

ACTS

SEMINARIES



New Student Orientation Handbook

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ACTS Seminaries

The Associated Canadian Theological Schools (ACTS) of Trinity Western University is an educational meeting place, where faculty and students come together in the conviction that more can be learned through cooperation than in isolation.

We are a partnership of four denominational seminaries - each of whom bring a unique history and approach to their love for Jesus and their desire to live out the gospel in the church and the world. As a student at ACTS, you have access to a broader range of resources than any one seminary could offer independently.

This creates a balanced learning environment that welcomes and engages multiple perspectives, helping you become more fully aware and engaged in your own community. As a result, you are better able to serve wherever God has called you.

A Partnership of Four Seminaries

ACTS is a partnership of four distinct Canadian Seminaries working together to form and equip people to serve God in the church and the world.

- Canadian Baptist Seminary
- MB Seminary
- Northwest Seminary - College
- Trinity Western Seminary

ACTS also partners with the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL), a ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Vancouver Institute for Evangelical Worldview (VIEW).

Mission

Our mission is to develop godly servant leaders who have a love and burden for people based on a strong commitment to Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and the ministry of the church, who will energetically strengthen, revitalize and actively multiply communities of effectively ministering believers in Canada and around the world.

Vision

- Affirm, live under and promote the authority of the Bible as God's Word, producing graduates who are competent to read, interpret, apply and communicate Scripture.
- Develop leaders who understand and uphold the convictions and distinctions of their faith traditions, applying them effectively in whatever work God has called them.
- Equip graduates to address competently the Canadian cultural mosaic, reaching it with the gospel.
- Train pastors, global workers, teachers, evangelists, and other vocational and non-vocational Christian leaders to have a transforming vision for ministry in their communities and around the world.
- Foster excellent thinking, writing and speaking skills that enable students to make a significant contribution to Christian scholarship.

Values

ACTS Seminaries is wholeheartedly committed to historic orthodox Christianity as expressed by the statements of faith of Trinity Western University and the denominations represented by our member seminaries.

The Word of God:

We hold a common commitment to the Bible as authoritative over our teaching and life. Our educational programs emphasize applying the scriptures to our daily personal and interpersonal behavior as well as our ministry calling.

Transformation:

God calls us to holiness. This involves bringing our personal and corporate life into alignment with the mind of Christ, challenging us to love God and serve others. ACTS expects graduate students to consistently grow in their devotion to Christ.

Collaboration:

ACTS is a multi-denominational partnership committed to working collaboratively with one another. This makes ACTS a welcoming place to study for students from any denomination. We are committed to theological education for effective, relevant ministry in any context where God calls Christians to serve.

Community:

ACTS students represent a variety of traditions and points of view within the broad context of the Evangelical Protestant faith. In fact, about half the student body comes from denominations other than the four that support our seminaries directly. Living and learning in community with those who are different from ourselves but who love Jesus is an amazing experience.

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Getting Started

Registration & Tuition Payment

Go to twu.ca/help — select "Courses, Fees, and Enrolment"

Need to contact the Registrar's Office? Select "Service Hub" near the top of the twu.ca/help page.

Student Email Account

Students must set up their student email account (@mytwu.ca). All student communications will go to this account.

In Outlook's settings, you can forward emails to your personal email account, so you don't miss anything.

To set up your email account, log into the Student Services Hub at twu.ca/help and click the "myTWU Email" button.

Parking

Pay parking is in effect at all times. The easiest way to pay for parking through the PayByPhone app.

You can buy hourly, daily, or weekly passes at parking meters located in each lot. For permits for an entire academic year, please visit the TWU parking services webpage at twu.ca/parking-services.

Medical Insurance

ALL STUDY PERMIT STUDENTS must visit the Wellness Centre located on the second floor of the Douglas Centre to purchase medical insurance, if you have not already done so.

Student ID Card

Your Student ID Card is what you will need to borrow physical books from TWU's library and access resources, like the Fitness Centre.

If you have not already uploaded your profile photo with the information Kevin O'Coin provided upon your admission, send him an [email](#) to receive a link and further instructions.



Student Resources

Bullying & Harassment Prevention

At ACTS Seminars, bullying and harassment prevention is a priority, in order to foster an environment that is safe for every student, staff and faculty member.

If you witness or encounter anything of concern, please contact either the ACTS Senior Harassment Prevention Officer, [Liisa Pölkki](#), or a representative of your host seminary. For more information, please refer to the prevention guide pamphlet at actsseminaries.com/harassment-guide

Student Services Hub

For all the most important information, go to the Student Services Hub at twu.ca/help. There you will find all the links you need.

