

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Master of Arts in Public Leadership (MAPL)

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.

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.

Undergraduate Degree – Applicants are expected to have an earned Bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, from an accredited undergraduate institution. Occasional exceptions may be made for applicants who have completed at least 78 credit hours of undergraduate course work and have demonstrated academic readiness for graduate-level course work.

Grade Point Average – The minimum GPA expected of applicants, from previous undergraduate and 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.

Vocational – A person who has served as a mentor in public leadership and who can speak to your ability to succeed in such a vocation.

Academic – A professor with whom you have studied or, if you have been out of school for several years, a work supervisor or someone capable of addressing your academic abilities.

Personal - The final reference is to be from someone that knows you well that is not a relative and can speak to your personal qualities.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

You will be able to upload your double-spaced, 3-5 page essay online. The essay should address:

1. How faith forms your sense of vocation and how you envision your faith relating to public leadership?

2. What preparation do you bring to this course of study? Be specific about previous academic work, volunteer experience, and employment that prepared you to benefit from this course of study?
3. What do you hope to gain from your study of Public Leadership? Identify your vocational goals and the way in which you expect your study in Public Leadership to help you realize these goals?

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.

Admissions Team: Nancy Gable, Nate Preisinger and Marlita Lee

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Mailing Address for all Admissions Documents:

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We look forward to having you as a student at ULS!