



At **Reformed Theological Seminary** we have proudly affirmed our commitment to biblical fidelity, confessional integrity, and the spiritual and personal growth of our students for more than **45 years**. We believe that's why RTS is the seminary of choice for more than **3,000 current students** and has grown to be one of the largest seminaries in the United States with **11,000 alumni** and serving more than **60 denominations**. We lift praises to the Lord for their work and that He uses the RTS family to prosper and glorify His Kingdom, as our institutional alumni network reaches into all **50 states** and **70 countries**.

We want to extend a warm invitation for you to join our family in Atlanta. It is one that consists of a **diverse, dedicated** student body and alumni network, an **accessible, faithful** faculty called to shepherd our students, and a staff **devoted to diligently** serving our students.

While no family is perfect, we are confident our foundation is built upon the actions and revealed Word of a perfect God. Our students rest in their relationship with a Father who exercises mercy and justice, a Son who graciously saves and unites, and a Spirit who encourages and sanctifies. This relationship enables their ministry, their education at RTS strengthens their ministry, and their love for His people motivates their ministries.

As the body of Christ is gifted in distinct and unique ways, so too is the student body at the Atlanta campus; nowhere is this more apparent than in their ministry endeavors during seminary and career decisions after graduation.

Our current students and graduates are serving His Kingdom in a variety of ways; the following list provides a sample of their ministry endeavors:

- Pastoring churches across Atlanta
- Church planting in an underserved urban context
- Planting a campus ministry in a foreign country
- Pursuing doctoral studies
- Missions work abroad
- Writing children's books
- Teaching at a Christian school
- Leading a para-church ministry
- Editing Christian magazines

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My heart, and the heart of RTS Atlanta, is to see Christ exalted and His Church equipped to engage culture with a biblical worldview. Known for their commitment to biblical authenticity, the Atlanta campus of RTS will effectively prepare you to contribute to the restoration of culture for the glory of God and advancement of His Kingdom.

— Lecrae, Recording Artist
Reach Records



Profound Biblical theology and scholarship combined with thoughtful and practical application come together in a unique way at RTS/Atlanta. You should be a part of it!

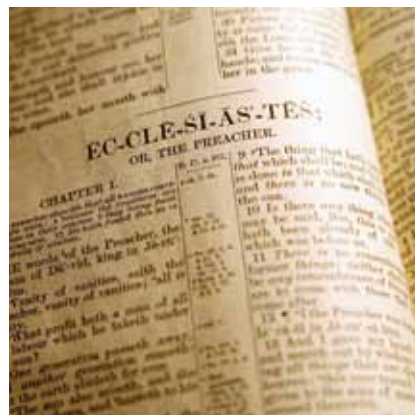
— Dr. Steve Brown, Professor of
Practical Theology (Emeritus)

WHY RTS ATLANTA

At Reformed Theological Seminary, Scripture is paramount. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God, possessing authoritative truth for faith and providing sufficient guidance by which to live. It constructs the framework by which our curriculum is designed, the content by which our faculty instruct, and the grace-filled community in which our students are edified.

As a student at RTS Atlanta, you receive more than an education. You learn:

- To critique and analyze culture from a biblical and theological worldview.
- To discern the world's agenda in light of foundational truth.
- To cultivate your relationship with the Lord within a loving, supportive environment; you will understand your beliefs in light of the entirety of Scripture, honing them within the classroom and a gracious community.
- To worship the Lord in Mind and Heart. Lectures not only satiate your mind, they fill your heart; theology leads to doxology.
- To exegete and communicate His Word and apply it in a relevant way within a variety of contexts.
- Character development, confidence, and hope.



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Practical and instructive, the courses at RTS Atlanta facilitated seamless transition from student to ministry.

— Marx Brown, MA '09

RTS Atlanta has been the vine of God's grace, providing me both the life-giving energy of the sweet doctrines of Jesus Christ and the rich fruit of godly examples.

—Zack Schaeffer, MDiv '13





DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our degree programs are intentionally crafted to efficiently and sufficiently prepare you for ministry. In addition to the degree requirements (see below), our residential faculty are ordained ministers with terminal degrees, pastor-scholars who have dedicated their lives to understanding His Word and faithfully equipping others. Our status as one of many campuses within the RTS system means our students have options, from access to the best professors available to the opportunity to complete a portion of the degree virtually. Lastly, our curriculum is both flexible and accessible, enabling you to continue your professional or ministerial career while completing the degree, or pursue your coursework full-time.

RTS Atlanta is fully accredited to offer 4 specialized degree programs: each has its own unique emphasis and purpose, but they all enable and prepare you faithfully to communicate the Word of God to others.

Master of Divinity: The “MDiv” is a 106 credit-hour professional degree that provides a comprehensive biblical, theological, historical, and practical education. Through in-class instruction and 400hrs of real-world application, our students learn God’s Word and cultivate a heart for the spiritual nourishment and vitality of others.

Master of Arts (Biblical Studies): The “MABS” is a 66 credit-hour degree that provides a comprehensive biblical education covering the complete canon of Scripture. It also provides the flexibility to integrate the biblical languages, theological, historical, and practical disciplines in a way that is unique to each student..

Master of Arts (Religion): The “MAR” is a 60 credit-hour degree that provides a broad biblical, theological, and historical education. With 12 free elective hours and an integrative project, the student has tremendous freedom to focus his or her studies on an area of personal interest.

Doctor of Ministry: The “DMin” is a 30 credit-hour degree that provides an opportunity for ordained pastors to increase their effectiveness in a variety of practical disciplines. The degree can be completed through week-long intensive coursework, enabling the pastor to remain in full-time ministry.

