

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Divinity/Distributed Learning (MDiv/DL), Master of Divinity/Co-operative Model (MDiv/Co-op), Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership (MAML), Master of Arts (MA), Certificate of Theological Studies, Certificate in Anglican Studies, Affiliate

Please read this carefully before completing your application online
<https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/admissions/apply>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Previous Names – If you have changed your name since completing your undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Primary Phone

Email Address

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

Official Transcripts — 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 institution.
- Due to the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) policy requires, it be the stated recipient; ULS will not share transcripts with any entity.

Undergraduate Degree — 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.

Minimum Grade Point Average of 2.8.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

Must be 5-7 pages, Times New Roman, 12-point font, doubled spaced, submitted in PDF (preferred) or MS Word format.

Applicants who are involved in the ELCA Candidacy process may use their Candidacy essay as the basis of their Autobiographical Essay. **All applicants must address each of the below questions in their essay.**

Your sense of call.

Why do you feel called to pursue theological education to either parish or non-parish ministry? What events, people, books, and experiences have led to this decision?

Why are you pursuing theological education at United Lutheran Seminary?

Your understanding of ministry.

How will a theological education help you in your pursuit of the specific ministry to which you feel called?

What unique gifts and experiences will benefit your ministry?

What do you still need to learn in order to best serve God's mission in the world?

The role of the church.

What are your hopes for the future of the church and its role in the world?

How do you see your sense of call and understanding of ministry overlapping with this hope?

REFERENCES

Reference forms will be emailed from ULS. Ensure reference email addresses are accurate. Provide their first and last names ONLY. ULS policy requires original references for your application. Due to the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the ULS policy requires original references for your application.

Pastoral Reference — Must be from a pastor at your home church.

Academic Reference — To be written by a professor who has taught you. If you have been out of school for some time you may use a current work supervisor.

Leadership Reference — From someone that knows you well that is not a relative.

Other Information

Application Fee \$50.00 (Non-Refundable)

Fall Application Submission Deadline May 15th*

Spring Application Submission Deadline October 15th*

***Completed application, fee, essay, transcripts, and references all must be received by the admissions office no later than **June 1st** for the Fall Semester and **November 1st** for the Spring Semester.** It is wise to apply at least six months prior to your intended start date. After you begin the application process as new materials arrive you will be regularly notified of your application status by email.

Admissions decisions are made by June 15th for Fall and November 15th for Spring.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Application Priority Deadlines are June 30th for Fall and November 30th for Spring. Priority is given to students that submit their applications prior to these deadlines.

United Lutheran Seminary is excited to announce scholarships for students enrolled in degree-seeking programs. These scholarships, in partnership with outside student support, ensure that qualifying degree-seeking students have their education fully funded. We encourage every student to apply for financial aid, and suggest that you do so at the same time you apply for admission.

To be eligible for Institutional Financial Aid you must be ADMITTED by June 15th for Fall and November 15th for Spring. You must apply for federal aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and you must also complete the [Institutional Financial Aid Application](#) after you have been admitted and received a ULS email account. Otherwise you will receive notification of your financial aid package once you have completed the appropriate forms. For financial aid questions, call 215-248-6301 Monday – Friday (8:30am – 5:00pm) or email: FinancialAid@uls.edu

Housing

Housing Application Deadline for the 2021-2022 School Year is April 1st. Housing that remains available after that date is assigned on a first-come, first served basis.

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

Contact information - Admissions Team: Deacon Nancy Gable and Marlita Lee

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