

## **APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

Master of Arts in Public Leadership (MAPL)

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

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**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**

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**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 3.0.**

### **REFERENCES**

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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.

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY**

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

**All applicants must address each of the below questions in their essay.**

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

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**Application Fee \$50.00 (Non-Refundable)**

**Fall Application Deadline June 1st\***

**Spring Application Deadline November 1st\***

\*Completed application, fee, essay, transcripts, and references are due by the deadline. 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 and Housing Application Deadlines are June 30th for Fall and November 30th for Spring.**

**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.

**To be eligible for 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](http://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](mailto:FinancialAid@uls.edu)

**Housing** – Contact Director of Housing, Wendy Mizenko at [wmizenko@uls.edu](mailto:wmizenko@uls.edu) for housing information and forms.

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

Tel: 215-248-7302

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### **Mailing Address for all Admissions Documents:**

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