program *Evangelical Theology Engaging the Pastoral, Doctrinal & Public Theologies of The Hispanic American Church* is animated by a dogmatic and constructive vision of evangelical theology.¹

Mission

The mission of the doctoral program is guided by reflection and action² of the pastoral and ecclesial tasks of evangelical theology.³

Structure & 3-Year Curricular Plan

The structure of the doctoral program builds upon the Trinity as an organizing structure.

Focus / Year	2024	2025	2026
Trinity as an organizing structure	God the Father	God the Son	God the Spirit
Biblical-Theological Virtue	Faith	Hope	Love
Ecclesial Emphasis	Pastoral (Theological-Historical)	Doctrinal (Biblical-Narrative)	Public (Missional-Relational)
Pedagogical Focus	Theological Methods	Theological Foundations	Theological Approaches
Thesis-Research Phases	Preliminary Ideas & Outlines	Chapter 1 Introduction Chapter 2 Literature Review	Chapter 3 Methodology Chapter 4 Data Analysis Chapter 5 Conclusion and Recommendations

¹ The initial and primary readings of evangelical theology are derived from these key texts: Haykin, Michael A.G. and Kenneth J. Stewart eds. *The Emergence of Evangelicalism: Exploring Historical Continuities*. Nottingham: Apollos, 2008; Larsen, Timothy and Daniel J. Treier eds. *The Cambridge Companion to Evangelical Theology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

McDermott, Gerald R. ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Evangelical Theology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

² see Schön, Donald. *The Reflective Practitioner: How professionals think in action*. London: Temple Smith, 1983.

³ The (*DMin*) *Evangelical Theology Engaging the Pastoral, Doctrinal & Public Theologies of The Hispanic American Church* seeks to re-examine and re-evaluate the Bebbington's thesis on evangelical theology – the meanings and implications of 'evangelicalism' – in light of the realities and challenges of the Hispanic American Church. See Bebbington, D. W. *Evangelicalism in Modern Britain: A History from the 1730s to the 1980s*. London. Boston: Unwin Hyman, 1989.

Course Content (General)

Year 1

- SEMINAR 1 – Pastoral Theology: Classical Tradition and Contemporary Models & Theologies of the Trinity Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World)
- SEMINAR 2 – Evangelicalism – Evangelicos(as) – Bebbington' thesis & Faith, Reason, Tradition & Scripture

Year 2

- SEMINAR 3 – Theologies of the Human (Anthropologies): Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World) & Theologies of Christ (Christologies): Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World)
- SEMINAR 4 – Theologies of Salvation (Soteriologies): Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World) & Theologies of Church (Ecclesiologies): Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World)

Year 3

- SEMINAR 5 – Theologies of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatologies): Classical, Contemporary & Global (Majority World) & Holistic Mission Theologies
- SEMINAR 6 – Theological Approaches to Contemporary Life & Faith and Discipleship in Public Life

Cohort: A cohort of 15-25 people will be joined by leaders with extensive pastoral experience who are recognized as effective leader educators.

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Language: Classes will be conducted in Spanish.

Dates: Year 1 - 2024

Virtual Launch February 2024 – Zoom call, begin reading and writing

In-Person Seminars 1 & 2 – June 10-21, 2024, in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Years 2 and 3 – 2025 and 2026

Seminars will be conducted through a combination of in-person seminars and virtual sessions. In-person seminar classes will take place in Puerto Rico in June and will not exceed one week in length.

Students MUST ATTEND ALL SEMINARS - in-person and virtual - in order to meet the requirements of the program.

Thesis-project Defenses - Fall 2026

Commencement Ceremony - April 2027 at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan

Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico and virtual

Format: Three seminar/residency cycles in June studying with men and women located in the pastoral ministry gap, interested in increase their pastoral effectiveness. The program culminates in a thesis project in the area of interest of the student in the context of her/his ministry.

Application: Applications for this cohort will open in the Fall of 2024.

Admission requirements:

- Hold a M.Div. degree or its M.A. educational equivalent.
- A minimum of three years of ministerial experience.
- Currently serving in a congregational context or community mission.
- Commitment to biblical authority, historic Christian orthodoxy, and personal spiritual transformation.

Tuition: \$ 5760 USD per year (may change with scholarship)

Information: Visit our [website](#)

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