For Possible Admission to the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary



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PART I: Church Membership Please choose whether you agree or disagree with the following statements: Agree Disagree I am a member in good standing was a member of good stand	vith a local church.	
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Part III: Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary Doctrinal Statement

We affirm our belief in one God, infinite Spirit, creator, and sustainer of all things, who exists eternally in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one in essence but distinct in person and function.

We affirm that the Father is the first person of the Trinity and the source of all that God is and does. From Him the Son is eternally generated and from Them the Spirit eternally proceeds. He is the designer of creation, the speaker of revelation, the author of redemption, and the sovereign of history.

We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, eternally begotten from the Father. He is God. He was conceived by the virgin Mary through a miracle of the Holy Spirit. He lives forever as perfect God and perfect man: two distinct natures inseparably united in one person.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal in deity. He is the giver of all life, active in the creating and ordering of the universe; He is the agent of inspiration and the new birth; He restrains sin and Satan; and He indwells and sanctifies all believers.

We affirm that all things were created by God. Angels were created as ministering agents, though some, under the leadership of Satan, fell from their sinless state to become agents of evil. The universe was created in six historical days and is continuously sustained by God; thus it both reflects His glory and reveals His truth. Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible under God for understanding and governing themselves and the world.

We affirm that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its words are the written true revelation of God; it is therefore inerrant in the originals and authoritative in all matters. It is to be understood by all through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, its meaning determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, comparing Scripture with Scripture.

We affirm that Adam, the first man, willfully disobeyed God, bringing sin and death into the world. As a result, all persons are sinners from conception, which is evidenced in their willful acts of sin; and they are therefore subject to eternal punishment, under the just condemnation of a holy God.

We affirm that Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice by the appointment of the Father. He fulfilled the demands of God by His obedient life, died on the cross in full substitution and payment for the sins of all, was buried, and on the third day He arose physically and bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven where He now intercedes for all believers.

We affirm that each person can be saved only through the work of Jesus Christ, through repentance of sin and by faith alone in Him as Savior. The believer is declared righteous, born again by the Holy Spirit, turned from sin, and assured of heaven.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit indwells all who are born again, conforming them to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven. Every believer is responsible to live in obedience to the Word of God in separation from sin.

We affirm that a church is a local assembly of baptized believers, under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ, organized to carry out the commission to evangelize, to teach, and to administer the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's table. Its offices are pastors and deacons, and it is self-governing. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer.

We affirm that the return of Christ for all believers is imminent. It will be followed by seven years of great tribulation, and then the coming of Christ to establish His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. The unsaved will then be raised and judged according to their works and separated forever from God in hell. The saved, having been raised, will live forever in heaven in fellowship with God.

In addition to the doctrinal statement above, LBTS supports the Baptist Faith and Message as amended by the Southern Baptist Convention of June 2000.

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Part IV: Conduct Code

Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School Academic and Personal Code of Honor

I. ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

A. PREAMBLE

The Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School Academic Honor Code is an integral part of the seminary community. This community consists of individuals of diverse backgrounds and experiences dedicated to obtaining a superior seminary education in fidelity to the Christian faith expressed through Scripture. Central to preserving this community is the personal commitment of students to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the highest ideals of moral virtue and professionalism. To this end, the Academic Honor Code sets forth the disciplinary procedures that apply when academic misconduct by a law student is alleged to have occurred. Students are charged with notice of this Academic Honor Code. New students shall be required to sign a statement indicating that they have received and read the Academic Honor Code.

B. ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, and falsification.

1. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the intentional or reckless failure to give sufficient attribution to the words, ideas, or data of others that the student has incorporated into work the student submits for academic credit or other benefit and that would mislead the reader as to the true source of the words, ideas, or data. In order to avoid plagiarism, students must conscientiously provide sufficient attribution. Attribution is sufficient if it adequately informs and, therefore, does not materially mislead a reasonable reader as to the true source of the words, ideas, or data. Students who have any doubt as to whether they have provided sufficient attribution have the responsibility to obtain guidance from their professor or other person to whom they are submitting their work.

2. Cheating

Cheating is a form of dishonesty in which a student attempts to give the appearance of a level of knowledge or skill that the student has not obtained, gives unauthorized aid, or wrongly takes advantage of another's work product. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Copying from another person's work on an examination or an assignment.
- Allowing another student to copy any portion of one's work on an examination or an assignment.
- Using unauthorized materials or giving or receiving any other unauthorized assistance on an examination or an assignment.
- Taking an examination or completing an assignment for another, or permitting another to take an examination or to complete an assignment for the student.

