

## **Global Theological Education FAQ**

### **Course Credit**

- All GTE courses are 8000 level seminars and are taken for 3 hours of course credit.
- Unless otherwise noted all course work and courses are graded on a standard ABCDF scale.
- Course Content and Assignments vary from course to course. Students should obtain a syllabus from the faculty member in charge.

### **GTE Course Requirements**

- Participants must have completed 18 hours of course work prior to the beginning of the GTE Immersion course.
- Participants in immersion courses are required to attend a designated GTE Orientation session.
- All immersions outside the U.S. require a U.S. passport valid for six months following the ending date of the immersion. No application will be accepted without a copy of a valid U.S. passport.
- For inquiries about the academic content please contact the faculty member in charge.
- Application forms must be submitted to the GTE office at 303C Selecman.
- For all other inquiries, contact the Global Theological Education office, [globaltheology@smu.edu](mailto:globaltheology@smu.edu).

### **Alumnae, Family, and other non-students**

- Limited numbers of alumnae, adult student family members, and other non-students may participate in GTE Immersions. Each application will be considered separately.
- Participants must remain with the group and fully participate in all aspects of the immersion.
- Alumnae, Family, and other non-students are responsible for all travel costs associated with the immersion. Those costs will be calculated by the GTE Director and a non-refundable payment is due 60 days prior to travel. It is payable by check and should be made out to Perkins School of Theology.
- Alumnae, Family, and other non-students who decide to make their own travel arrangements are responsible for meeting the group at the beginning of the immersion and for making travel connections after the immersion.

### **Student Costs:**

- For Perkins School of Theology Students enrolled in the MDIV program and taking their first immersion course must pay:
  1. Tuition
  2. All course fees. The GTE course fee in 2019 – 2020 will be \$1,000.00 for courses outside the US, and \$500.00 for courses inside the US. The course fee will be charged to the student's account upon academic registration. This fee is not covered by scholarships or financial aid. Please see your financial aid advisor for further information.

3. Personal expenses and one meal a day while traveling.
  4. The GTE program will cover all other travel expenses, including airfare, lodging, guides, entrance fees, and two meals a day.
- For Perkins School of Theology Students enrolled in other degree programs or taking a second immersion course the costs of all immersion courses will be tuition, the course fee, and *all travel expenses*. The course fee and tuition will be charged to the student's account upon academic registration. Travel expenses must be paid directly to the GTE program prior to travel. The GTE program does not offer financial assistance for travel costs of second and subsequent immersions.
  - Students who drop the GTE Immersion course after air tickets have been purchased will be responsible for reimbursing the GTE program for the cost of air fare and any other costs undertaken by the GTE program on behalf of the student.

**Medical Insurance** All Immersion Participants must acquire medical insurance for travel abroad. SMU students who have medical insurance through the university are covered by the university's SOS program. Non-students should check with their primary insurer about options for coverage while abroad.