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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION MASTER OF THEOLOGY

APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 1 - International Students
March 1 - Domestic Students

For matriculation in the academic year beginning September, 20 _____

AREAS OF INTEREST

(Check those that apply)

- Biblical Studies
- Christian Education
- Ethics
- Evangelism
- History
- Preaching and Worship
- Pastoral Care
- Theology

(Please print or type)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Present mailing address _____

City / State / Zip or Postal Code / Country _____

E-mail _____ Mobile phone () _____

Home phone () _____ Work phone () _____

Permanent mailing address (if different from above) _____

City / State / Zip or Postal Code / Country _____

Current occupation _____

Social Security Number, if any _____

Citizenship _____ Visa Type _____

Alternate contact person (who might be able to locate you if the need arises)

Relationship _____ Phone () _____

Denomination (full name) _____

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? _____

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.

TOEFL iBT test date _____

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

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.

REFERENCES

List the names, with titles, of three persons you have asked to provide academic references.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/ Country _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Relation to you _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/ Country _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Relation to you _____

3. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip or Postal Code/ Country _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

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. 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?

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

January 1, 2018 No fee February 1, 2018 \$45 March 1, 2018 \$75

If you are applying after February 1, 2018, the fee must be submitted with this form.

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 materials you mail.**

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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