

Approved By: President

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Effective Date: January 18, 2022

- 1. Summary:** This policy establishes church membership and chapel attendance credit requirements for students of the College.
- 2. Rationale:** This policy is necessary to ensure consistent and appropriate implementation of chapel and ministry requirements for students.
- 3. Entities Affected:** students
- 4. Definitions:** not applicable
- 5. Policy:** The Criswell College community does not assume the role of the local church, but rather intends to supplement that role. The College's campus programs, services, and procedures do not substitute for church functions or church membership. As an institution of higher learning, the College is committed to the educational and experiential development of those who are, and will be, church leaders, lay or otherwise.

Church Membership

As church membership is one indicator of healthy spiritual development, all students are expected to identify with a local church body and to support its mission faithfully through membership, attendance, and participation within their first year at Criswell College.

Chapel Attendance/Credits

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to obtain the following number of chapel credits per semester:

- Full-time undergraduate students: 16 credits
- Part-time undergraduate students: 8 credits

Graduate students are encouraged but not required to attend chapel.

In addition to regular chapel services (1 credit), students may obtain credits through participation in the following ways:

- Designated Community Conferences (1 credit): Chapel credit may be awarded for attending specific Community Conferences as designated by College administration.
- Special Events (1 credit): Chapel credit may be awarded for attending spiritual development events as designated by the Student Services Office.

6. Procedure:

- a. Implementation:** The Student Services Office and Academic Affairs Office are responsible for maintaining procedures for ministry requirements that are consistent with this policy.
- b. Responsibility for Compliance:** Vice President of Student Affairs and Communications
- c. Notification:** This policy will be posted on the College’s website and a summary of the policy will be published in the College’s *Student Handbook* and *Academic Catalog*.
- d. Policy Review:** This policy will be regularly reviewed according to the College’s policy review procedure.

For the Office of the President only:

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Related policies:	

Policy History

Version 1.0	Not Available
Version 2.0	August 28, 2017
Version 3.0	October 20, 2021