



For the Church in the World

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MASTER OF THEOLOGY APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

APPLICATION DEADLINES
December 15 International Students
February 15 Domestic Students

For matriculation in the academic year beginning September 20__

- AREAS OF INTEREST
(Biblical Studies, Christian Education, Ethics, Evangelism, History, Preaching and Worship, Pastoral Care, Theology)

(Please print or type)

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Last Name/Surname First Middle (Name wish to be called)

Name on previous transcript(s) (if different from above)

Present Address

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country

E-mail Phone ()

Permanent mailing address (if different from above)

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country

Current occupation

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If not, are you a lawful permanent resident (Green card holder)? Yes No

If neither, of what country are you a citizen? VISA type

Social Security Number, if any

Denomination (full name)

2. RECORD OF PREVIOUS ACADEMIC TRAINING

List all colleges, universities, and graduate institutions you have attended. It is the responsibility of the applicant to request that these institutions send official transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Undergraduate:

Name of institution Location

Major field(s) of study Attended from To Degree Received Year

Name of institution Location

Major field(s) of study Attended from To Degree Received Year

Name of institution Location

Major field(s) of study Attended from To Degree Received Year

Graduate:

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

Name of institution _____ Location _____

Major field(s) of study _____ Attended from ____ To ____ Degree Received _____ Year _____

What academic honors or other awards have you received? _____

3. LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

a. Applicant's first or native language, if other than English _____

International students who do not speak, write, and read English as their first language are required to submit scores from the four tests of the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT). Those who have completed four years of bachelor's or higher level study in an institution where English is the primary language of study may request an exemption from the Director of Admissions.

b. Other contemporary languages (indicate for each the number of academic years studied and degree of fluency acquired in reading and speaking)

Language _____ Years Studied _____ Fluency _____

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c. Classical, including biblical, languages (indicate for each the number of academic courses taken or years of study, and level of reading competence attained)

Language _____ Years Studied/No. of Academic Courses _____ Competence Level _____

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4. PUBLICATIONS

Please list any published articles and books, if any, which you have written or edited (title, date, place, publisher):

5. ESSAYS

Autobiographical Statement: This one or two page autobiographical statement will introduce you to the faculty and will help them evaluate your potential for success in the Th.M. program. The statement should address the following:

- Significant life experiences that have affected your view of self, God, and the world
- Aspects of your educational background that inform your understanding of the importance of a life of learning for the church, the academy, and the world
- Your reasons for applying to Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Your sense of your vocational goals following completion of the Th.M. degree

Plan of Study: In a three to four page statement describe the proposed topic of your research and how it may be pursued in one or more areas of study at Union Presbyterian Seminary, specifically Bible, Theology and Ethics, History, Christian Education and/or Practical Theology.

Sample of Academic Writing: Submit with this application a six to eight page sample of recent academic writing, such as an essay, an excerpt from a larger paper, or a paper written for a class assignment, that provides evidence of writing skills, the ability to engage texts and theological issues, and the ability to form a coherent argument or thesis.

6. REFERENCES

List the names, with titles, of three persons you have asked to provide academic references. The applicant is required to send the reference forms found on the website to each of their references.

1. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____ ()
 Relation to you _____

2. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____ ()
 Relation to you _____

3. Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip or Postal Code/Country _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____ ()
 Relation to you _____

I understand that in considering my application, Union Presbyterian Seminary may find it helpful to contact sources of information in addition to the references named, for example, knowledgeable persons in my presbytery or the equivalent. I authorize Union Presbyterian Seminary to contact those sources, and I authorize those sources to provide information to allow full consideration of my application. Yes No

Have you communicated with any faculty, staff, alumni/ae, or students of UPSem? If so, with whom and when?

Fee Schedule:

Please note: A non-refundable fee may be required based on the following submission schedule.

Before February 15, 2020: No fee After February 16, 2020: \$50

If you are applying after February 16, 2020, the fee must be submitted with this form.

Application Requirements:

The application will not be considered complete until supporting academic transcripts, references, background check, and/or pertinent examinations have been received. **Please keep copies of material you mail.**

Additional information regarding other requirements may be found at www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now.

Return this form to:

Director of Admissions
Union Presbyterian Seminary
3401 Brook Road
Richmond, VA 23227

I have carefully reviewed and completed each section of this application and certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

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