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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

SHORT HISTORY

The foundation for Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (ETF) was laid in 1919 with the establishment of the Bijbel Instituut België. Education was provided over the years at various levels. Beginning in the 1980's, the Belgian government officially recognised university-level training at the school. This officially recognised university education now forms the basis for our current programmes.

In 1983, the Belgian government extended official state recognition to the ETF with the authority to grant the "Licentiate in Theology" and the "Doctor of Theology" degrees. A five-year Dutch-language programme was developed which led to the Licentiate Degree (roughly equivalent to the current Master of Theology degree). A doctoral programme was also developed with English and German as the main languages of instruction, nevertheless allowing a student to write the dissertation in Dutch or French. (See also "International Accreditation".)

In 1996 an international programme on the graduate level was initiated as an adaptation of the already existing Dutch-language licentiate to an English language programme. Since academic progress cannot be reached in isolation, partnerships and joint ventures are excellent ways to reach our educational and missiological goals. Academic cooperation exists with the Christelijke Hogeschool in Ede, the Netherlands. Coordination between academic programmes is being or has been developed with other European evangelical schools including Ansgar Teologische Høgskole (Kristiansand, Norway), Evangelical School of Theology (Wroclaw, Poland), Freie Theologische Hochschule (Gießen, Germany), TCM International Institute (Heiligenkreuz, Austria), Theologische Fakultät der Universität Basel (Basel, Switzerland) and Tyndale Theological Seminary (Badhoevedorp, Netherlands) as well as Facultatea de Teologie Baptista, Universitatea din Bucuresti (Bucharest, Romania) and Lithuania Christian College (Klaipeda, Lithuania).

Ever since the sixteenth century, a large amount of biblical and theological study has been carried out in the English language. In the twentieth century, a large percentage of scholarly work by Evangelical believers has originated in English, initially from Great Britain and more recently from North America. Important works from other languages, especially German, are normally translated into English fairly quickly. We believe there should be several teachers in each country and language group of Europe who are sufficiently at home with English to make use of the vast resources available in that language. We hope that many of the ETF graduates will draw upon the English resources of reference and systematic works in preparing aids to study and minister in their own languages.

LOCATION IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM

Since 1975 the ETF is located in Heverlee, a suburb of one of the world's oldest university cities, Leuven (Louvain). The ETF has the advantage that its students are allowed to make use of the vast research facilities of the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL). The university dates from the early fifteenth century and its 30,000 students (out of an overall population of 100,000) foster a typical university-town atmosphere. The KUL library of theology is only five kilometres from ETF and located on a convenient bus line. It is one of the largest theological libraries in the world with about one million volumes and subscriptions to more than a thousand periodicals. The libraries of the university contain more than five million books overall. In January 2002, the ETF moved its library to the second and third floors of the newly renovated

Academic Centre. The resources for students have greatly improved with the help of foundation funding, various donations to the library, and internet access. More than 54,000 volumes have been catalogued, not including the recently donated approximately 300 volume collection on Islamic studies which still needs to be processed. Furthermore, students and professors have online access, not only in the library but also from their homes, to several important databases for the study of religion and theology.

BASIS OF FAITH OF ETF

All teaching, research, and conduct at ETF is based on faith in God as He has revealed himself in creation, in Christ, in his relationship to his creatures and in the Bible. For us this faith implies:

(1) Faith in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In agreement with the historical faith of the Christian Church as testified in the ecumenical creeds, we confess in the words of the *Apostles Creed*:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

(2) Faith as it is confessed by evangelical Christians belonging to the "Federal Synod of Protestant and Evangelical Churches in Belgium" in correspondence with the Statement of Faith of the *World Evangelical Alliance*:

We believe in

- the Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct;
- one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- the almighty Father, sovereign, invisible Creator of everything and everyone; eternal Father of Jesus Christ, and Father of those who receive His Son;¹
- our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatory work, and His Personal return in power and glory;
- the Salvation of lost and sinful man through the blood shed by the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit;
- the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ;
- the Unity of the Spirit of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ;

¹ This third point has been added as suggested by the Faculty Council of ETF, in accordance with the ecumenical creeds and the consensus within the evangelical movement.

