



REQUIREMENTS & MATERIALS FOR ADMISSION
MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES OR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES WITH THEOLOGICAL ETHICS EMPHASIS

INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT OF MISSION

Lee University is a Christian institution which offers liberal arts and professional education on both the baccalaureate and graduate levels through residential and distance programs. It seeks to provide education that integrates biblical truth as revealed in the Holy Scriptures with truth discovered through the study of arts and sciences and in the practice of various professions. A personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior is the controlling perspective from which the educational enterprise is carried out. The foundational purpose of all educational programs is to develop within the student's knowledge, appreciation, understanding, ability and skills which will prepare them for responsible Christian living in a complex world.

The application procedure for the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies or Theological Studies (including ethics emphasis):

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant must have:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Interview with Director of Graduate Studies in Religion or a designated faculty member of the program

Materials to be submitted:

- Completed application, including writing sample (see last page of this document)
- Official transcripts of all university undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or graduate coursework
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) aptitude scores (taken within the last two years)
- Recommendations from two professors familiar with your work and one personal reference
- \$25.00 Application fee (non-refundable)
- Measles immunization verification (if born after January 1, 1957); Proof of Tuberculin PPD Skin Test taken within a one-year period prior to the date of admission application.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

In addition to the above listed requirements, international applicants must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Notarized Affidavit of Support. The TOEFL and Affidavit of Support must be submitted and accepted by the Graduate Committee prior to review and issuance of the INS form I-20 for a U.S. visa.

Fall Semester applications preferred by April 15, considered until July 31.

Spring Semester applications preferred by September 15, considered until November 30.

The M.A. in Biblical Studies and Theological Studies is designed to prepare students for the educational ministry of the church or for further graduate study in religion. The degree programs offer advanced study within their respective disciplines. Completion requirements for the Theological Ethics Emphasis include a thesis.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM

Lee University

To be completed by a professor is aware of the applicant's character and academic potential for graduate study.

This applicant has applied for admission to:

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, or Master of Arts in Theological Studies – Theological Ethics Emphasis (please indicate which program)

Please respond candidly and send the completed form to:

Lee University School of Religion
Office for Graduate Studies / SOR 150-F
P.O. Box 3450
Cleveland, TN 37320-3450
Telephone: 423-303-5104
Email: gradstudies_religion@leeuniversity.edu

Applicant's Name _____

_____ I waive the right of access to information included on this reference form.

_____ I do not waive the right of access to information included on this reference form.

_____ S.S. Number: _____
Applicant's Signature

Applicant data	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Intellectual Ability					
Academic Ability					
Motivation					
Dependability					
Estimate of graduate study success					

Additional Comments: (may use separate sheet if necessary) _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Position _____

Phone number if you wish to be contacted about this recommendation _____

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Address _____

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PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

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Applicant's Signature

Applicant data	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Character					
Responsibility					
Motivation					
Dependability					
Discipline					

Additional Comments: (may use separate sheet if necessary) _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Position _____

Phone number if you wish to be contacted about this recommendation _____

MABTS ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. in Biblical Studies/Theological Studies – with or without the ethics emphasis is a 36 hour program. By reason of the discipline, a certain amount of preparation and aptitude is required in this program in prior coursework in Biblical or Theological studies.

Applicants without adequate preparation will be admitted under the condition of taking up to twelve (12) more hours to complete this degree, plus a required year of elementary Biblical Greek.

36 hour program ADMISSIONS

This program applies to applicants who have a bachelor's degree in Biblical and/or Theological Studies or its equivalent from an accredited college or university. At least one year of New Testament (koine) Greek is required.

In what field is your bachelor's degree?

How many hours of New Testament Greek have you had? _____

Applicants who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than religion will be required to discuss course planning with the program director. If the candidate has not completed the first year of Greek, they may be asked to begin Greek before entering the program. 12 hours of studies as assigned by the Director may be taken in order to rectify deficiencies in undergraduate preparation. These courses should be taken at the beginning of the student's course of study, and may be taken concurrently with certain other courses within the program. The amount of hours to rectify academic deficiencies may not exceed 12 hours.

In what field is your bachelor's degree?

What religion courses have you had? _____

What other language courses have you had?

WRITING SAMPLE

Submit a **clean, unstapled, unbound** copy of an academic paper that exemplifies some of your best academic work. The length of the paper may be from 7 to 20 pages in length. The purpose of this sample is to provide the MABTS committee with an example of your research and writing skills.

I have read the academic and lifestyle policies of Lee University as outlined in the graduate catalog. I am willing to abide by these expectations:

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Applicant materials (except transcripts) may be submitted online to: lhensley@leeuniversity.edu