



Information for International Students Applying for Admissions to Master's-Level Programs

Please review the website for information on our seminary and admissions process.

Application Deadline/Fall Admissions

- The application deadline for international students is December 1 each year. All support documents are required to be on file by this date including your TOEFL score.

For **MDIV**, **MFT**, and **MAR** Applicants: *Note that a \$50 application fee is required. Because our online payment system does not typically work for those out of the United States, you will need to allow time to mail your money order made payable to “Louisville Seminary” through the postal service to make the deadline.

TOEFL

- LPTS requires a TOEFL score with application for admission.
- LPTS requires a score of 550 or better on the paper-based exam, a 213 or better on the computer-based exam or a 79 or better on the internet-based exam.
- The LPTS TOEFL institution code number is 1411.
- LPTS does not accept IELTS scores.
- A TOEFL score may be waived for those who have completed a degree in the United States and submit a reference from a professor of a course completed for that degree.

Expenses and Financial Aid

- Admitted international students may be eligible to receive a tuition scholarship from LPTS. There may be additional scholarship funds available that can provide for some cost-of-living expenses, but these funds are not available every year, and they will not cover all living expenses.
- Upon admissions, international students will receive an estimate of anticipated annual expenses, taking into account any scholarships received. International applicants are required to pay a deposit equivalent to 5 months of estimated expenses prior to being issued an I-20. This payment includes a \$200 non-refundable tuition deposit.

I-20 from LPTS

- The LPTS SEVIS Designated School Official issues an I-20 to each international student who formally accepts admission and pays the required deposit equal to 5 months of estimated expenses. The Office of Admissions will send out the name and email of the SEVIS Official for the seminary once admission is confirmed.
- To issue an I-20, LPTS must also receive documentation of financial resources that the student will use for all expenses beyond what LPTS financial aid can cover.
- The issued I-20 will include a number important for completing the on-line SEVIS Form I-901 at www.fmjfee.com (cost: \$350).
- If transferring from another U.S.-based school, please contact the LPTS Registrar/SEVIS Designated School Official to obtain a SEVIS Transfer I-20 Request form.

Transfer Credit -

- The full LPTS transfer policy can be found on pages 72-74 of our 2023-2024 [catalog](#). (Our 2024-2025 catalog will be edited and available by next June.) Transfer credit is most commonly awarded for coursework done at a school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. On occasion, LPTS may accept transfer credit from another school accredited by an appropriate U.S.-based accrediting body.