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## Consumer Information Disclosure Form

### General Information

**Name of Institution:** Agora University

**Address:** 9253 Old Keene Mill Rd, Burke, VA 22015

**Year Founded:** 2012

**Chancellor:** Fr. Michael Sorial

**President & CEO:** Dr. Emmanuel Gergis, Ph.D.

### Mission and Goals

#### Mission Statement

Agora University is a pioneering global Orthodox Christian University dedicated to building bridges between Orthodox Christianity and the Humanities to address the challenges of the contemporary world via distance learning. Agora University is committed to building a community of inspired students through innovative learning, open discussion, and research to become whole persons, and creative leaders to advance their communities. We welcome students from all faiths and backgrounds and provide them the intellectual freedom to express their diverse voices in open dialogue while preserving and upholding the particularity of our Orthodox Christian identity.

#### Institutional Goals

- Embodying Orthodox Christian Faith and Community
- Imprinting Orthodoxy Globally
- Providing Cutting-Edge Online Academic Content
- Financial Responsibility

#### Description

Agora University is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit pioneering global Orthodox Christian University dedicated to the Humanities.



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### Areas of Special Focus

Orthodox Theology and the Humanities.

### Student Demographic Profile

Agora University students are all adult learners who come from 10 countries around the world. At the time of their admission into Agora University, all students held a bachelor's degree.

### Programs Offered

Agora University offers the following graduate-level programs:

- Certificate in Eastern Christian History
- Certificate in Eastern Christian Scripture
- Certificate in Contemporary Studies
- Certificate in Servant Enrichment
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS)
- Doctor of Theology (ThD)

### Program Tuition

- Certificate program tuition is \$2,666.64 per program.
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS) tuition is \$8,000 per program.
- Doctor of Theology (ThD) program is \$16,000 per program.



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## Success Indicators

The graduation rate for the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) at Agora University is determined by assessing cohorts of regular students admitted to the program within a calendar year and completing it within two years. The Certificate programs and the Doctor of Theology (ThD) program were first offered in 2024.

ENTERING CLASS	GRADUATION RATE
2016	100%
2017	100%
2018	N/A
2019	75%
2020	In-session; 3 early graduates
2021	In-session; 2 early graduates
2022	In-session
2023	In-session

### State Exemptions:

**State of Virginia:** Agora University is a religious institution exempt from state regulation and oversight in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**State of Arizona:** Agora University is not required to obtain state authorization in Arizona since the university has no physical presence in Arizona as defined by A.R.S. § 32-3001 (5).

**State of California:** Agora University (formerly St. Cyril Society) is exempt as a religious institution in the State of California, and operates under the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, California Education Code (CEC) Section 94874 (e) of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

**State of Connecticut:** Agora University is not required to be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education since the institution does not have a physical presence in Connecticut.

**State of Illinois:** Agora University is not required to be licensed by the Illinois Department of Higher Education since the institution does not have a physical presence in Illinois.



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**State of Kansas:** Agora University is not required to be licensed by the Kansas Board of Regents since the institution does not have a physical presence in Kansas.

**State of Louisiana:** Agora University is not regulated by the Louisiana Board of Regents since it offers courses and programs fully online and does not maintain physical facilities in the State of Louisiana.

**State of Massachusetts:** Agora University is not required to seek licensure with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education to enroll residents of Massachusetts into online courses and programs.

**State of New Jersey:** Agora University is not required to seek licensure with the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education to enroll residents of New Jersey into online courses and programs.

**State of North Carolina:** Agora University is not required to seek licensure with the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to enroll residents of North Carolina into online programs.

**State of South Carolina:** Agora University is exempt as a religious institution by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

**State of Montana:** Agora University is exempt from authorization as it meets the requirements set forth in 34 CFR § 600.9 b. 2 by the State of Montana University System.

**Other States:** Agora University is not currently pursuing state authorization in other States and has no students who reside in those states. Additionally, Agora is unable to accept applications for admissions from the states where it is not licensed or exempt.

## Accreditation

### U.S. Accreditation

Agora University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).



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The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a recognized accrediting agency. The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a recognized member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CHEA is the leading non-governmental recognition for accrediting associations. A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities and recognizes 60 institutional and programmatic accrediting organizations.

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Agora University's programs are fully accredited in the European Union through our collaboration and accreditation agreement with the Catholic University of Murcia (UCAM), Spain.