



Applying to Study at Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) is an inclusive and affirming community that offers hospitality to all who participate in our programs of study. As disciples of Christ committed to public leadership among God's people in diverse and challenging cultural contexts, we eagerly learn from and welcome one another's diversity, including, but not limited to theological perspective, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, relationship status, age, physical ability, social and economic status, and sexual orientation.

LTS is an affiliated college of the University of Saskatchewan, located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada. Our school is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). We are a Canadian Designated Learning Institution (DLI).

LTS is a member of the Saskatoon Theological Union (STU) which is a partnership between three theological schools on the University campus. Our partner-schools in the STU are: The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad (Anglican) and St. Andrew's College (United Church of Canada). The three schools in the STU often share professors, worship times, some programming, social gatherings, and so on.

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1. LTS Programs

We offer graduate degree and certificate programs. Our programs include:

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)	3 -year degree
Master of Divinity (MDiv)	4-year degree
Master of Theological Studies (MTS)	2-year degree
Master of Theology (ThM)	flexible; 24 credit hours of course work plus thesis or project
Diaconal Certificate	1-year certificate

Non-Program Courses: Occasional and Continuing Education (for rostered ministers)

Visit our website to learn about our programs (<https://lutherantheological.ca/programs>)

2. Applying to LTS

All applications must be submitted online.

Application Forms: The links to our program application forms can be found on the LTS website at <https://lutherantheological.ca/admissions/how-to-apply>.

Supporting Documents: Once an application form is submitted, the applicant must then submit all 'required supporting documents' and the application fee. The required supporting documents, such as transcripts and references, are listed in the program's application form.

Supporting documents must be sent to the Registrar at:

- registrar.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca, or to
- Registrar, Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1121 College Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W3 CANADA

Note: Transcripts and references must be sent directly to the LTS Registrar from the schools and referees.

Application Deadlines:

- **Doctor of Ministry (DMin):**
Applications must be submitted at least three months in advance of the formation of a new cohort. Normally a new cohort begins in August of every second year.
- **Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Theological Studies (MTS) and Diaconal Certificate:**
Normally, applications for these programs are to be received by June 30 for those planning to begin the program of studies in September.
- **Master of Theology (ThM):**
These applicants may apply at any time.
- **Occasional Students and Continuing Education (rostered ministers):**
Applicants may apply at any time.

Application Fee:

The application fee, which must be submitted at the time of application, must be paid in Canadian dollars.

- \$75 (for degree and certificate programs)
- \$25 (for occasional, continuing education and auditing students).
- \$200 (plus any handling fee) for those who require a Canadian study visa.

Payment can be made by or through one of the following:

- 1) debit card or cheque (from Canadian banks)
- 2) electronic-transfer (to finance.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca)
- 3) credit card (Mastercard or Visa); credit card information can be provided by telephone or email to the Registrar at 1-639-398-2544, registrar.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.
- 4) Western Union or Money Gram (for International Students only)

3. Recognized Undergraduate Degree Programs

LTS offers graduate-level programming. Eligibility to study at our school depends on the program (visit: <https://lutherantheological.ca/programs/current-programs>).

Given that our school's accrediting agency, Association of Theological Schools (ATS), will recognize degrees from Bible Colleges accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), the faculty of LTS recognizes such degrees as well, even though the University of Saskatchewan may not. LTS reserves the right to ask for more general education courses (such as English, history, sociology, philosophy, psychology) if such are not part of a Bible College Bachelor's degree.

For those students without a bachelor's degree, a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) will be required to determine any academic preparation that needs to be completed prior to beginning an LTS degree program (see PLAR information below).

For students interested in the occasional course, at least one year of university or the equivalent of one year of university (30 semester hours) is required as prerequisite for taking any course for credit and/or for attending LTS with the goal of obtaining academic credit.

4. Transferring Credits from other Theological Schools

Up to half of the credits required for the MTS (24 credit hours, or 8 three-credit courses), or the MDiv (42 credit hours, or 14 three-credit courses) degrees granted by LTS may be transferred from other accredited institutions, provided that such courses meet the expectations of the seminary and the requirements of the degree program in which the student is enrolled. The transfer of courses to LTS requires the approval of the LTS Faculty. The Academic Dean, in consultation with the faculty, assesses each course for which the student requests transfer credit. For the seminary's purposes "accredited institutions" are those accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in Canada and the United States.

To receive transfer credit for an approved course, the student must have earned a minimum grade in that course of 65% or its equivalent. Upon assessing the course(s) from other institutions, the Academic Dean, in consultation with the faculty, may determine that supplemental work necessary to fulfill the requirements of the LTS course it is to replace. Upon such assessment the Academic Dean

will assign a faculty member to assess the supplemental work and notify the faculty member and student of the decision so that practical details can be worked out. There will be a fee of up to 50% of current course tuition assessed dependent on the amount of faculty time required.

Students already registered in a degree program at LTS must have transfer courses from other accredited institutions approved by the Academic Dean before they register for these transfer courses.

Until the student in any program completes the first year of courses required for the program, no more than three elective courses will be accepted for transfer credit into that program.

5. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Not all people take the same path to seminary studies. Thus, LTS has developed a PLAR process for those who do not have completed university undergraduate degrees.

For interested applicants that do not have a bachelor's degree from a university, they can explore whether they qualify for the PLAR process, and if they do, they can fill in the PLAR application form and follow through with the PLAR requirements. Visit our website to learn more about PLAR:

<https://lutherantheological.ca/programs/current-programs>.

Please note: This PLAR application process must take place before filling in an application form for a degree program.

6. International Students

International Students are an important and integral part of the student experience at LTS, and every effort is made to welcome International Students to our campus.

Assessment of Foreign Documents and Qualifications

Since methods of recording grades and conferring degrees differ from country to country, international students wishing to enter the degree and certificate programs must write to the Registrar, submitting details of their academic careers including, wherever possible, transcripts of academic work and copies of any degrees or diplomas held, together with some information about the institutions granting the degrees.

Foreign equivalency assessment for all programs is conducted internally at LTS. If the expertise is not available among our faculty, then faculty in the country from which the credits originate are asked to evaluate the credits and provide academic assessment. We can utilize this process due to the small size of our student population. In the case where faculty from the country of credit origin are not available, we will make use of the University of Saskatchewan Credential Assessment Service. A fee for this service will be charged to the student.

Language Proficiency Requirement

For those applicants whose first language is not English, they will usually be required to submit English fluency test scores. This can be done through one of two venues:

- a) **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Students must attain an IBT score (including the speaking component) of 88 with no component less than 20, or if the TOEFL IBT is not

available, a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper based) is a prerequisite. Test scores must be forwarded by the administrator of TOEFL directly to the Registrar.

- b) **DUOLINGO** English test: Students must attain, at minimum, an overall score of 110. Test scores must be forwarded by the administrator of Duolingo directly to the Registrar.

Note: English Language programs are available at the *University of Saskatchewan Language Centre*, whose website is www.learnenglish.usask.ca. Off-campus *English as a Second Language* programming and services are available at no cost at **The Global Gathering Place**. Their website is located at www.globalgatheringplace.com

The following link provides supporting information for International Students that are interested in studying at our school: <https://lutherantheological.ca/admissions/international-students>

7. Handbooks

Our school handbooks for the various degree programs and school policies are available on our website at <https://lutherantheological.ca/programs/handbooks>. These documents are updated annually.

8. Tuition and Other Fees

Tuition and other fees by program are posted on our website. These fees are updated annually. Visit: <https://lutherantheological.ca/admissions/tuition-fees>

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