3. Falsification

Falsification is a form of dishonesty in which a student misrepresents the truth, invents facts, or distorts the origin or content of information used as authority. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Dishonestly answering or providing information in the Seminary application process
- Citing a source that is known not to exist
- Attributing to a source ideas and information that are not included in the source
- Citing a source in support of a proposition that is known not to support such proposition
- Citing a source in a bibliography when the source was neither cited in the body of the paper nor consulted
- Intentionally distorting the meaning or applicability of cited materials
- Inventing material or information to support conclusions

C. PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATION, ADJUDICATION, AND SANCTION OF

ACADEMIC HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS

1. Processing Allegations

When an alleged violation of the Academic Honor Code has been reported to the faculty or administration, that allegation shall be passed on to the Academic Dean of the seminary. Any member of the administration, faculty, or staff having knowledge of a violation of the Academic Honor Code shall likewise communicate that violation to the Academic Dean.

2. Conduct Review by Committee

Where an allegation of any Academic Honor Code violation arises and the student admits guilt, the Academic Dean may address the allegation in the first instance and, in such an instance, shall file a written report of his findings and recommendations as needed. Where an allegation of any Academic Honor Code violation arises and the student does not admit guilt, the Academic Dean shall timely refer the matter to the Honor/Disciplinary Committee, which shall consist of three faculty members appointed by the Academic Dean. In the event of a conflict of interest or unavailability of a committee member, a recused or unavailable member shall be replaced by special appointment of the Academic Dean.

Both the student and any professor in whose course, seminar, or activity any of the alleged misconduct occurred shall have the right to present their views to the Committee before any decision is rendered.

The Committee shall create and maintain a record of the matters it considers in making its decision and shall reach its recommendation by consensus in a timely manner. Should no consensus be forthcoming, the matter shall be decided by majority vote.

In determining whether plagiarism, cheating, falsification, or other violation has occurred, a clear and convincing evidence standard shall apply.

Should no violation be found, the Committee's report indicating such finding shall be forwarded to the Academic Dean.

3. Sanctions

Where a violation is found, the Committee may recommend to the Academic Dean the following sanctions: an academic penalty (such as a failing grade); a written reprimand; probation, perhaps with specified conditions (which may address participation in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities); suspension for a specific period of time or until the occurrence of specified conditions; dismissal from the seminary; or any other sanction appropriate to the nature and gravity of the conduct.

In determining the sanction to be imposed where plagiarism has been proved, the following factors, among others, shall be relevant: The student's intent to mislead the reader; the degree of recklessness; the quantity of the plagiarized material relative to the author's entire work; and the relative materiality of the plagiarized material. The Committee shall send the Dean a written report of its findings and recommendations.

4. Action of the Academic Dean

Upon receipt of the Committee's written report and recommendations, the Academic Dean shall determine the final disposition of the matter. The Academic Dean has full discretion to accept, reject, or modify the report and recommendations of the Committee.

Where the Academic Dean, in the role of professor, perceives a conflict of interest, the Academic Dean shall not make a decision in the matter. In such circumstances, the decision shall be made by the Committee or the faculty.

The Academic Dean may direct that records of academic discipline be retained in a student's file, noted on transcripts, or be disclosed to the appropriate entities responsible for assessing the character and fitness of the student as an applicant to ministry or other position.

In addition to any personal communication of the Academic Dean's decision to the student involved, a written copy of the decision shall be sent to the student by registered, return receipt mail.

D. REINSTATEMENT

A student who is dismissed from the seminary for violation of the Academic Honor Code (or the Personal Code of Honor, herein) may not return to the seminary or graduate school unless reinstatement is granted. Reinstatement petitions will be acted upon by the appropriate committee or university official.

II. PERSONAL CODE OF HONOR

A. PREAMBLE

A chaste, honorable, and virtuous life encompasses many principles, including, but not limited to, respect for authority, respect for the human dignity of others, respect for all institutional policies and standards of dress, and avoidance of physically threatening or violent acts towards others, as well as personal self-control. A violation of these or similar principles may result in serious disciplinary action or, where appropriate, may prompt pastoral counseling. The Personal Code of Honor sets forth the disciplinary procedures that apply when non-academic misconduct by a seminary student is alleged to have occurred. Students are charged with notice of this Personal Code of Honor. New students shall be required to sign a statement indicating that they have received and read the Personal Code of Honor.

