



## Unity Christian University

### Policies & Procedures

#### Institutional Status & Legal Exemption

Unity Christian University is a **private, faith-based theological institution** that exists to train and equip men and women for Christian ministry.

Unity Christian University is **not under the control, governance, or oversight** of the **United States Department of Education** or the **Florida Department of Education**. The University operates solely under the authority provided by:

- **Florida Statute 1005.06(1)(f)** – which grants an exemption from licensure and jurisdiction by the **Commission for Independent Education** for institutions that are religious in nature and that offer only programs of a religious or theological nature.

Because of this statutory exemption:

- Unity Christian University is **not required to seek approval or accreditation** from state or federal educational agencies.
- Degrees and diplomas issued by Unity Christian University are **ecclesiastical in nature**, intended for religious, theological, and ministry purposes.
- Enrollment at Unity Christian University is a **privilege of association with a private Christian institution**, not a right guaranteed by state or federal educational laws.

By applying to Unity Christian University, all students and applicants acknowledge and accept that:

- The University is **independently governed by its Board of Directors**.
- Academic programs, policies, and requirements are **established internally** and are **not subject to external regulation** by the State of Florida or the U.S. Department of Education.
- Any recognition of credits, transferability, or use of degrees outside of ministerial or theological contexts is at the **sole discretion of other institutions, employers, or agencies**.

#### 1. Doctrinal Alignment

- All students must agree with and uphold the University's **Statement of Faith**.

- Persistent disagreement with or opposition to the University's doctrinal positions is grounds for dismissal.

## **2. Tuition & Fees**

- Tuition and fees must be paid according to the University's published schedule.
- **Failure to pay tuition/fees** may result in suspension or termination of enrollment.
- Tuition and fees are **non-refundable** in cases of dismissal for conduct, academic dishonesty, or loss of pastoral endorsement.

## **3. Attendance & Participation**

- Regular attendance in courses (on-campus or online) is expected.
- Excessive absences, lack of participation, or failure to meet course requirements may result in dismissal.

## **4. Technology & Communication**

- Students must maintain reliable access to email and the University's learning platforms.
- Failure to regularly check and respond to official University communications may affect enrollment status.

## **5. Confidentiality & Respect**

- Students must respect the confidentiality of classroom discussions, ministry-related information, and the privacy of faculty and peers.
- Harassment, disrespect, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

## **6. Drug, Alcohol, and Moral Standards Policy**

- The use of illegal drugs, abuse of alcohol, or immoral behavior (as defined by Scripture and the University's code of conduct) is strictly prohibited.
- Violations may result in immediate termination of enrollment.

## **7. Academic Progress**

- Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by University standards.
- Failure to maintain required GPA or completion rates may result in probation or dismissal.

## 8. Appeals (Optional)

- While the Board's decision is final, you may consider including a **limited internal appeal process** for non-disciplinary matters (e.g., tuition hardship, transfer of credits).
- This gives fairness but still preserves University authority.

## 9. Transfer of Credits

- Transfer of credits from other institutions is subject to University approval.
- Only credits from institutions deemed acceptable by the University Board will be considered.
- The University reserves the right to **deny transfer of any or all credits**.

## 10. Degree Conferral

- Degrees and certificates will only be awarded to students who have:
  - Successfully completed all program requirements.
  - Maintained pastoral endorsement throughout their enrollment.
  - Remained in good standing financially and academically.
- The University reserves the right to **withhold degrees** in cases of unresolved conduct, financial, or integrity issues.

## 11. Student Records

- The University maintains student records in accordance with its privacy and data protection policies.
- Records are the property of the University and will not be released until all financial and disciplinary obligations are met.

## 12. Grievance Policy (Limited)

- Students may submit concerns in writing to the administration.
- Grievances must be respectful, constructive, and directly related to University operations.
- The University is not obligated to act on grievances deemed frivolous or inconsistent with the mission of Unity Christian University.

### **13. Code of Dress & Conduct**

- Students are expected to present themselves in a manner that reflects Christian values, modesty, and professionalism.
- Dress codes may be enforced for chapel, courses, and university events.

### **14. Use of University Name and Logo**

- Students may not use the name, seal, or logo of Unity Christian University without written approval.
- Unauthorized use of University branding is subject to disciplinary action.

### **15. Social Media & Public Representation**

- Students must conduct themselves responsibly on social media.
- Posts that slander the University, its leadership, or its mission may result in disciplinary action or dismissal.

### **16. Ministry & Fieldwork Requirements**

- Certain programs require ministry involvement, internships, or fieldwork.
- Failure to complete these requirements will affect a student's standing and graduation eligibility.

### **17. Health & Safety**

- Students must comply with health and safety rules for any in-person classes or events.
- Conduct that endangers the safety of others (verbal threats, violence, etc.) is grounds for immediate dismissal.

### **18. Confession of Faith Requirement**

- Students must sign a personal statement of faith at the time of enrollment.
- A lifestyle inconsistent with the statement of faith may result in dismissal.

### **19. Changes to Policies**

- The University reserves the right to modify, add, or rescind policies and procedures at any time, without prior notice.

- Students will be held accountable to the most current version of policies in effect during their enrollment.

**Disclaimer:** Unity Christian University is a private theological institution exempt under Florida Statute 1005.06(1)(f). Policies are designed to ensure students align with the mission and remain accountable to pastoral leadership and biblical principles.