



**Ashland Theological Seminary
International Student Guide
2014-15**

ESL at the Center for English Studies

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts

Doctor of Ministry

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Office of Enrollment Management

910 Center Street

Ashland, OH 44805

419.289.5166

<http://seminary.ashland.edu>

Application Checklist

Completed ATS Application

You may complete an application online at <http://seminary.ashland.edu/apply>

Evidence of Financial Support

Submit a bank statement **in English** and the original language from yourself and/or your sponsor that is equal to or greater than the total amount needed on the Financial Certification Form.

Non-Refundable Application Fee

\$35 USD or Personal Check made out to Ashland Theological Seminary.

Photocopy of Passport

Please include this for any dependants who will accompany you as well.

Educational Credentials

Originals or certified copies **in English** and the original language. These are to be from all colleges or universities you have attended. Also include a copy of your graduation certificate.

Evidence of English Proficiency

(School Code in brackets) TOEFL (1021) or IELTS (no code required) are accepted. Not required if you are first going to attend for ESL at ACCESS

Send all documents to:

Ashland Theological Seminary
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Ashland, OH 44805
USA

Additional Information

English Proficiency

- Conditional admission is given to our academic programs if beginning in our ESL at ACCESS program. Sufficient English proficiency must be achieved before entering a graduate program.
- If you were educated outside of the United States you will be required to submit evidence of English proficiency.
- Students who have had at least one year of education in the United States, Canada, the UK or Australia may have the English proficiency testing requirement waived.

Entry Requirements	Master of Divinity	Master of Arts	Doctor of Ministry
TOEFL (IBT)	65	65	65 or 75
TOEFL (CBT)	173	173	173 or 199
TOEFL (PBT)	500	500	500 or 525
Writing Proficiency	Students who do not have the following scores will be required to take a writing course during quarter one.		
TOEFL (IBT)	15	15	15 or 18
TOEFL (TWE)	4	4	4 or 5
ITLST Writing Band	6	6	6 or 6.5

Application Process

- After a completed application file has been received within our office we will respond within 10 working days. Please provide a valid email address.
- Acceptance packages will be sent including orientation materials, a medical form, housing and visa guidelines.
- Students may apply for a visa no more than 90 days before the date of arrival noted on the I-20 (F-Visa) or DS-2019 (J-Visa), and pay for the SEVIS fee.

Arrival: Airport pickup may be arranged for new students from the Cleveland (CLE) or Columbus (COL), Ohio international airports. A fee may be assigned for this service.

Housing and assimilation assistance will be provided by Ashland Theological Seminary and the Office of Enrollment and Student Services.

Tuition, Fees and Housing

Ashland Theological Seminary seeks to keep an excellent education affordable for our students. Limited International Student Scholarships are available to assist with tuition expense. We ask that every applicant utilize personal resources and sponsorship to finance their education.

Expenses below are estimates for one year of living and studying in Ashland.

Master of Divinity or Arts

Full-time Tuition (annually)	\$15,120
Student Health Center Fee	\$128
Recreation Fee (optional)	<i>See Rec. Serv.</i>
Housing (typical 2 bedroom)	\$7,500
Books & Supplies	\$1000
Food Expenses	\$4,200
Personal Expenses	\$2,500
Accident & Sickness Insurance (ASI)*	\$620
TOTAL ANNUAL ESTIMATE	\$31,068

Doctor of Ministry

Tuition (7 units)	\$17,290
Student Health Center Fee	\$384
Recreation Fee (optional)	<i>See Rec. Serv.</i>
Housing (typical 2 bedroom)	\$22,500
Books & Supplies	\$2,250
Food Expenses	\$12,000
Personal Expenses	\$7,500
Accident & Sickness Insurance (ASI)*	\$1,860
TOTAL DEGREE L ESTIMATE	\$43,534
ANNUAL ESTIMATE	\$14, 512

***Accident and Sickness Insurance is mandatory**

For each dependant add the additional expenses:

\$5,000 Spouse

\$2,500 per child

Scholarship & Aid

Scholarship awards are available on a limited basis and are reserved for students entering on a J Visa. Currently scholarships are only available to students who sign and abide by the following commitments:

1. I agree to return to my home country immediately upon graduation from ATS and to serve there for a minimum of three years in ministry before seeking additional graduate work or ministry opportunity.
2. I fully understand that I am being given this scholarship for the express purpose of providing ministry to the people of my home country.
3. I fully understand that my failure to abide by these agreements will be a violation of my word and will result in my loss of scholarship and the repayment of all scholarship previously awarded.
4. Ashland Theological Seminary does not provide post-graduation work authorization for any purpose.

All scholarships that are awarded are full tuition only. Housing and other expenses are still to be met by the student.

Employment

A limited number of on campus jobs are available to international students. Minimum wage is currently \$7.70 per hour. An international student can work a maximum of 20 hours per week during academic study. More hours can be worked during break times, however additional hours are not guaranteed.