



Preliminary Information

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

Introducing Global Institute of Theology

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INTRODUCING GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Distance Learning Education

Global University (GU) is a fully accredited nonprofit Christian University, in the Pentecostal tradition, based out of Springfield, Missouri. As a worldwide online and distance education pioneer, the university integrates education and service through a network in 180 countries, including the United States. GU's presence in so many countries gives students all over the world and at all ages the opportunity to study anywhere at any time in their own pace.

Distance learning is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing educational strategies. It differs from traditional classroom study in methodology, but its goal is the same: to guide the student through a systematic program of study and help him or her gain new knowledge and skills.

Adult workers have found that this type of delivery provides them the opportunity to further their Christian education while keeping their employment. The three main languages of instruction are English, Spanish and French for undergraduate programs. Learning materials have been translated into several other languages and dialects as well.

The University gives the opportunity to students to study Bible and theology courses at several academic levels even in different stages of life: from early childhood (3-6 years) up to late adulthood. Consequently, the forte of GU is to provide education for life-long learning seekers. Accordingly, GU offers studies for Sunday Schools from kinder to grade 6 up to doctoral degrees.

Global University Schools

Global University has four schools. (1) The School for Evangelism and Discipleship. A number of programs for this school are recognized or in the process of being recognized by the



NCFHE. (2) Berean School of the Bible. This school's ministerial program is recognized as a qualification in an MQF 5. (3). The Undergraduate School of Bible and Theology has several degrees, recognized in MQF level 6 and undergraduate certificates in MQF 5. (4) The Graduate School of Theology has several graduate certificates, Master of Arts degrees, Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry programs. Some them are already recognized by the NCFHE, but Global Institute of Theology is not yet licensed to deliver these courses under the licence of the NCFHE.

Global Institute of Theology and Vision

Global Institute of Theology (GIT) is the legal name for GU in Malta and is accredited by the NCFHE; license 2013-FHI-026. GIT received its first recognition by signing a protocol on March 22, 2011. It is our vision to provide biblical and theological education to the Pentecostal and Evangelical churches in Malta and Gozo, and abroad. We want to accomplish this by providing to Evangelical and Pentecostal churches and their members, independent and group study opportunities.

Since our students do not take these courses for career improvement and promotion, but to learn the Bible and its related disciplines, it is our policy that education will become available to all those who are willing to study. Nevertheless, GIT does lead to ministerial training and beyond. Our vision is that although it is occasional for Maltese Evangelical and Pentecostal churches to employ their pastor in full time ministry, when this takes place, GIT will offer the academic qualifications that are fit for the purpose.

One of the ways that GIT contributes to give opportunities to students to study is by keeping prices as low as possible. We can achieve this by the fact that all service to the school is to be done on voluntary basis. Consequently, all officials and lecturers offer their services for free. Office space, some equipment, and the learning premises are also donated.

Home Grown Courses

Global Institute of Theology has two homegrown courses that are accredited with the NCFHE. These are in levels 3, and 5. These courses have been designed locally and also made up of study guides available by GU. Global Institute of Theology retains the intellectual property of these courses. We design these courses for the need of the local Maltese and Evangelical



Church. However, we plan to collaborate with other GU schools abroad and help them with accreditation.

Quality Assurance

Although GIT offers free services, this does not undermine the quality of service and education. Those involved with GIT understand that they are all in agreement with this viewpoint. This is imperative because GIT believes in the “quality culture” philosophy. Quality culture demands that leadership understands and believes in the implications for a Bible School which operates with a governing quality mindset. We believe our quality culture will help all involved to remain focused on our school objectives.

GIT students are expected to be special individuals. They should have a special commitment and desire to learn in order to prepare themselves for greater service. They are to gradually mature as students and as citizens, who enjoy life. Nevertheless, always are aware of its seriousness. Above all else, they desire to please God in everything they do. Consequently, the following qualities are to be nurtured and considered as a life-long commitment.

Commitment to Excellence - “I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind...I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...” (Philippians 3:8,13,14).

Faithfulness - To God I give my life in worship and service in all that I am and have. I will seek first the kingdom of God.

Unselfishness - For others I will gladly share and serve as God has so graciously provided for me.

Truthfulness - To myself and to all others I shall be honest and truthful with fairness, giving dignity to every person I meet.

Thoroughness - In all I undertake to do I shall attempt to be complete and thorough, striving always for excellence.

Neatness - The quality of my life and work will also reflect beauty in the things I achieve.



Promptness - Knowing that by being prompt I am conserving the time of others as well as keeping myself on schedule, I shall attempt to be prompt in keeping promises.

Perseverance - Steadfastly pursuing the goals God reveals to me as appropriate for my life, my abilities, and my calling – this will be my constant aim.

Consequently, GIT is committed to making quality assurance visible in the life of our students. As a tool for transparency, we strive towards making our IQA visible as possible. The main tool is a website designed for this purpose (<http://iqa-2017.git.edu.mt>). At the time of writing, the website is in its initial stages.

Course Delivery

Global Institute of Theology, using GU's courses delivers its courses by using various pedagogical methods. This includes videos, interaction with an assigned mentor, and asynchronous learning. Small study groups are also popular with most students. In this case, a qualified instructor facilitates the learning experience. GIT encourages collaborative and cooperative learning as much as possible. The instructional design of the courses is designed by experts, which made GU one of the leading distance learning schools.

Student-Centered Learning

With all of its strengths and improving on its weaknesses, GIT strives to be a student-centered learning institution. Our philosophy comes from the second-century sage Rabbi Judah the Holy, who articulated the well-known saying, "the world exists only to breathe the breath of school children." We are convinced that this principle is internalized and is in the fabric of our being. We firmly believe that the focus of learning must have the students best interest in its aim; unless the students receive what we offer them, then the focus is somewhere else. We are convinced, that the strategy of making sure all that all GIT staff adhere to the designed policies and guidelines gives our students high-quality educational experiences.



List of Programs Offered

Christian Service in the Community	Global Institute of Theology	Level 3
Christian Ministry in the Community	Global University	Level 3
Christian Ministry in Christian Counselling	Global University	Level 5
Undergraduate Certificate in Christian Mission	Global University	Level 5
Undergraduate Certificate in Christian Communication	Global University	Level 5
Undergraduate Certificate: The Bible Interpreter	Global University	Level 5
Ministerial Studies	Global University	Level 5
Restoring Love in Marriage	Global Institute of Theology	Level 5
B.A. Inter-Cultural Studies	Global University	Level 6
B.A. Christian Education	Global University	Level 6
B.A. Bible and Theology	Global University	Level 6

Number of Students

Currently, GIT has 37 students enrolled in an active program. The students are part-timers and study in their own pace. However, GIT over the last years had enrolled 140 other students that take a class now and then for their own spiritual enrichment. Normally, these students will not enroll in programs and do not take exams.