Certificate: The Certificate is a flexible 30 credit-hour program that enables students to cultivate a strong biblical and/or theological foundation without the requirements normally associated with a full degree program. Completed coursework in the Certificate program may be applied toward a Masters degree.

FACULTY

Our unique position within a city the size and influence of Atlanta's provides the opportunity to draw from a wide breadth of knowledgeable, experienced practitioner's who not only know the Bible, but are living the gospel message in their day-to-day lives. Additionally, our unique position as one campus of many within the RTS system provides Atlanta students the opportunity to sit at the feet of a biblically astute, doctrinally faithful, and world class faculty without leaving home. Our faculty invest their lives in their students, churches, communities, and ultimately the Kingdom, providing godly examples from whom our students seek wisdom and knowledge.

Scholarly, yet accessible: There are no ivory towers in the Atlanta skyline. While our faculty is among the most knowledgeable and dedicated in their fields, they're also practitioners who care deeply for the spiritual health of their students. You will routinely find them mentoring students at local coffee shops, restaurants, or on campus, offering theological insights within the context of real-world ministry.

Academic, yet relevant: Atlanta faculty know the Bible, yet they also know culture. They will encourage and challenge you to better understand the relationship between the two and actively apply what you learn in the classroom within organic ministry.

Confessional, yet compassionate: Dogmatic on the essentials, gracious on the non-essentials, our faculty provide a supportive environment for you to research and embrace doctrinal truths in light of the totality of Scripture.

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“The professors at RTS have helped me understand the love of God. Apart from that truth all I have to offer people is theology, but with that truth I get to tell people of the love of God behind the theology.”

— Bill Bennett, MDiv '12

The professors at RTS Atlanta bring an infectious passion to each lesson; their biblical knowledge and love for Jesus is palpable and alive in the classroom.

— Rachel Hernandez, MABS '14





MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

“Opportunity” and “Atlanta” have long been synonymous. In no endeavor is this more apparent than ministry, and especially ministry that is the fruit of healthy, vibrant, Christ-centered churches and para-church ministries actively working to manifest the Kingdom of God amongst the 5.5 million inhabitants in metro Atlanta.

With over **3,500 churches** and **4,000 non-profits** in Atlanta alone, there’s no shortage of opportunities for you to apply what you learn in the classroom within organic ministry the very same day you learn it.

Atlanta is the economic hub of the south, home to the busiest airport in the world, and has an affordable cost-of-living; consequently, it is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the nation. Home to the “**most diverse square mile**” in America, with **145 different countries** and **761 different people groups** represented within a small corridor of our global city, RTS students have an opportunity to engage in international ministry without leaving their own backyard.

Here is a small selection of the ministries making a Kingdom impact in Atlanta...

ApartmentLife
Atlanta Mission
CRU
Campus Outreach
Desire Street Ministries
International Justice Mission
InterVarsity Fellowship
Ministry Ventures
Mission to the World



Not for Sale
ReachLife
Reformed University Fellowship
Reformed University Fellowship International
StreetGRACE
Wellspring Living
YoungLife

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Welcome to *Atlanta*



Atlanta, Georgia, known as the “City Too Busy to Hate”

Atlanta offers a unique opportunity for seminary students to engage many diverse cultures and people groups, offering hands-on learning opportunities on par with the largest cities in the world for a fraction of the cost. As one of the top 50 global cities in the world, Atlanta offers seminary students an educational setting that extends far beyond the classroom.

- Atlanta is consistently named one of the best places to live in America, both for families and singles.
- Home to the nation's 4th largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies.
- 13% of the 5.5 million residents in metro Atlanta were born outside the United States, making Atlanta one of the most multi-cultural cities in the nation.
- Home to national church and ministry leaders, including the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and two of the most recent Presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Home to 54 public parks and the “Beltline,” a 22-mile intercity park system.
- At over 1,000ft above sea level, Atlanta enjoys more temperate weather than other southern cities.
- Nicknamed the “city of trees”, Atlanta has the highest percentage of tree cover amongst all major US cities.
- Named by “National Geographic” as a “Place of a Lifetime” due to its significant population size, national and international influence, and geographic beauty.
- Home to the tallest skyscraper outside of NYC or Chicago, the 1,023 foot high Bank of America building is the tallest in any US state capital.



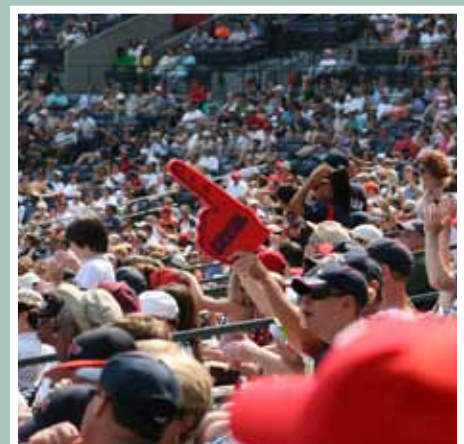
For more on the city of Atlanta
visit www.atlanta.net



Atlanta residents enjoying the temperate weather by dining outside

Strategically situated in an international city to make a global kingdom impact, RTS Atlanta enables students to grow their hearts and minds in cross-cultural ministry.

— Al LaCour, Coordinator, RUF-International



Visit

RTS ATLANTA

Whether it's a conversation at breakfast over a warm chicken biscuit, the smiling face at the front door when you arrive on campus, or our staff and faculty's sincere care and individualized attention for each of our students, nowhere in Atlanta is southern hospitality more palpable than at RTS. We invite you to come and experience the Atlanta difference for yourself by scheduling a campus visit with our Admissions Office. We'll help shepherd you through the discernment process and walk alongside you in grace as the Lord works in your heart.

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