Fitness Centre

The TWU Fitness Centre is a free resource to students and is open during the day and evening. You will simply need to show your student ID card. Cardio and weight training equipment is available as well as intramural sports and a bouldering wall. For more information, twu.ca/life-twu/fitness-recreation

Wellness Centre

TWU's Wellness Centre is located in Douglas Hall and is a wonderful place where you have free access to physical, mental and spiritual health resources. Doctors, nurses and counsellors are all available and eager to support you. For more information, visit twu.ca/life-twu/health-wellness-centre

The Well

Drop by The Well on the second floor of Douglas Hall and enjoy one of two TruMedic massage chairs; Bright Light Therapy to combat winter blues; and a quiet, comfortable space to relax.

Free support groups for depression, anxiety and body image are also available. They usually run for five to six weeks and start at the beginning or middle of each semester. For more information, visit twu.ca/life-twu/health-wellness/community-wellness-services/well

Student Resources

Norma Marion Alloway Library

For all your research and paper-writing needs, visit the library in person or online at twu.ca/library.

Writing Centre

The Writing Centre is part of the Learning Commons in the Library and is an extremely beneficial resource. Tutors at the Writing Centre can help you with any stage of the writing process, including thesis-writing, research, editing and citation formatting.

You have access to up to three hours per week from a writing tutor. These sessions must be pre-booked and can be virtual or in-person. For more information, visit twu.ca/learning-commons/writing-centre

Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL)

The CAL is part of the Learning Commons and provides services and assistance for students with a disability or those who encounter some other barrier to participation at TWU. For more information, visit twu.ca/learning-commons/centre-accessible-learning

Graduate Collegium

Experience a “home away from home,” complete with a kitchen and fully-stocked honour bar, at the Graduate Collegium in the Fosmark Centre. Quiet study rooms are available for booking and collegium assistants available to answer any of your questions. For more information, visit twu.ca/collegium

TWU Graduate Student Association

The TWUGSA serves the graduate student body by providing representation and resources. GSA members interact with TWU administrative committees, helping speak for student choices, and can provide funding for scholastic events, like conferences.

Additionally, the GSA wishes to enhance and support the individual graduate student experience with on-campus opportunities like pancake breakfast socials and free coffee to fuel studying! For more information about the TWUGSA, visit www.twugsa.com

Student Resources

Zoom

As a TWU student, you get a free premium Zoom account with unlimited Zoom calls. To access this,

1. Go to the Zoom login page
2. Scroll down and click the key icon labeled “SSO”
3. Type in “twu” on the next page
4. Login with your “@mytwu.ca” username and password

Dining on Campus

You have several dining options on campus: Starbucks at the Robert G. Kuhn Centre; The Lower Cafeteria in Douglas Hall; and the Bookstore Cafe and Main Cafeteria, both located in the Reimer Student Centre.

Microsoft Office

As a TWU student, you get access to a free microsoft office account. To login, go to www.microsoft.com/en-gb/education/products/office

Frequently Asked

QUESTIONS



Q: How is ACTS Seminaries related to Trinity Western University?

ACTS Seminaries is a partnership of four seminaries that form a graduate school of theological studies at TWU. ACTS students are TWU students, and ACTS alumni are TWU alumni. This means that as an ACTS student, you get access to all TWU services.

Q: What does it mean that I am a part of a certain seminary within the ACTS Seminaries partnership?

Being part of a seminary helps create networking opportunities in the associated denomination, and the faculty from each seminary pray for their students. There are also distinct financial aid options available for students of each seminary. In addition, Trinity Western University and the name of your seminary will be printed on your diploma.

Q: How much time do I need to devote to my studies?

For weekly on-campus/live-stream courses (12 weeks), expect to spend 8-10 hours per week, including time in class. For online courses (8 weeks), expect to spend 12-15 hours per week, including pre-recorded lectures. Essentially, each credit will require about forty hours of work.

Q: Where do I find information regarding my academic or financial needs?

For all the most important information, go to the Student Services Hub at twu.ca/help. There you will find links to course registration and to your financial statement. Any questions can be directed to the appropriate department by clicking "Service Hub".



QUESTIONS (continued)

Q: How does financial aid work?

There are three options for financial aid:

1. TWU need-based awards
2. TWU endowment awards for specific programs or students meeting certain criteria.
3. Seminary-specific awards. Seminaries have more flexibility to offer financial aid to part-time students. Contact your seminary for more information.

NOTE: There are no TWU financial aid options available for the summer term. Applications for the upcoming academic year (September to April), open in mid-January. Apply by April 30 to maximize your financial aid potential.

Q: How do I know what classes I need to take?