- the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

(3) Acknowledgement of the responsibility of the whole Church to bring the whole Gospel to the whole world as confessed in *The Lausanne Covenant* (1974).

(4) Faith that the Bible is fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, implying the truth, unity, reliability and infallibility of Scripture. This implies that Scripture contains no deception or deviation, either in the accounts of God's supernatural intervention in the world and in information about creation and history, or in prescriptions for human conduct. Being the divine word of revelation in the form of linguistically and historically conditioned human word, the Bible addresses both faith and understanding of the researcher. In agreement with the faith of the Early Church, the Reformers and the founders of the Evangelical Movement, we confess in the words of *The Belgian Confession* (1561 [Art. 3a, 4a, 5a, 7a]):

Art. 3a: We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered by the will of man but that, driven by the Holy Spirit, people spoke on behalf of God, as the apostle Peter says [2 Pet. 1:21].

Art. 4a: We include in the Holy Scriptures the two volumes of the Old and New Testaments. They are canonical books with which there can be no quarrel at all.

Art. 5a: We receive all these books and only these as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. And we believe without a doubt all things contained in them. . . .

Art. 7a: We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it. For since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one—not even an apostle or an angel from heaven, as Paul says in Gal. 1:8—ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us. It is forbidden to add to or subtract from the Word of God [Deut 12:32].

EVANGELICAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHARACTER

We are aware that among Bible-believing Christians there are many different opinions concerning less fundamental issues of faith. It is our calling to emphasise the unity of the body of Christ. We welcome all those who subject themselves to the authority of the Scriptures and who have a vision for evangelism, disciple-making, church planting, and missions. ETF itself is not affiliated with any one denomination or fellowship but seeks to serve the body of Christ as a whole and to stress the beliefs and practices that Bible-believing Christians hold in common. ETF is a member of the Flemish Evangelical Alliance, a national affiliate of the World Evangelical Alliance. The individuals associated with the ETF are active participants of good standing in a local church and in any larger group of which they are a part. Board members, administrative and teaching staff, and students are active in Anglican, Baptist, Brethren, Free Evangelical, Lutheran, Mennonite, Pentecostal, Reformed, and other churches.

ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

The ETF is committed to the ministry of building up the body of Christ and effectively equipping its students for Christian service. Scholarly pursuit is seen as a valid service to the church of Jesus Christ, in addition to, and not in conflict with, practical ministerial training.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Evangelische Theologische Faculteit seeks to strengthen and deepen the Evangelical movement through biblical and theological training, research and publications. Committed to the authority of Scripture, the institution trains men and women who desire to become equipped to serve the church and society, at various academic levels. As an institution it provides an adequate infrastructure.

INTERNATIONAL VISION

Belgium is an internationally minded country. The capital, Brussels, is only 15-20 minutes west of the ETF, and is increasingly recognised as the "capital" of Europe since so many activities of the European Union and other international organisations are based here. Probably more than in any other country to the south or the east, an English-speaking foreign student could live quite comfortably in Belgium without learning more than a few words in the local language. It is also very important to know that universities across Belgium have for many years had a tradition of offering advanced studies in English leading to degrees in business, engineering, philosophy, theology, and other fields of interest.

The ETF sees itself as fundamentally European, yet also welcomes faculty and students from elsewhere. Its models of education, however, remain typically European, and these models influence its curriculum. The academic program is primarily, though not exclusively, designed to interact with biblical and theological issues relevant to the European context.

INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

ETF provides university level education. The Royal Decree of 3 June 1983 authorized the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit to grant the degrees of "Licentiaat in de Godgeleerdheid" (Master of Theology) and "Doctor in de Godgeleerdheid" (Ph.D. in Theology) degrees. These academic degrees conform to Belgian legislation on university education, especially to the law of 11 September 1933, which protects the titles of higher education (notably Art. 1., III., c.), supplemented by the law of 21 January 1963.

