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LastNameFirstName-MATS

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Year for which I seek admission _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Preferred Name _____ Name on previous transcripts _____
(if different from above)

Current Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Permanent Street Address (if different from above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Current Occupation _____ Social Security Number, if any _____

Citizenship: ☐ U.S. ☐ Other (indicate country) _____

- If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a lawful permanent Resident (Green Card Holder)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Indicate residency status or Visa type _____

Primary Language (if other than English) _____ TOEFL iBT test date ____/____/____

Religious Tradition (full name) _____

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

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

RECORD OF PREVIOUS ACADEMIC STUDIES

List **all** colleges, universities, and graduate institutions you have attended, attaching an addendum if necessary. 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 of Study	Attended From	Attended To	Degree	Year

Graduate

Name of Institution	Location	Major Field of Study	Attended From	Attended To	Degree	Year

What academic honors or other awards have you received? What publications, if any, have you written or edited?

ESSAYS

The MATS program invites students to attend to the question of how we ethically engage the changing world, especially as it shapes and is shaped by religious identity in new ways. Students will learn to think critically about faith, culture, and ethics in relation to vocation, texts, and contemporary issues.

1. Autobiographical statement: This autobiographical statement will introduce you to the faculty and help them evaluate your potential for success in the MATS program. (800-1000 words)

Your 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 and the world; and
- What excites you as think about the nature of this program and your academic interests and educational goals.

2. Essay: Please choose a contemporary issue and describe your perspective, including how you are engaging that issue on a theological level. How do you think theological education might enhance your thinking on this topic? (500-800 words)

REFERENCES

List the names of three persons you have asked to provide references. One of these persons should offer an academic reference. The two other persons should be able to speak to your academic ability and/or work ethic, whether they are a co-worker, volunteer colleague, or mentor. No references may be a family member or a current student of Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Please forward the evaluation form found on the website to your three references to complete. Your references may return the form directly to us via email to admissions@upsem.edu or by mail to Office of Admissions, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond VA 23227.

Reference 1:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Applicant's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Reference 2:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Reference 3:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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.

February 1, 2018 No fee

March 1, 2018 \$45

April 1, 2018 \$75

If you are applying after March 1, 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. Additional information regarding other requirements may be found at <https://www.upsem.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/>. **Please keep copies of materials you mail.**

Return this form to: **Director of Admissions
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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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