“My Course Needs” tool will be one of your greatest assets during your journey at ACTS. It is a template with a list of all the courses in your program and it tells you exactly which courses you have completed and which ones you still need to complete. This tool will be available by the end of your first semester.

If you are still unsure which classes you should take, do not hesitate to contact our Student Success Coordinator: joel.meszaros@twu.ca

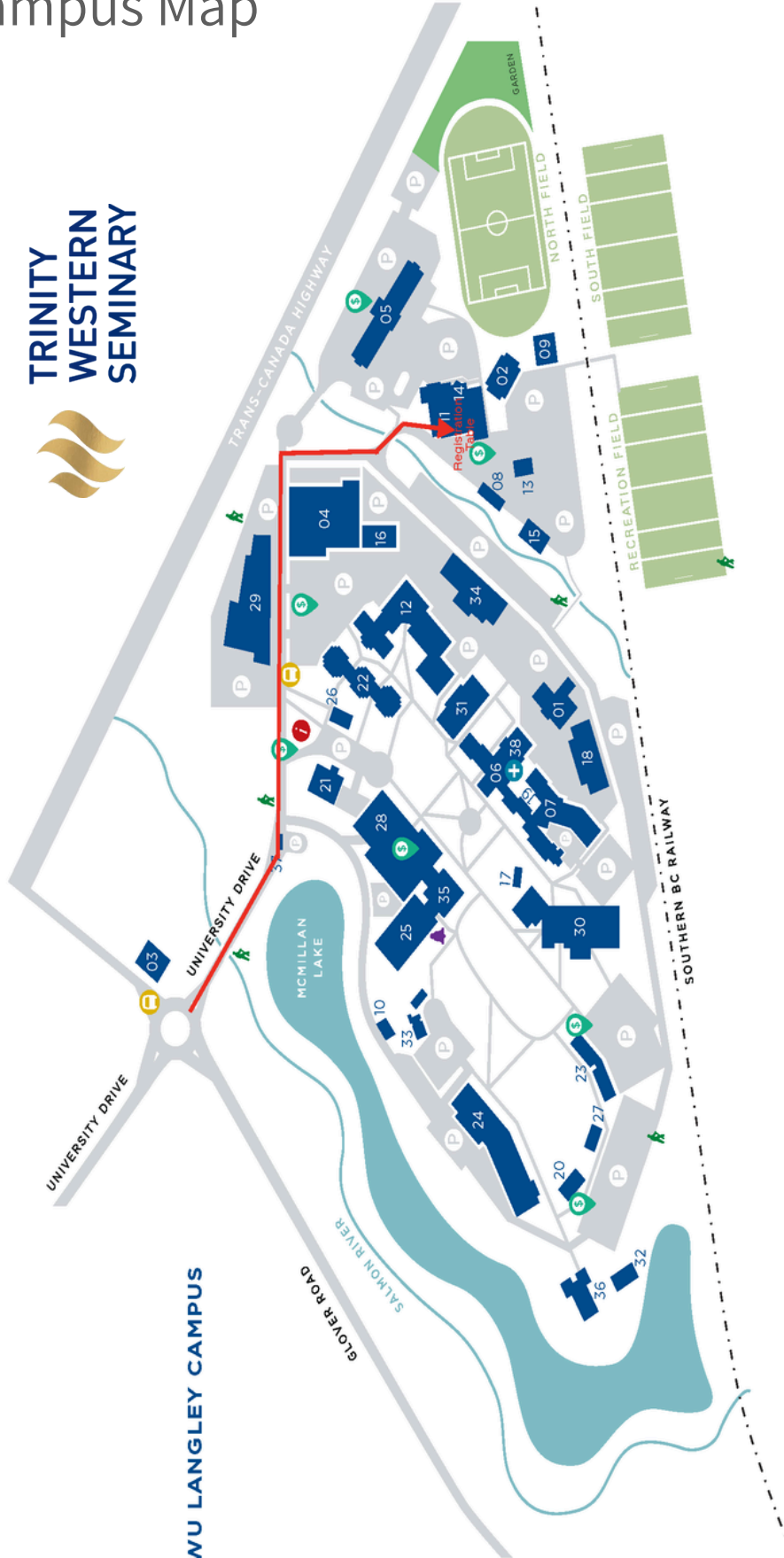
Q: Can I plan out my courses a year in advance?

Yes! By March each year, ACTS publishes the course schedule for the upcoming summer, fall and following spring. Because some courses are not offered each year, it is important to meet with our Student Success Coordinator to plan when to take certain courses.

