**August 2021 StuCo Survey Results**

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| **What are your biggest concerns regarding your seminary education and experience at UDTS?**  |
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| * I truly believe my educational experience has been outstanding. I feel as though I can cater classes to my learning styles and have open discussions with professors.
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| * Finances and time
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| * Distance, lacking in person discussions,
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| * Balancing life, work and my studies.
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| * Will I ever finish?!
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| * Lack of Leadership training preparing for the business of running a church. Lack of options/training for other callings besides being a pastor.
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| * Drowning in stress
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| * Application of what I am learning to a practical setting, dissonance between school, work and connection with God
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| * balancing life, work and my school
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| * None comes to mind.
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| * That if I hit obstacles at my Presby level, I continue my Mdiv
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| * Fellowship opportunities. The ability to network post graduation
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| * Time to de-compresss amidst a very busy 3-yr paradigm schedule
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| * Preparation for ministry/application
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| * Continue to get information during and after school regarding call opportunities.
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| * Finding the time to study and focus
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| * I don't really have any
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| * The amount of work
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| * To get myself ready for the call and to pass all my ordination exams
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| * How to pay for it
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| **What are your biggest hopes?**  |
| * To come away with as much support for ministry and my own spiritual growth.
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| * That UDTS continues to grow as a community.
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| * Graduating
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| * To grow as a person and develop into what God has called me to be
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| * Globally - world peace and eradicating COVID. Individually - to do my best with God's help
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| * To graduate and become ordained
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| * Being a faithful follower and disciple in Christ, better understanding the Bible and my calling.
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| * Learning more about the Bible and being in community with other learners
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| * That I can build a community of faith which will last after school
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| * God filled experience and to graduate on time/stay on paradigm
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| * Hope to make lasting relationships w/ classmates
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| * To discern God's call.
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| * Make it through seminary before the country falls apart
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| * continuing education opportunities, forums to share ideas, support. Prayer partners?
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| * Hope to build relationships with teachers and classmates and learn all I can to better lead as a pastor one day.
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| * lots of knowledge
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| * To have a call @ the end of school!
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| * Being led by God to share God's love with the world
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| * That I may have more impact for God's justice
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| * more activities from StuCo to bring students together
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| * To complete the program as I planned
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| * To grow and mature in faith, preaching, skills for ministry
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| * To serve well.
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| *\*\*The following question appeared only on the digital survey and thus has limited results:***What has made you feel particularly connected to the UDTS community?** |
| * My cohort is pretty connected, so that for me has made the most impact.
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| * The cohorts. Having a group of people to lean on. I would love to see more cross-cohort connections. Connecting people with similar interests!
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| * I appreciated the little gifts from stuco. Cohort groups and informal forums
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| * My cohort and our continuous group messages
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