

COMMUNITY LIFE

A tremendous sense of community exists among students, faculty, and staff at the Seminary. Opportunities for formal and informal interaction abound, both inside and outside the classroom. Several of the single men live in Rutherford Hall and enjoy especially close fellowship. A number of married students and their families also live in Seminary apartments adjacent to the campus.

FEAST (Friends Eating At Seminary Tables) - The Seminary community regularly meets to share a covered-dish dinner and fellowship.



Seminary Women meet monthly throughout the academic year for fellowship, instruction, and encouragement. Faculty wives, student wives, and female students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for fellowship and personal growth.

Students and faculty informally participate in various athletic, social, cultural, and spiritual activities. The Seminary offers a number of opportunities for the entire student body to be together for fun and fellowship, including an opening day school picnic, Christmas dinner and talent show night, and an end-of-the-year picnic. There are also several student-led groups meeting regularly.

A significant aspect of Seminary life involves times of praying together. Faculty members meet regularly with their advisees for prayer. Informally, students often get together in groups of two or three to pray, and prayer normally marks the one-to-one times between faculty and students.



About thirty denominations and independent congregations comprise the student body. This diversity offers a valuable opportunity, in the setting of a denominationally-controlled seminary for students to learn to appreciate their distinctive denominational contributions while developing an understanding of the basis for Scriptural ecumenicity.

An indispensable educational component for students preparing for future ministry is active participation in a local church while studying at the Seminary. Therefore, students are expected to become involved in the life and ministry of the congregation of their choice.