Campus Map



TWU LANGLEY CAMPUS

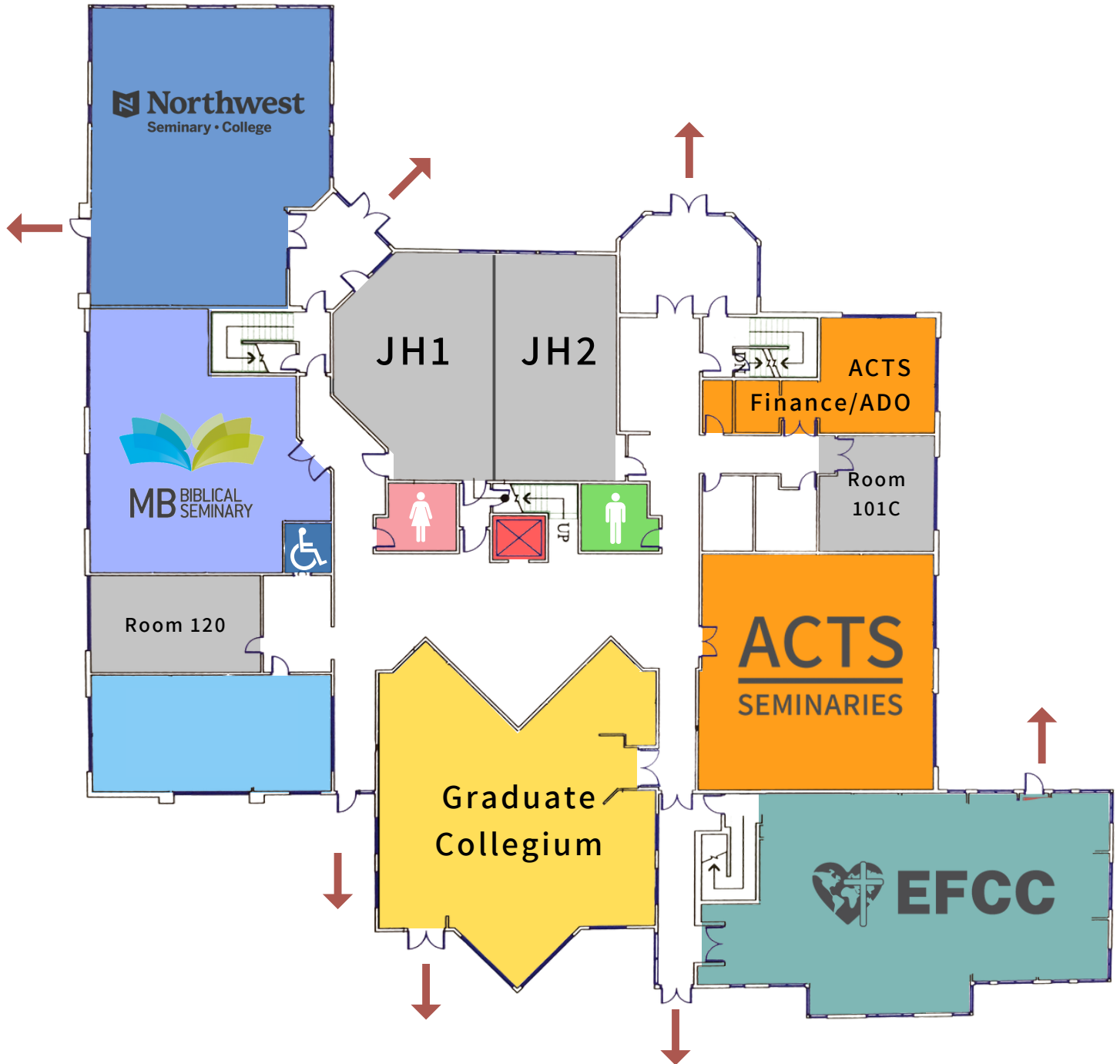


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| 1. Campus Services | 21. Maltson Centre | 31. Robson Hall |
| 2. CANIL Harvest Centre | 22. McMillan Hall | 32. Strombeck Portable |
| 3. Catholic Pacific College | 23. Music Building | 33. Seal Kap House |
| 4. David E. Enarson Gymnasium | 24. Fraser River Counselling Centre | 34. Skidmore Hall |
| 5. DeVries Centre | 25. Graduate Collegium | 35. Trinity Commons |
| 6. Douglas Centre | 26. Grounds Department | 36. Vernon Strombeck Centre |
| 7. Douglas Hall | 27. Gym Portable | 37. Welcome Centre |
| 8. Ezra House | 28. Hanson Garden Chapel | 38. West Coast Collegium |
| 9. Field House | 29. Jacobson Hall | |
| 10. Fire Pump House | 30. Jordan Thiesen Courtyard | |
| | 31. Marlie Snider Collegium | |
| | 32. Reimer Student Centre | |
| | 33. Robert G. Kuhn Centre | |
| | 34. Robert N. Thompson Centre | |
| | 35. Mottson Centre | |
| | 36. Music Building | |
| | 37. Neufeld Science Centre | |
| | 38. Norma Marion Alloway Library | |
| | 39. Ubuntu Pavilion | |
| | 40. Portable 1 & 2 | |
| | 41. Reimer Student Centre | |
| | 42. Robert G. Kuhn Centre | |
| | 43. Robert N. Thompson Centre | |