In the context of the implementation of the Bologna Declaration (1998), the Flemish Parliament accepted the "Decree on restructuring the organization of Higher Education in Flanders" (4 April 2003). In this new law the ETF is recognized as a university level institution that is authorised to grant the degrees of Bachelor, Master and Doctor (Ph.D.) in the field of Theology and Religious Studies (art. 54). Consequently, the ETF is now incorporated in the same accreditation process that has been introduced for all Flemish universities and colleges. This accreditation is valid within the context of all countries involved in the Bologna project.

Various agreements provide for the mutual recognition of academic degrees and diplomas between Belgium and other countries. Recognition of diplomas is a complicated matter so it is advisable for the student to consult with the government of the country where one plans to use the Belgian diploma before beginning studies at the ETF.

PROGRAMME FOR THE Ph.D. IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

OVERVIEW

The ETF offers a primarily non-residential doctoral programme under evangelical auspices that is accredited by the Belgian government. Meeting the admission requirements shows that the student is qualified to undertake guided preparation in our Examination Phase toward the Doctoral Examination. In this exam competence is to be demonstrated in one of the traditional theological disciplines or in relating another discipline or religion to Christian theology. Students also show they can relate their special interests to theology in general. Successful completion allows the student to begin supervised research and writing in our Dissertation Phase. Participation in the annual weeklong Doctoral Colloquium is a vital part of the programme. These items are discussed in the following section, "Academic Programme." Information concerning the application and acceptance procedures and study costs is given in the last section, "Administrative Policies and Procedures."

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Doctoral Programme is granted to a limited number of applicants each year on an individual basis after evaluation by the Doctoral Committee of a completed application. Very well qualified applicants may still not be able to be admitted because of the limited number of students that available faculty are able to supervise, both in general and/or in the particular field(s) of study which the applicant wishes to pursue. To assist in determining whether or not there has been adequate preparation to begin doctoral studies, the following options for qualification are considered:

A. Those who have earned the Belgian recognised degree Master of Theology and Religious Studies (previously called a "licentiate") or a recognised equivalent foreign diploma or degree, or

B. Those intending to focus on one of the classical theological disciplines may submit acceptable evidence that they have completed four or five years of university-level theological and religious studies *cum laude* including a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. A *colloquium doctum* to begin our examination phase may be arranged for apparently well-prepared students with insufficient or uncertain previous theological education. Or

C. Those intending to focus on relating Christianity to other religions or to certain other academic disciplines and who have little formal background in theology but hold a relevant academic master's (or equivalent) degree may be admitted to pursue an appropriate interdisciplinary or religious studies programme designed for them. Of course, also having studied theology on an academic level should shorten the length of such a programme. As with the preceding option, a *colloquium doctum* may be required. Applicants must show how they intend to relate Christianity to the other discipline or religion in order to be accepted.

D. ETF holders of the Th.M. *cum laude* (70%) will normally be admitted to the Examination Phase with advanced standing. Advanced students who have completed on a post-master's level some or all of the equivalent of our Examination Phase at

another recognised theological faculty may also be considered for admission with advanced standing in our Examination Phase (or, exceptionally, directly into our Dissertation Phase). As with the previous two options, a *colloquium doctum* may be required.

In granting admission for the limited openings from among equally qualified applicants, the Doctoral Committee gives greater weight to those making or intending to make an academic contribution to or from the Evangelical movement of the Low Countries or elsewhere in Europe and the adjoining regions.

Examination Phase

While preparation for the comprehensive doctoral examination may be done in residence on the campus of the ETF, non-residential preparation is the usual method. This is known in Belgium as "open education" or, if the student meets regularly with ETF professors, as "contact education." What follows is an expansion of our official "Educational and Examination Regulations" approved by the government. Still further details are given in the Doctoral Handbook which enrolled students receive.

Students working in one of the traditional theological disciplines are assigned by the Doctoral Committee to one or two professors of the faculty who supervise preparation for an examination in a major field of study selected from the following six fields:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Historical Theology
- Practical Theology
- Religious Studies & Missiology

While an overview of the entire area of their fields is appropriate, professors may also have the student focus on some major subdivision such as the Patristic period, ethics, or Islamic or Pauline studies.

