Christ as Savior for at least one year before registration. Maturity of character, personal integrity, and commitment to Christian service are necessary for acceptable study in the Seminary.

It is required that students preparing for the ministry shall conduct themselves in a manner deemed by the Seminary as consistent with biblical standards of moral purity. In particular, married students are expected to maintain marital fidelity, and single students are expected to maintain sexual abstinence. Departure from biblical standards of moral purity disqualifies individuals for admission to the Seminary or continued enrollment.

**Regulation Regarding Divorce**

The Seminary does not admit anyone as a student who has ever been divorced or whose spouse has ever been divorced. This regulation applies without exception both to those who are innocent parties of divorce and to others. Such a policy does not judge the manner of life of any divorced person. The regulation, however, is established as a witness to God’s original intention for the lifelong covenant of marriage. Matthew 5:32; 19:3–9; Mark 10:5–9; Luke 16:18; and Malachi 2:16 are the primary biblical passages that support this understanding.

**Regulations Regarding Female Students**

The Seminary admits women as students to study only for the associate of Christian education, bachelor of arts in Christian studies, master of arts in Christian education, master of Christian education, master of missiology and intercultural studies, doctor of ministry in missiology, doctor of ministry in Christian education, doctor of philosophy in church history, education, missions, and practical theology (biblical counseling track) programs. These programs are designed to prepare students for ministries in education, counseling, or cross-cultural missions. Degree programs designed to prepare students to serve as ordained pastors (associate of divinity, master of divinity, doctor of ministry in practical theology, and doctor of philosophy in Old Testament [including Hebrew], New Testament [including Greek], theology, and practical theology [pastoral track]) are available only to male students. Female students are welcome to audit or to take for credit any individual course offered in the curriculum for which they are otherwise qualified. This policy accords with the Seminary’s conviction that the ordained pastor of a church must be male. The following is the trustee resolution mandating this: "We believe that God has signally blessed women and has given them a position of honor and opportunities for service." However, we believe that Scripture prohibits a woman serving as pastor of a church. The following Scriptures specifically refer to this regulation:

- **1 Corinthians 11:3 ff.** This passage teaches that women are under the leadership of men. (This headship relates to functional relationships, not spiritual standing.) For a woman to serve as pastor/teacher reverses this creation ordinance.
• 1 Timothy 2:9–15. This passage is part of a larger context which outlines the qualifications of bishops (pastors) and deacons and forbids women to exercise positions of authority and teaching over men. Therefore, a woman should not be pastor of a church.

• Genesis 2–3. In the record of Creation and the subsequent fall of man, Adam stood in a primary relationship over Eve. The ramification of this position was intensified by the Fall (i.e., the negative aspects of subordination of woman to man) but was in existence prior to the Fall. Thus, from Creation and in the Fall, the woman is subordinate to the man, which is the basis of Paul’s argument in 1 Timothy 2:13–14 in which women are forbidden to teach or exercise authority over men in the church.

**Admission to the Associate Degree Programs**

In addition to the Regulations Concerning General Admission, applicants for admission to the associate degree programs must meet the following requirements:

**Minimum Education**

All applicants to the associate degree programs must have graduated from high school or received a Graduate Equivalence Diploma (GED). Students who have graduated from college with a baccalaureate degree will not be admitted to the associate degree programs.

**Conditional Admission**

Exceptions to these published requirements must be approved by the faculty upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee. In such cases, students will be granted conditional admission. During this period, students are subject to the same limitations as students under academic probation described under Disciplinary Regulations in this catalog. Conditional admission will be removed after a student completes fifteen semester hours at the Seminary and keeps a grade point average of at least a C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).

**Admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies Degree Program**

In addition to the Regulations Concerning General Admission, applicants for admission to the bachelor degree program must meet the following requirements:

**Minimum Education**

All applicants to the bachelor degree program must have graduated from high school or received a GED. Transcripts from all educational institutions are required. Official high school transcripts or GED test scores are required unless the applicant has more than twenty-four college hours. Only official transcripts will be accepted. The Academic Records office of Mid-America reserves the right to judge which