



IRTC

INTERNATIONAL REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Strategically Advancing the Great Commission

In the key passage from Matthew 28:19-20, we find the heart of the Great Commission—a clarion call to go forth, make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them the ways of Christ. It's this divine mandate that inspires and directs the mission of the International Reformed Theological College (IRTC). Since our inception, we have dedicated ourselves to the task of nurturing and preparing the leaders of today and tomorrow for impactful service in their communities and beyond. Our commitment transcends the academic sphere, embedding itself in the practical and spiritual realms, ensuring that our strategy aligns closely with the Commission's call to teach and disciple.

Fostering Global Connections Through Education

With the dawn of the internet era, the scope of "going and teaching" has been radically expanded. The IRTC embarked on this journey in 2001, initially reaching a modest group of Brazilian students. Today, our reach is truly global, touching lives across continents—from the Americas to Africa, Asia, and beyond. This expansion is not just about numbers; it's about real, transformative impacts on individuals and communities. A testament to this is a missionary in Cape Verde who, against challenges of connectivity and logistics, leverages our

resources to bolster his church-planting efforts. This story is but one of many, illustrating the pivotal role of the IRTC in spreading Reformed theology and inspiring church leaders with the truth of the Gospel.

Encouraging Through Discipleship

A distinctive aspect of our educational philosophy is the emphasis on mentorship and discipleship. Each student is encouraged to forge a mentorship bond with a leader in their local ministry, fostering a supportive environment that extends beyond academic learning. This is complemented by the relationships cultivated between students and instructors, which often grow into spiritual and ministerial guidance networks. Such connections underscore the unique, communal aspect of our learning model, reflecting a commitment to holistic growth.

Moreover, our Student Affairs team actively monitors and supports our student body, recognizing the unique challenges of distance learning, especially for those engaged in missions or ministry. Personalized support, prayer, and guidance are but a few facets of our comprehensive approach to student welfare, trying to ensure no one is left behind due to unforeseen obstacles.



Excellence in Teaching and Character

At the core of the IRTC's mission is a dedication to scriptural teaching, framed by the rich traditions of the Reformed Confessions. Our faculty's commitment extends beyond academic rigor to include the molding of character and the nurturing of a Christ-like demeanor in our students. This dual focus ensures that our graduates are not only knowledgeable but embody the virtues and ethics of Christ in their ministries and daily lives.

Vice-president for Academic Affairs, Alexandre Lessa, encapsulates our challenge and mission: "...our job is not only to be faithful in regard to the content we teach, but also to make sure that our graduates display the excellence of Christ in their character and attitudes. This can take the form of wisely applying academic discipline to a student who grew up in a context where unhealthy or unethical study habits were tolerated, or it can mean

spending time helping a student understand how to apply a difficult concept in their ministerial context. Transferring the right knowledge is not enough—it must have a transformative effect upon our students and upon those who are reached through their ministries."

A United Mission

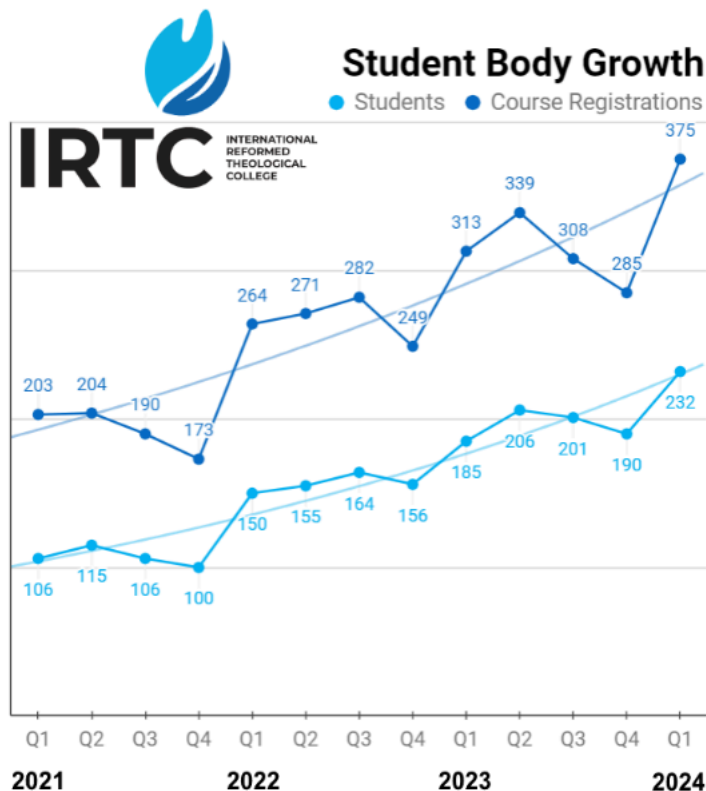
As we reflect on our journey and look to the future, the IRTC remains steadfast in its commitment to the Great Commission. Through innovative educational strategies, a supportive community, and a deep-rooted desire to serve God's kingdom, we continue to forge paths for the gospel's advancement. Our mission is more than an educational endeavor; it's a calling to equip and inspire leaders who will go forth and make a lasting difference in the world for Christ. This is our pledge, our mission, and our prayer as we continue to serve and grow together in faith and knowledge.

The IRTC's Record Growth and Future Prospects

We kicked off 2024 with gratitude and a sense of responsibility at the IRTC. The chart to the right not only shows our growth in numbers, but also represents stories of dedication to the expansion of Reformed theological knowledge. This first term, we achieved a record enrollment of 232 students and 375 course registrations, exceeding all expectations and affirming the IRTC as a center of excellence in distance Reformed theological education.

This consistent and significant growth over the years stands as a testament to divine grace and the collective efforts of our academic community. We are addressing the operational challenges that come with this expansion with an eye towards the future. We are gearing up to accommodate up to 500 students in the near future, while still maintaining the quality and depth of our education.

With this, we warmly invite you to join this movement that goes beyond borders and connects continents through the Reformed faith in Portuguese. If you are eager to be part of this global initiative that shapes the next generation of Christian leaders, please connect with us. Your participation is crucial for the continued growth and success of our mission at the IRTC.



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