Students concentrating on interdisciplinary or interreligious studies will have an especially designed major that normally includes an adjunct supervisor from another faculty. Co-equal minors such as Biblical Studies, Historical & Systematic Theology, and Practical & Missiological Studies are intended to qualify them to draw upon theological scholarship in preparing their integrative dissertation. (Such "minors" might also be assigned to those in the traditional areas whose theological education was not considered comprehensive enough.)

The Examination Phase normally requires at least 1,400 hours of study, including preparation of a research article acceptable for publication. It also requires attendance at the annual weeklong colloquium each September and the oral presentation of papers there. (Students with advanced standing can often meet their requirements with only 700 hours of study. Students in interdisciplinary or interreligious programmes with no academic background in theology normally require about 2,100 hours of study in the Exam Phase.) More details are given in the Ph.D. Handbook.

Students should proceed to the Doctoral Examination within three years after entering the programme. Exceptional and unanticipated circumstances permit the Doctoral Committee to grant an extension of one year.

Dissertation Phase

Upon cum laude completion of the Examination Phase, the student registers a dissertation subject. As this subject is accepted, the Doctoral Committee assigns the student to a promoter from the faculty and (if necessary) to a co-promoter who may be from another faculty. A more detailed dissertation research proposal is then submitted to the Doctoral Committee for approval. The promoter (who was usually also the major supervisor) supervises the student's research and writing of a dissertation. For special aspects of the research an adjunct promoter may be appointed. The dissertation must be written in Dutch or English, or in another language in which both student and promoter(s) are fluent. It must demonstrate the student's ability to do independent and original research, making a valid contribution to scholarly literature. Copyright remains with the ETF, although publication is strongly encouraged and permission to do so will normally be granted (in some cases after improvements have been made) upon a written request to the Doctoral Committee.

After assignment to a promoter the student has two to four years in which to research, write, and defend the dissertation. The Doctoral Committee may grant one-year extensions in the case of extenuating circumstances provided there is evidence of significant progress.

The administrative follow up and supervision of the Doctoral Dissertation and the exact procedure for submitting the dissertation are specified in the Ph.D. Handbook.

Annual Colloquium

A doctoral colloquium is organised at the campus of the ETF during the first full week of September. The colloquium allows closer contact between students and professors and provides a forum for the exchange of research. Faculty members report on their research and students present and evaluate academic papers.

Each student is required to attend the annual colloquium (and to cover personal expenses for travel, room, and board) unless excused in advance upon written request to the Doctoral Committee. Students in the Examination Phase present a paper reflecting one's research. Student in the Dissertation Phase give an annual report on various aspects of the research or completed writing.

Doctoral examinations and defences of dissertations are planned during the colloquium or, in rare cases, in the course of the academic year.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Application and Acceptance

While it is possible for potential students to discuss their interests with one or more individuals of the faculty, only the Doctoral Committee is empowered to accept students.

A limited number of students will be admitted once each year, in the spring, to begin their doctoral studies at the start of the next academic year. Notification of acceptance will usually take place no later than the end of May. If the student is not accepted, re-application for the following year is permitted. However, re-application is only encouraged if the student will have improved on his or her preparation and/or the committee foresees that openings for faculty supervision are likely to come up in the desired fields.

The completed application form and supporting documents should be in the office as soon as convenient, after the September prior to the year you wish to begin studies. Applications should normally be received by the beginning of February in order to be considered for admission for the following September.

All the necessary forms are available for downloading at the website www.etf.edu.

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Cost and Financing

Students in need of financial assistance may qualify for financial support. Scholarship application forms may be requested from the ETF doctoral administration. We advise you to hand in the scholarship application form together with your other application documents before 15 March.

