

SBTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

- **Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)**
- **Master of Arts in Theological Studies – Intercultural Leadership (MATSIL)**

Please note that the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) degree program is designed solely for the preparation of laypersons that will not serve vocationally in Christian service. Individuals who are called to full-time ministry should contact the Admissions Office for counsel and information on other degree programs.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies in Intercultural Leadership (MATSIL) is a restricted program for professional full-time missionaries serving within a Great Commission ministry. Applicants should not seek admission for this degree without the prior consent of their mission agency.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

Degree Program	Fall Semester	Winter Term	Spring Semester	Summer Term
MATS, MATSIL	July 15	Dec 1	Dec 1	May 1

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary holds to a rolling admissions process. This means that files are reviewed as soon as they are completed. This also means that your application is a self-managed process. While, initially, we will notify you of missing items, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all requirements are received in a timely manner. All materials do not need to be submitted simultaneously. However, your file will not be considered for admission until it is completed. Once complete, the Admissions process takes 2-3 business weeks under normal circumstances.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BY DEGREE PROGRAM

Standard application requirements for MATS and MATSIL degree programs:

- Application Form (pages 4-6)
- Application Fee
- Official Transcription from all institutions attended
- Pastor/Leader Recommendation Form
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Housing Application

• Please note that international applicants must submit TOEFL scores for all degree programs. Additional requirements for international doctoral applicants include the TWE and TSE. Information on these tests can be found at www.toefl.org. Please note that the internet based test allows students to complete all three tests in one exam.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1) **APPLICATION FEES:** The application fee is \$35. If a student has been out of class for more than two semesters without going through formal withdrawal with the Office of Academic Records, a new application and the reapplication fee of \$25 must be submitted. Please make checks payable to “SBTS – Admissions.” The application fee is non-refundable.

2) **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTION:** Transcripts cannot be delivered by the applicant, stamped “Issued to student” or faxed. Please have the Registrar at your colleges mail your transcripts *directly* to the Admissions Office at Southern Seminary. We will need official transcripts from all educational institutions attended – even if only for one class or a study abroad experience.

3) PASTOR/LEADER RECOMMENDATION FORM:

For MATSIL applicants, please note:

- All ISC or Journeyman must have this form completed by their Deployment Consultant.
- All career missionaries who are not yet appointed must have this form completed by their Deployment Consultant.
- All officially appointed career missionaries must have this form completed by their Strategy Training Associate.
- All NAMB personnel must have this form completed by the Director of the Missionary Deployment Team.
- Pastor/Leader Recommendation forms may not be completed by family members.

4) SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY: Please include these details in your autobiography:

- 1) Describe your conversion (life before you believed the gospel, brief explanation of the gospel and how you came to believe it, and how your life has changed since your conversion).
- 2) Understanding of your call to ministry
- 3) Other significant life events
- 4) Reasons for applying to Southern Seminary.

Please limit your paper to three typed, double-spaced pages.

5) **CAMPUS HOUSING APPLICATION:** All applicants must complete this form, indicating whether they need campus housing. If you do not need housing, please check the box at the top of the housing application that says, "No, I do not need housing." Housing deposits in the amount of \$100 are due *within 30 days of acceptance* to secure your room reservation. Please note that the Housing Office follows a separate approval process from the Admissions Office. The Housing Office seeks to have you assigned a campus housing unit at least 30 days from your anticipated move-in date. Some units, however, are in higher demand and the notification time is much shorter. If you are applying after the admissions deadline, you will need to communicate with the Housing Office to verify housing availability.

FINANCIAL AID

Students must be **approved** into a degree program by the Financial Aid deadline in order to qualify for Seminary based financial aid. The Financial Aid application process takes place online. Access to the website will be included with the acceptance letter. Seminary based financial aid is only available to full time, main campus, Master's level students. Southern Seminary does participate in Veteran's and Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

MATSIL APPLICANTS

To qualify for the MATSIL Tuition discount, students must be appointed with the IMB or NAMB. Likewise, they must be accepted into the MATSIL program at Southern Seminary. All MATSIL students will automatically be qualified for a 50% discount (over and above the SBC Tuition rate) and will receive the discount on their rate of tuition when they enroll for classes.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Southern Seminary maintains a number of Extension Centers (typically educational space at local churches) around the nation as well as internet based classes. All distance education programs do require a minimum number of hours on campus. For more information on extension centers, see <http://www.sbts.edu/extension/>. For additional information regarding online education, please visit the website at <http://www.sbts.edu/online/>.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Prospective students desiring to transfer credit from another seminary should contact the Academic Advisor in the school they wish to enter. After enrollment, an official evaluation will be completed upon the receipt of the Transfer of Credit Evaluation Form, and required documentation. Please contact the Academic Records Office at academicrecords@sbts.edu or (502) 897-4209.

