

**REQUIREMENTS & MATERIALS FOR ADMISSION
MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY STUDIES**

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 Ministry Studies:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant must have:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 2.75 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 application)
- Official transcripts of all college work
- 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.

Spring Semester applications preferred by September 15.

Applications received after these dates will be processed, however a delay should be expected.

The Master of Arts in Ministry Studies is designed to provide advanced understanding of ministry issues in order to prepare men and women seeking to fulfill their calling to vocational ministry in both church and parachurch settings. Program consists of three tracks of ministry specialization:
Youth and Family Studies; Leadership Studies; Worship Studies.

MINST.MA ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Applications are welcome from students who hold a bachelor's degree from any accredited university, college, or Bible college. Accreditation must be from a regional accrediting association or from ABHE (The Association for Biblical Higher Education). If the applicant's education is from outside the United States, the applicant's transcripts and status of the school will be evaluated by the admissions committee and the Director of Graduate Programs in Christian Ministries. It is preferred that schools from outside the United States be accredited in some formal fashion.

Applicants whose bachelor's degree is not in religion, theology, biblical studies, or practical ministry may apply for acceptance but will be required to take up to 12 hours of leveling courses in biblical and theological studies. These undergraduate leveling courses will be taken in addition to the 36 hours required of the M.A. in Ministry Studies. The purpose of the leveling courses is to prepare the applicant for success in the M.A. in Ministry Studies. Upon evaluation of the applicant's undergraduate transcripts, the admissions committee and/or the Director of Graduate Programs in Christian Ministries will determine what, if any, specific undergraduate courses are required to bring the student to a sufficient level of knowledge. The leveling courses must be completed prior to beginning graduate courses. Typical leveling courses would be introductory theology and upper level Bible courses. All leveling courses are available through Lee Online. Applicants who believe they can demonstrate equivalency for religious work or study should petition the Director of Graduate Programs in Christian Ministries for consideration.

In what field is your bachelor's degree?

For degrees not in religion, theology, biblical studies, or practical ministry:

What religion courses have you had? _____

ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM
Lee University

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

This applicant has applied for admission to:

Master of Arts in Ministry Studies
 (please indicate the track) **Leadership, Worship, Youth & Family**

Please respond candidly and send the completed form to:

Lee University School of Religion
 Office of Graduate Studies in Religion 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 _____

Address _____

Position _____

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

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Academic Ability					
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PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

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

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

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Position _____

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

WRITING SAMPLE

Respond to the following in 1000 words (about 5 pages typed and double-spaced) and submit with completed application form.

1. Describe your spiritual and educational journey.
2. Describe your past and current involvement in the life of the local church.
3. Describe your future goals and use of this degree.

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

Direct all materials to:

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Materials (except official transcript) may be submitted online to the Office of Graduate Programs Lee University School of Religion
lhensley@leeuniversity.edu