



Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary

Raising qualified and passionate leaders for local churches



Who we are

The Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary (UBTS) stands on the shoulders of many faithful Ukrainian Christians. It was founded in Boryslav in 2000, with the first students enrolled in the Bachelor of Divinity program graduating in 2005, and the first group of Master of Divinity students graduating in 2007.

Under the leadership of a new President, Slavik Pyzh, Ph.D., UBTS re-located to L'viv in 2012. Situated in a small, rented building, the Seminary established new departments, significantly expanded degree and training programs, and developed a master plan to create a self-contained campus for a growing number of students.

Today, this new, modern campus consists of several inter-connected buildings with classroom and offices, a chapel, multipurpose and communal gathering spaces, dining services, and on-site parking. A key feature is the addition of safe, economical housing for students who rotate in and out of L'viv to attend classes throughout the year.

Our Purpose

UBTS develops students' full potential as Christian leaders and instills in them Biblical, Missional, and Accountable core values. This equips them to create a culture rooted in these values at the local churches where they lead and serve.

UBTS Core Values

Biblical

Love God and love our neighbors

Missional

Express love by being of service to all people

Accountable

Fulfill our responsibilities to God and others with wisdom and integrity

UBTS Fast Facts

- 3,375+ average annual enrollment in UBTS programs and training at the Institute for Leadership & Coaching (ILC)
- Most students are bi-vocational and attend from every region of Ukraine
- 5 BA degree programs
- 5 MA degree programs
- 1 DM degree program
- 12 certificate & diploma programs
- Partnerships with multiple U.S. seminaries for MA and DM degrees
- Partnership negotiations underway with 4 additional U.S. seminaries
- Distinctive program elements:
 - Theological education
 - Personal mentoring
 - Individual coaching
- ILC's 20+ certificate programs teach participants to apply their training and skills to mentoring and coaching, media communications, team development, and organizational leadership

UBTS Impact

- 450+ Ukrainian churches have UBTS graduates serving their congregations
- 125+ UBTS graduates are lead pastors at these churches
- Hundreds of UBTS students and graduates have led humanitarian relief efforts throughout Ukraine from the earliest days of the Russian invasion

Scan this QR Code to see a short video about UBTS graduates



The need for UBTS student scholarships

Over 400 Ukrainian churches have been closed, destroyed, or abandoned by leaders since the Russian invasion began in February 2022. This Christian leadership gap has made the need for committed and effective leaders for all phases of church life even more acute. **And the UBTS mission to develop qualified and passionate leaders has never been more essential for Ukraine.**

The experience of students attending UBTS is far removed from typical undergraduate or graduate education in the United States. Each UBTS program enrolls cohort groups of students who attend classes together in L'viv for one week and then return home to work and continue their studies and field work for five weeks. They repeat this back-and-forth cycle each academic year from September to the following May, using public transportation or ride-sharing to travel to the Seminary. On average, 250-300 students are in attendance on campus for program sessions throughout the academic year.

Since the war began, this educational journey has become even more difficult, and in many cases, dangerous. **Yet the number of students seeking to enroll has grown significantly every year. This is stirring testimony to their faith and courage. It signals their steadfast commitment to bring Godly leadership and the Gospel message to their local churches and communities. They are learning to meet today's desperate war-time needs and preparing for the post-war transformation of Ukraine.**

In previous years, the modest tuition UBTS students paid covered only about 20-25% of their educational expenses. Today, with a shattered Ukrainian economy and widespread unemployment, even this amount is beyond the reach of most students. **That's why scholarship funds are so important – and why your help is needed now more than ever.**

The full cost for one UBTS student to attend for one year:

1. \$1400 for undergraduate programs
2. \$1650 for graduate programs in L'viv
3. \$1800 for graduate programs in partnership with seminaries in the USA
4. \$2000 for Doctor of Ministry program

We believe the seeds for Ukraine's transformation are being sown today at UBTS. Ukraine can become a renewed nation where millions of Christ-followers love, lead, and serve with Godly integrity. Today's UBTS students will help chart this course for Ukraine's future. **Your investment in their education is an investment in God's Kingdom work in Ukraine.**



Thank you for standing with UBTS students during a lifechanging time they never expected or imagined. You are a blessing to them – and through them – to the people of Ukraine.

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