ADMISSIONS COUNSELORS AND ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Each student is assigned a personal Admissions Counselor. The primary responsibilities of Admissions Counselors are to work with prospective students and new applicants. They will serve as your personal liaison to the full resources of Southern Seminary and can assist you in making an easy transition to Southern Seminary.

Academic Advising is available to students throughout the year. A session is included during orientation at the start of each semester. Questions about advising should be directed to Student Administrative Services at academicadvising@sbts.edu or (502) 897-4201.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST TUITION RATE

Students who are committed to serving within the Southern Baptist Convention, but are currently affiliated with another denomination, may be eligible to receive the Southern Baptist tuition rate. In order to be considered, a Covenant Agreement Form must be completed and received by the posted deadlines (August 1, December 1, May 1). This form is only available from the Admissions Office, must be signed by the student and current pastor and must be received by the posted deadlines. *Under no circumstances will Covenant Agreement Forms be considered after the deadline.* Students wishing to change denominational affiliation must show due deliberation by submitting this material in a timely manner.

SPECIAL STUDENT STATUS

Special Student Status is a non-degree classification. Students may only apply for this status with the direct permission of the Admissions Office – please verify your qualification for this status before applying. This status requires the submission of the application form, fee, pastor/leader recommendation, housing application and spiritual autobiography. Admittance as a special student in no way guarantees admission into a degree program. Transcripts must be submitted within the first semester of study if students intend to be admitted into a degree program. Special student status normally does not extend beyond one semester. Financial aid is NOT available to special students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Because the admissions process for international students is complex, special documents have been created. They will explain the process and essential financial information that international students must know in order to apply. Southern Seminary also maintains a Coordinator for International Students. That office can be reached at international@sbts.edu or (502) 897-4205. These forms are available for download from our website or can be mailed to you by request. Contact admissions@sbts.edu to have these forms sent to you.

APPLICANTS WITH AN INCOMPLETE BACHELOR’S DEGREE

Students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA who are within one semester of completing an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university are invited to apply under our Academic Deficiency policy. The undergraduate degree must be completed within one year of enrollment at Southern Seminary.

APPLICANTS WITH UNACCREDITED DEGREES – PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Applicants who hold a bachelor’s degree from a college or university lacking regional accreditation are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Provisional Admission may be granted if transcripts show a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a prescribed course of study that includes 60 hours of liberal arts study. Course work must be in a variety of fields and no more than 12 credit hours can be counted in any one field. No more than 30 hours can be in ministry related fields. Southern Seminary accepts degrees from schools that are accredited by SACS (and other comparable regional accrediting bodies) or ATS. Southern Seminary also recognizes degrees granted by ABHE schools. See the current Academic Catalog for more explicit information regarding Provisional Admission.

STUDENTS WITH ACCESSIBILITY AND LEARNING NEEDS

Southern Seminary is committed to making both campus facilities and degree programs accessible to students. Students who have accessibility needs or learning-related needs are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Services in order to determine how Southern Seminary can assist in addressing those needs. Student Services can be reached at (502) 897-4201 or via email at studentservices@sbts.edu

ACCREDITATION

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). We recognize college degrees granted by schools accredited by these organizations as well as: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Northwest Association Of Schools And Colleges, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We also recognize the accreditation of Bible colleges accredited through the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). If your school is not accredited by one of these agencies, admission must be sought through the seminary’s Provisional Admission policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you require additional assistance, Admissions professionals are available to assist you Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Eastern Standard Time. You can reach the Admissions Office at:

(toll free) 1.800.626.5525 ext. 4617

(fax) 502.897.4723

(email) admissions@sbts.edu



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name _____ last first middle name usually called

Maiden name (if applicable) _____

Current mailing address _____ apartment/box/street number

_____ city state/country zip

Telephone() () area code/number (home) area code/number (work)

Home city and state _____

Citizenship _____ country

E-mail address _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____ month day year

Applicant's Place of birth _____ city/state/country

Applicant's marital status: [] Single [] Married [] Divorced [] Widowed [] Re-married

Gender: [] Male [] Female

Date of Divorce _____

Social Security number _____ - _____ - _____

Applicant's Ethnic Group (For reporting purposes only):

- [] White: Non-Hispanic [] American Indian or Alaskan native [] Hispanic [] Black: Non-Hispanic [] Asian or Pacific islander [] Other _____

PURPOSE IN SEEKING A SEMINARY EDUCATION

Vocational goal (Indicate order of preference—1st, 2nd, and 3rd)

- ___ Pastorate ___ Music Ministry ___ Counseling ___ Pastoral Counseling ___ Church Administration ___ Evangelist ___ Christian Education ___ Civilian Chaplaincy ___ Religious Journalism ___ International Missions ___ Adult Ministry ___ Military Chaplaincy ___ Media Ministry ___ North American Missions ___ Youth Ministry ___ Denominational Ministry ___ Campus/College Ministry ___ Children's Ministry ___ Teaching (higher education) ___ Recreation Ministry ___ Women's Ministry ___ Undecided ___ Other (Please specify)

CHURCH INFORMATION

Where is your current church membership?