B. CONDUCT THAT UNDERMINES THE SAFETY, MISSION, OR REPUTATION OF THE SCHOOL

Acts that may seriously undermine the safety, mission, or reputation of the seminary or university are violations of the Personal Code of Honor. Examples of such acts include, but are not limited to:

- Commission of a felony or other serious crime
- Flagrant violations of institutional policies and standards of dress
- Causing public embarrassment to the seminary, the graduate school, the university, or their representatives or employees

C. SEXUAL, PHYSICAL, OR VERBAL MISCONDUCT

Respect for the dignity of each individual as a person created in God's image is fundamental to the institutional culture desired at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School. Misconduct that is contrary to the teachings of the Christian faith (including the doctrinal statement of the seminary) and constitutes a violation of the seminary's Personal Code of Honor includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexually-oriented joking or comments
- Unwelcome touching or any touching of a sexual nature
- Verbal or physical abuse
- Sexually-oriented comments about an individual's body

- Offensive or crude language directed at individuals
- Display of objects or pictures that depict nudity or are otherwise sexual in nature
- Persistent, unwanted attempts to change a casual or friendly relationship into a romantic or more intimate one

Non-marital sexual relations and the encouragement or advocacy of any form of sexual behavior that would undermine the Christian identity or faith mission of the university are morally inappropriate sexual misconduct and constitute violations of this Personal Code of Honor. (Inappropriate sexual misconduct proscribed by this Personal Code of Honor is to be distinguished from sexual feelings or orientation.)

Violations of the racial or sexual harassment policies within this Student Handbook shall constitute *prima facie* violations of this Personal Code of Honor.

D. PORNOGRAPHY

Involvement with pornographic, erotic, obscene, indecent, or other similarly offensive materials, expressions, or conduct is inconsistent with the Personal Code of Honor and the Christian faith.

Use of the university's computing network to obtain or distribute pornographic material constitutes a violation of the Personal Code of Honor.

E. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The seminary seeks to provide a drug-free, healthy, and safe learning environment. To this end, no student may misuse legal drugs or other legal medications, or use, possess, distribute, or sell alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products.

F. PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS OF THE PERSONAL CODE OF HONOR

1. Processing Allegations

When an alleged violation of the Personal Code of Honor has come to the attention of the faculty, staff, or administration, that allegation shall be passed on to the Academic Dean, who shall determine whether the case might best be handled by pastoral counseling or is of sufficient seriousness as to merit formal discipline. Where pastoral counseling is deemed in order, the Academic Dean may personally provide that counseling or decide upon a more appropriate counseling environment. Any cost associated with such counseling shall be borne by the student.

If counseling is deemed to have been sufficient to address the student's misconduct, no further permanent record shall be kept.

2. Conduct Review by Committee

Where evidence exists of a violation of the Personal Code of Honor meriting potential discipline beyond pastoral counseling, the Academic Dean shall refer the matter to the Honor/Disciplinary Committee, which shall follow the same procedures that apply with an alleged violation of the Academic Honor Code.

Where violations of the Personal Code of Honor are alleged, the Academic Dean, or designee, shall join in the deliberations of the Honor/Disciplinary Committee as a non-voting member for the purpose of providing any background information that may be pertinent to the case.

In the event of a conflict of interest, a recused member shall be replaced by special appointment of the Academic Dean.99

Should no violation be found, the Committee's report indicating such shall be forwarded to the Academic Dean. Where a violation is found, the Committee may recommend to the Academic Dean the same sanctions as pertain to violations of the Academic Honor Code.

The Committee shall send the Dean a written report of its findings and recommendations.

3. Action of the Academic Dean

Upon receipt of the Committee's written report and recommendations, the Academic Dean shall determine the final disposition of the matter. The Academic Dean has full discretion to accept, reject, or modify the report and recommendations of the Committee.

The Academic Dean may direct that records of disciplinary action be retained in a student's file, noted on transcripts, or be disclosed to the appropriate entities responsible for assessing the character and fitness of the student as an applicant to ministry or other position.

In addition to any personal communication of the Academic Dean's decision to the student involved, a written copy of the decision shall be sent to the student by registered, return receipt mail.

I have read and hereby affirm that I will abide by the Code of Conduct of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

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