

Admission

General Application Requirements

- Applicants should have a mature Christian faith, a history of active participation in a church community, and have begun a disciplined spiritual life.
- A completed application is required. (<https://theology.sewanee.edu/apply/>) For more information on admission to the School of Theology, and to complete an application, visit the School of Theology page and follow the link to apply.
- Applicants to all degrees should hold a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Official transcripts of undergraduate work and all other post-secondary academic work from each institution attended are required.
- Applicants should have the intellectual ability and academic background to engage the curriculum in a satisfactory way and to fulfill successfully the requirements of the degree to which the student is applying. Applicants may be required to submit additional writing samples.
- Applicants for programs with residency in the Advent and/or Easter terms must submit written proof of a background check. Normally ordination track and ordained students should have this sent by their diocese. Non-ordination track students will work with the Office of Admission to fulfill the requirement.
- Applicants should have what the admission committee considers a realistic plan of how they intend to finance their seminary program, including (when appropriate) the needs of the applicant's family and adequate medical insurance for self and family. It is expected that the applicant will not be encumbered with significant consumer debt.
- An applicant whose first language is not English is required to complete the TOEFL or IELTS. Students who are not U.S. citizens or do not have legal permanent residency in the United States are required to have or acquire a valid U.S. visa.

Degree-Specific Requirements

Master of Divinity

- Applicants for admission to the Master of Divinity program should have an ecclesiastical endorsement (normally, postulancy for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church or permission of one's bishop, or the equivalent endorsement in another faith tradition) and must submit that endorsement. This requirement may be waived when deemed appropriate by the Dean of the School of Theology.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a person who can attest to the applicant's academic acumen, normally professors or college faculty, and one from a church official or member of the clergy.
- An official interview is required of all applicants.

Admission Requirements for Special Students

Students seeking to take classes outside of a degree program must submit copies of their transcripts from each college and graduate-level institution attended, along with a letter addressed to the Director of Admissions outlining which class(es) they wish to take and what they intend to do with the knowledge acquired there. Permission from the instructor of the class(es) may also be required.

Application for Transfer Students to the Diploma of Anglican Studies, Master of Arts, and Master of Divinity Programs

Application for admission of potential transfer students follows the same admission procedures as those listed above. Transcripts and catalog descriptions of all theological studies previously completed are required as part of the application process. The School of Theology accepts credit for transfer and advanced standing after appropriate evaluation described in the catalog section on transfer credits.