_____ name of church mailing address city state zip

_____ phone pastor church clerk date of membership

Are you currently attending the church that holds your membership? [] Yes [] No (if no, please explain on separate piece of paper. Please be specific).

Is the church that holds your membership affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention? [] Yes [] No

If no, what denominational affiliation? Please be specific: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Education beyond high school. Please list all institutions attended including college, university, seminary, and professional training:

name of college/institution – do not abbreviate	state	major	dates attended	degree conferred? if so, what degree?
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Note: An official transcript from each institution is required. Transcripts must be mailed directly from each institution.

Maiden name on transcripts (if applicable) _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please indicate the one semester/term in which you plan to begin:

Fall Semester Spring Semester Winter Term Summer Term Year: _____

Please indicate student status:

New Readmission (please attach an explanation) Other: _____

Location:

Louisville campus Internet Extension Center: _____

See www.sbts.edu/extension for current locations.

Check the *one* program to which you are seeking admission: *Please choose one degree:*

<p>School of Theology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Student Status</p> <p>Diploma Program:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies - Diploma</p> <p>Master of Arts Degree:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies</p>	<p>Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Student Status</p> <p>Diploma Programs:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies - Diploma</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies - Intercultural Leadership – Diploma</p> <p>Master of Arts Degrees:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Theological Studies - Intercultural Leadership</p>
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ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For MATSIL Applicants Only

Current Organization:

IMB NAMB Other (please be specific): _____
name of organization

Apprentice/Career

Journeyman

ISC

Have you been appointed by the IMB or NAMB (not applicable to Journeyman/ISC)? YES NO

If yes, date of appointment: _____
month day year

If you are an IMB Apprentice/Career missionary who has *not* been appointed, who is your Deployment Consultant? _____

If you are an IMB Apprentice/Career missionary who has officially been appointed, who is your Strategy Training Associate? _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please provide appropriate details/documentation on a separate sheet.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Do you have any physical, mental, or emotional disabilities which may require special assistance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Do you have learning disabilities or mental/physical condition(s) that might affect your academic work? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Have you ever been under the care of a psychologist, mental health counselor, or psychiatrist? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or incurred any legal action against you associated with your finances? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Do you have existing debts aside from house and/or automobile? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Is it a problem for you to pay off the balance of your credit cards on a regular basis? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Will you incur debt by attending seminary? If yes, provide your plans for financing your seminary education. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Have you ever been dismissed, placed on academic, or disciplinary probation, or asked to withdraw by any educational institution? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Have you ever been convicted of any felony or been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Services? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Have you ever been dismissed, terminated, or fired from any place of employment? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Have you ever appeared on a local, state or national sex offender registry? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Have you or your spouse ever been divorced? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Have you ever been involved in any sexual misconduct of any nature? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Does your spouse/family have any reservations concerning your desire to attend seminary? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. If you are married, please rate, in your opinion, the health of your marriage (1 = low, 10 = high). |

FAMILY INFORMATION

Spouse's name: _____
 last first middle preferred name

Children: _____
 name date of birth M/F name date of birth M/F

 name date of birth M/F name date of birth M/F

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please list your last 4 employers beginning with the most recent:

Name of employer	Name of supervisor	Supervisor phone/email	Position held	Dates of employment
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are not a citizen of the United States, please complete this section. Please note that international applicants are encouraged to apply at least one semester prior to the term they plan to enter.

In which country were you born? _____ In which country are you currently a citizen? _____

If you are now residing in the U.S., what is your immigrant or non-immigrant classification? (choose one)

- F-1 J-1 H-1 Permanent Resident Alien Registration Number: _____
 F-2 J-2 H-2 Other _____

Note: Please send photocopies of any current U.S. immigration documents. This is especially important for permanent residents.

Will you bring your family to Louisville with you? (mark one) No Yes, Spouse Only Yes, Spouse & Children (number of children _____)

What is your native language? _____

What other languages do you speak? _____

Unless you are studying in your native language at an extension center, you are required to submit a TOEFL (Test of English as a Second Language).

In order to complete all requirements for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, the seminary must receive all necessary documentation associated with the I-20 at least 60 days prior to the term for which you wish to enroll. No I-20 forms will be issued without approval for admission, the required deposit, and a valid affidavit of support. A student transferring from another school in the United States will receive his or her I-20 after arriving on campus. Please see the International Student Checklist for more information.

STATEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL STUDENTS)

In making application to become a student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, I pledge myself to abide by all the regulations of the faculty and administration as stipulated in the Student Handbook www.sbts.edu/pdf/handbook.pdf; to seek in every way to protect the good name of the institution; to preserve and protect the physical properties of the Seminary and to cooperate with the various groups of the Seminary family in creating and maintaining a spirit of Christian fellowship throughout my student days. I understand the Seminary reserves the right to request a student to withdraw at any time.

I consent to the IMB/NAMB releasing my spiritual autobiography to the Admissions Office of Southern Seminary. (Applicant is responsible for mailing this information to the Seminary.)

Signed _____ Date _____

Please mail to: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Admissions Office, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.



Pastor/Leader Recommendation

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Master of Arts in Theological Studies for Intercultural Leadership

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies is designed for the purpose of equipping lay persons for Christian ministry service in the local church or related Christian ministry. The MATSIL program is for Professional Missionaries only.

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- All NAMB personnel must have this form completed by the Director of the Missionary Deployment Team.

Applicant Name _____ / / Date of Birth

DEGREE PROGRAM

- Master of Arts in Theological Studies
- Master of Arts in Theological Studies for Intercultural Leadership

This form is confidential and will become the property of SBTS and will not be returned to the student. Should the applicant be denied or otherwise not enroll, SBTS is under no obligation to disclose the contents of the applicant to the applicant, nor will SBTS release any information to a party legally unrelated to SBTS unless required to do so. Upon enrollment, the application becomes a part of the student's permanent academic record and, as such, is subject to the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

To be completed by Pastor, Staff Minister, or Leader/Supervisor or Staff Minister/Leader (family members are not acceptable)

Minister's/Leader's/Consultant's name _____

Minister's/Leader's/Consultant's address _____

Minister's/Leader's/Consultant's position _____ Telephone number (_____) _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Having evidence that the applicant is:

- An individual of Christian commitment and spiritual maturity as evidenced by participation in the life of this church
- An individual of moral integrity and emotional stability
- An individual whom this church would recommend for seminary education

Yes No I recommend him/her for admission to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

name of church/organization	address of church/organization
denominational affiliation	city state zip
signature of minister/leader/consultant	phone number of church/organization
name of minister/leader/consultant (please print)	date of church/organization approval
e-mail of minister/leader/consultant	date applicant became member/appointment

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. Please return this form to:

Admissions Office, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40280



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Application for On-Campus Housing

Refusal of Campus Housing

Please check the box below, print your name, and list your birth date if you do not require campus housing. If you do not require campus housing, no deposit is needed.

NO. I do not need on-campus housing.

Print Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

- Please mail completed housing application with application for admission.
- Do not fill in information below if **NOT** applying for on-campus housing.

Title _____ Name _____ Social Security _____

Spouse Name, if applicable _____ Social Security _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate _____ Email _____

New Student Current Student On-line or Extension Student Returning Student Single Married
 Physical Handicap? Please explain: _____ Male Female

Children:

Name	Age	Sex	Name	Age	Sex

Name	Age	Sex	Name	Age	Sex

When do you plan to begin your studies? _____ Date housing needed: _____
 Month Year Month Year

A refundable \$100 deposit is required to apply for campus housing. The deposit must be received by Student Housing within 30 days of your acceptance to Southern Seminary. If sending the deposit with the application only check or money order, please. **Please make check separate from Admission application fee.** Refunds will be given if housing is unavailable, you are not accepted as a student, or you cancel your reservation more than 30 days before your planned occupancy. Include this housing application with your application for admission. Housing deposits sent separately should be sent to: Student Housing, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280.

Single students

Dormitory Halls: A meal plan is required for all dormitory residents. Rent does not include the meal plan fee.
 Male Female

Apartments:

Fuller Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C
 Grinstead South 1 bedroom
 2 bedroom

Married students without children

Fuller Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C
 Grinstead South 1 bedroom
 2 bedroom
 Springdale 2 bedroom
 Foster Hall 1 bedroom, no A/C (PhD Preferred)

Married students with children

Grinstead South 1 bedroom
 2 bedroom

Note: All apartments are unfurnished. See website for utility information.

Pets:

Are you bringing a pet? Yes No (Grinstead only)

Please list your apartment preferences and your first choice will be honored whenever possible:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Background Information:

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of any crime (other than minor traffic or driving violations) or been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the Armed Services?

Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused alcohol?

If you answered "yes" to either of the above questions, please provide appropriate details on a separate sheet and documentation as needed.

Honest answers will not result in bias or an automatic denial of your application.

Contact Information:

Please list two people who will always know how to contact you:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____