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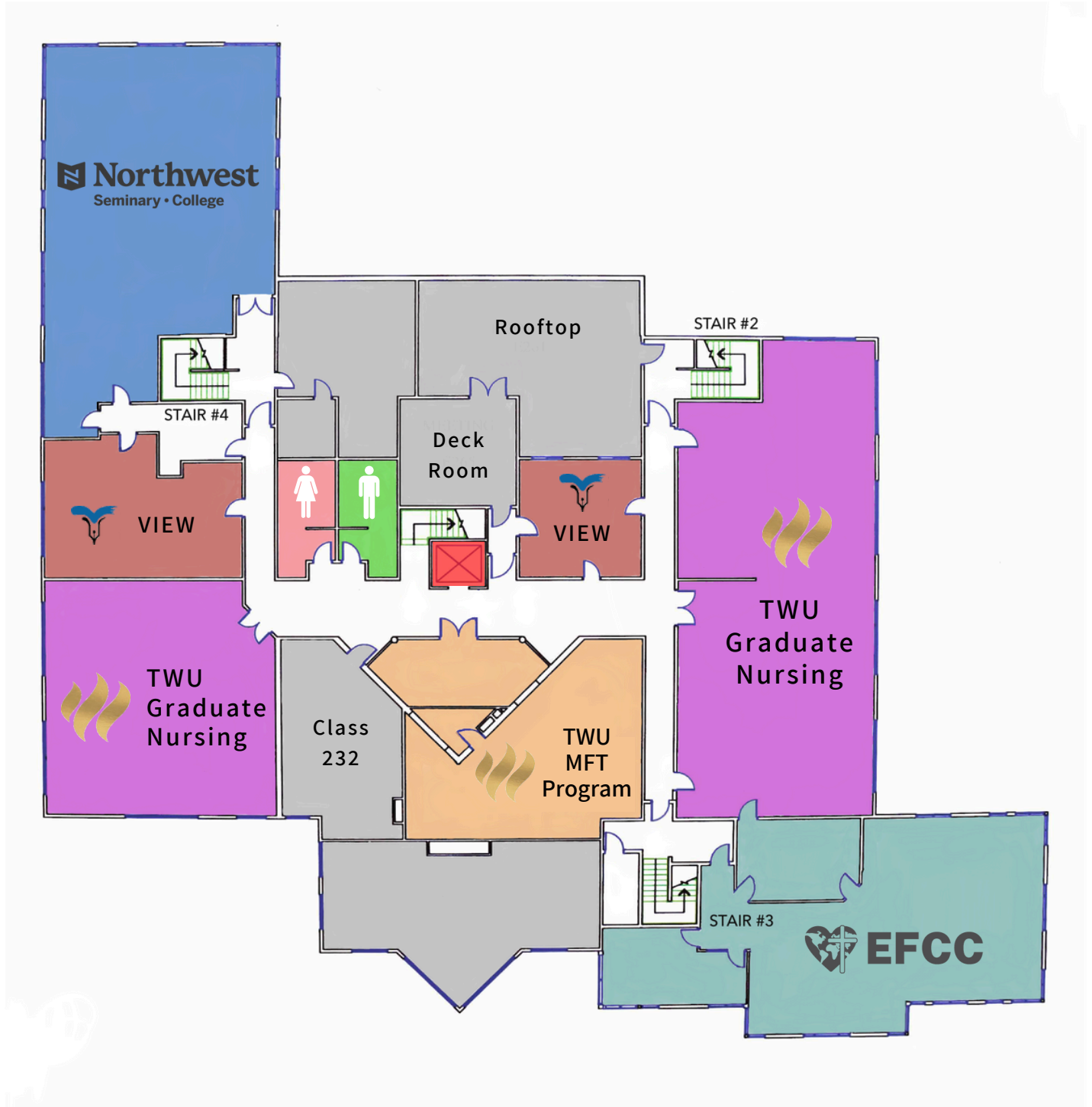
Fosmark Centre Map

Floor 1



Fosmark Centre Map

Floor 2



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