

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) / Master of Sacred Theology (STM)

Please read this carefully before completing your application online, www.uls.edu/apply/

GENERAL INFORMATION

Previous Names – please provide any previous name(s) if you have changed your name since completing your undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Primary Phone – The number at which you would like us to contact you during the application process and for a final decision.

Email Address – The e-mail address at which you can be contacted during the application process.

Addresses – If you do not currently reside at your home address (e.g. you are away at school), please provide both your home/permanent and current addresses.

EDUCATION

Transcripts - We require an official transcript from all institutions at which you have studied regardless of whether a degree was granted. **Transfer students** must also have a letter of good standing sent from the Dean of your current seminary. Mailing address for the Office of Admissions is on the back of this page.

Grade Point Average – The minimum GPA expected of applicants, from previous graduate course work, is 3.0.

REFERENCES

You are asked to provide us with three references. Forms will be emailed from ULS, please have the email addresses of your references ready when completing the online application.

Dean/Professor – This reference should be from an academic setting who is acquainted with your academic abilities (if it has been some time since your previous academic work, choose someone who can vouch for your ability to do advanced degree work).

Professional – This is to be written by a church council/official board or a professional peer.

Ecclesiastical - The final reference is to be from your bishop or ecclesiastical superior.

STATEMENT OF MINISTRY

You will be able to upload your typed 600- to 800-word “Statement of Ministry.” Please use the following outline:

1. A description of your present **context** of ministry.
2. An assessment of present **strengths** and **areas for growth** in ministry or academic study.
3. A description of your professional **goals** in ministry or the academy.

4. An explanation of **major** (STM) or **focus** (DMin) which you might pursue in your graduate study and how it might relate to an STM thesis (if thesis track) or a DMin project.
5. Please indicate if you have any health concerns that may affect your ability to study or of which the seminary should be apprised.

Other Information

Application Fee – There is a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee.

Application Deadlines – Although it is wise to apply at least six months prior to your intended start date, to be considered for admission for the fall semester your application must be completed and **ALL** documents received by June 15th. Spring applications must be completed, and **ALL** documents received by November 15th. After you begin the application process as new materials arrive you will be regularly notified of your application status by email.

When all your application materials are received, you will be notified by the Admissions Office that your file is complete. Your file will then be reviewed by the Admissions Committee and you will be informed of the committee's decision by an email and a mailed letter, **typically by June 30th or November 30th**.

Financial Aid – United Lutheran Seminary is excited to announce scholarships for ALL students enrolled in degree seeking programs. These scholarships, in partnership with outside student support, ensure that ALL degree-seeking students have their education fully funded.

We encourage every student to apply for financial aid, we suggest that you do so at the same time you apply for admission. **In order to be eligible for aid you must be ADMITTED by June 30th for Fall and November 30th for Spring.** You may apply for federal aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and you must also complete the [Institutional Financial Aid Application](#). Otherwise you will receive notification of your financial aid package once you have completed the appropriate forms. For more information contact Director of Financial Aid, Kim Clark at kclark@uls.edu.

Housing - Contact Director of Housing, Wendy Mizenko at wmizenko@uls.edu for housing information and forms.

Transfer Students - Transfer students must complete the regular application form. In addition, a letter of good standing from your current seminary is required for admission.

Contact information - We are here to help. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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