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USA: students and Universities prefer e-Learning

Fewer registrations at the campus? It's due to the offer of e-Learning university education, more and more requested in the USA

In the USA, online university education is more and more popular thanks to its advantages: **cost reduction for the student and for the University as well**. This has brought, also this year, to a reduction of registration to private Universities.

Theology seminaries are a very peculiar case where, like all other graduation courses, e-Learning is growing in both number and relevance.

Fuller Theological Seminary has announced that three out of their 8 campuses will be closed. This is due to the launch of the "Fuller Online" program, allowing to attend the course program online, rather than in presence.
"**The remarkable increase of online registrations** has being paired by a reduction of registrations to our physical campuses" Joel Green, dead of Fuller, declared. "To give a snapshot, while registrations to online courses for winter quarter have increased about 50% from 2013 to 2017, registrations to our regional campuses have dropped about 30% in the same period".

The Theological School Association (ATS) confirms that the data reported by Green are in line with a continental trend: **registrations to physical courses have dropped 26% while online registrations have, on the contrary, more than doubled**. "I think that what's really happening is that **schools are going toward a blended model**" says Tanner, director for accreditation and institutional evaluation at ATS. "where some courses can be offered and followed in campuses, and others online: this brings a drop in the registrations to campuses. Programs may require students to live at campus for one or two weeks every 6 months for certain courses, while they complete online other education objectives".

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