



The International Baptist Theological Seminary of the European Baptist Federation o.p.s

Mezinárodní baptistický teologický seminář Evropské baptistické federace, o.p.s

Abbreviation in Czech: IBTS

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History ■ IBTS was founded in Switzerland in 1949 and relocated to Prague, Czech Republic, in 1996. The institution offers teaching in theology in the English language.

The Prague campus of IBTS is commonly known as the European Baptist Centre and houses the offices of the European Baptist Federation (EBF), together with the Hotel Jenerálka, a three star hotel wholly owned by the EBF.

IBTS offers a Magister degree in theology and post graduate certificates, specialist Masters and Doctoral degrees validated by the University of Wales in certain specialised areas of theology. IBTS conforms to the standards of the European Union Bologna Process. We specialise in the following subject areas – Baptist and Anabaptist Studies, Applied Theology, Biblical Studies and Contextual Missiology.

IBTS has been a world-renowned pioneer in research in Baptist and Anabaptist studies with internationally acclaimed scholars in this field, such as Dr H W W Pipkin. It is also one of only a small number of institutions in Europe offering specialist work in Missiology, Environmental Theology and in Religious Freedom and Human Rights. IBTS has the largest English language theological library on the mainland of Europe and is used by researchers from throughout central and eastern Europe and the Middle East. IBTS produces a leading Journal in theological studies.

IBTS works in partnership with several internationally acclaimed institutions of excellence in theology, including Fuller Seminary in California; Regent's Park College, Oxford University and the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Lebanon. Our student body is drawn from over 30 nations.

Structure of the Institution

- The International Baptist Theological Seminary of the European Baptist Federation is not divided into faculties.

Organisation of Studies

- Every Academic year is divided into three trimesters (autumn, spring, summer). The average length is sixteen weeks. The main form of study is at "M" (Magister or Master) level. Students move through two distinct parts of the degree. Part I requires participation in a core module which acts as the entry point "Bible Community and Context". Then other modules must be completed in which there is some choice. All students must complete a Research and Critical Thinking introductory module and undertake a virtual module in the "Practice of Ministry." Part II involves a dissertation with original research work followed by the State Examination.

A post graduate programme with introductory certificate, which, when satisfactorily completed, leads to enrolment in the MPhil/PhD programme.

In addition to the above, IBTS runs many non-degree courses in lifelong learning, continuing professional development, workshops, seminars and conferences, generally held in English.

Basic Statistical Data in Academic Year 2007/2008

■ Total number of students	27
Total number of educators	27
Total number of leavers	4