Full tuition for the academic year is €4,550.00. Students from Belgium and the Netherlands pay €1,350.00 with the additional tuition cost being covered by Belgian and Dutch donors through local churches. German and Swiss students pay €1,900.00 with additional tuition cost being covered by scholarship funding. Students from elsewhere in the European Educational Area pay €2,060.00. Tuition fees are subject to an annual adjustment.

Every August/September the student will receive an invoice for tuition. If the tuition is not paid within 60 days or by the given due date, the student may be dropped from the list of active students. Tuition paid is non-refundable. Tuition does not cover such costs as student travel, postage, or telephone expenses, room and board at the annual colloquium, books and other study materials, fees to use libraries or resources other than the ETF's, copying and binding expenses, etc.

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The account number is:
BIC/ SWIFT Address: GEBABEBB
IBAN BE86-2300-0873-3050
Evangelische Theologische Faculteit vzw
St. Jansbergsesteenweg 95-97
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- You can obtain an international postal money order from your post office and send it to us at our address.
- No Eurocheques accepted.
- Questions concerning finances should be directed to the bookkeeper, Mr. Bernard Vantiegheem (bernard.vantiegheem@etf.edu).

ORGANISATION AND PERSONNEL

GOVERNING OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Doctoral Programme is an international programme of the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (ETF). The Ph.D. programme falls under the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Doctoral Committee that governs the Doctoral Programme consists of the following members: Andreas J. Beck, Pieter R. Boersema, Hendrik J. Koorevaar, Patrick Nullens, Helge Stadelmann, Maria Verhoeff (student representative), Gie Vleugels, and Martin Webber (chairman).

MAIN CONTACT PERSONS

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DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

TRAIN TRANSPORTATION from the Airport to Leuven Train Station

Every thirty minutes a train leaves from Brussels National Airport to Leuven. The airport's website is www.brusselsairport.be and the railroad's is www.nmbs.be.

Note that some low cost airlines use what they call Brussels-South Airport which is just north of the city of Charleroi. There is a bus connection to the train station in Brussels. For more information see www.charleroi-airport.com.

BUS TRANSPORTATION from the Leuven Train Station to the ETF

The bus station is located to the right as you exit the train station. There are four buses that stop in front of the ETF; bus numbers 7, 8, 9 with destination Bertem or Egenhoven, and bus number 395 with destination Groenendaal or Hoeilaart (the destinations are listed above the windshield). There is a bus stop directly across from ETF approximately one kilometre down the St. Jansbergsesteenweg. It is the fourth bus stop on this street. It is possible to ask the driver for the bus stop across from the "Bible School" in case of doubt. Be aware that the last bus leaves for the ETF around 23:00.

If you plan to use the bus while you are in Leuven, you may want to buy a "stadskaart" (city ticket). A bus ticket (stadskaart) may be purchased from the driver of the bus but is cheaper when purchased from the sales desk at the bus station (€9.00) and is good for ten one-way rides. Bus tickets are also available at the cheaper rate at the tobacconist's or in local supermarkets. The bus company's website is www.delijn.be.

BY CAR

From the E40 in the direction of Luik (Liège), take the E314 toward Leuven, Hasselt, Genk. On the E314 take the first exit (exit 15), in the direction of Leuven. Turn left at the traffic lights (follow the sign E.T.F) and you will see the building of the ETF on your right after approximately 200 meters.

From the A2/E314 expressway (Genk-Hasselt-Leuven) take exit 15 toward Leuven-Centre. Turn left at the traffic lights (follow the sign E.T.F) and you will see the building of the ETF on your right after approximately 200 meters.

From the E40 in the direction of Brussels, take the E314 toward Leuven, Hasselt, Genk. Stay on the right lane to take exit 15 in the direction of Leuven. Turn left at the traffic lights (follow the sign E.T.F) and you will see the building of the ETF on your right after approximately 200 meters.

If you come from Leuven-Centre, take the ring road ("Ring") and follow signs for E40. If you are led via the Tervuursesteenweg (N3), follow the signs for ETF. If you are led via the Koning Boudewijnlaan (N264), turn right at the third set of traffic lights. The ETF building will be on your right after approximately 200 meters.