



**AGORA UNIVERSITY**

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## **Consumer Information Disclosure Form**

### **General Information**

**Name of Institution:** Agora University

**Address:** 7406 Alban Station Ct., Suite B207, Springfield, VA 22153

**Year Founded:** 2012

**Chancellor:** Fr. Michael Sorial

**Chief Executive Officer:** Dr. Emmanuel Gergis

### **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.

#### **Areas of Special Focus**

Orthodox Theology and the Humanities



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## **Student Demographic Profile**

Agora University students are all adult learners who come from 6 countries around the world. At the time of their admission into Agora University, all students held a bachelor degree.

## **Programs Offered**

Agora University offers a Master of Theology in Orthodox Theology and a Master of Theological Studies in the Christian East and the Contemporary World.

## **Average Program Tuition**

Average MTh program tuition for residents of USA, Canada, Europe and Australia is \$6,000 per program. Average MTh program tuition for residents of Africa, Asia and South America is \$1,000 per program. Average MTS program tuition worldwide is \$6,000 per program.

## **Success Indicators**

Graduation rate for the Master of Theology in Orthodox Theology: Agora University measures student graduation rate on cohorts of students who are admitted to the program in a calendar year, and complete it within three years. Of 20 MTh students who started in 2016, 20 students successfully graduated in 2019. Graduation rate for our first MTh cohort is 100%. Of 10 MTh students who started in 2017, 8 students successfully graduated in 2020. Graduation rate for our second MTh cohort is 80%. Of 7 MTS students who started in 2016, 4 students successfully graduated in 2019-2020. Graduation rate for our first MTS cohort is 60%.

### **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.



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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.

**State of Texas:** Agora University falls within the exception for authorization in 19 Texas Administrative Code § 7.9 implementing H.E.B. Ministries v. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 235 S.W.3d 627 (2007), and does not require approval of the Coordinating Board. The use of the term “university” in Texas does not violate Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, or the THECB’s rules.

**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**

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. Please visit <https://www.ucam.edu/estudios/partners/agora> for more information.