Application for Admission

Doctor of Philosophy

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MISSION STATEMENT
Concordia Seminary serves Church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the formation of pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars, and leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Please attach a recent photograph of yourself.

All international applicants to the Seminary must include a clear photocopy of the identification-and-picture page of their passport.
PHD APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please make a photocopy of this list to use as a record of your application progress.

Please send to the Graduate School Office when completed

Students who hold a degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis must submit the following:

☐ Application Form

☐ Statement of Background and Intent

1. In light of the purpose of the Graduate School of Concordia Seminary “to provide for the church and, through the church, for the world, both clergy and lay scholars of the highest level of competence, to bear witness to the truth and to the Gospel of God” and its motto “Addressing Contemporary Issues with the Historic Christian Faith,” describe what you as a theologian, if accepted, would hope to contribute to Concordia’s community of faith and learning focused upon a creedal understanding of the Christian faith and the Great Tradition. Why do you want to do further study at Concordia Seminary?

2. Why are you seeking the degree you have selected? In which area do you wish to focus your research and write your dissertation? List a few of the scholars and books that thus far have influenced most of the questions that are driving your interest in pursuing a PhD. What are some of your present, primary research questions? How have any of these thinkers and texts informed those questions?

3. List the names of graduate programs to which you are considering applying, besides Concordia Seminary. In each case, list at least one scholar in that program with whom you have an interest in working.

4. List the names of people, places, organizations, and institutions that have shaped you intellectually and theologically. List and discuss its/their influence on your personal and theological formation.

5. Please specify where and how you intend to serve once you have completed this degree. Rank in order the major professional activities and goals you feel motivated to undertake and achieve. What contribution would that activity or accomplishment make in your chosen field or discipline?

☐ A brief essay on a theological topic of your choice

☐ Two references/letters of recommendation (preferably CSL faculty)
  (For forms please see http://www.csl.edu/reference or click here.)

☐ Official transcripts from each college, university and seminary previously attended

All applicants are required to submit scores from the GRE exam, including the writing section. These scores may be no more than 5 years old. Applicants who are admitted into the Graduate School may be required to take a writing course offered through the seminary. The Concordia Seminary number for the GRE is R-6115-0. If GRE scores are lower than desired, applicants may be required to take a writing course offered though the seminary and/or do other remedial work.

Students who do NOT hold a degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis must submit the following:

☐ Application Form

☐ Statement of Background and Intent
  (Please see directions above.)

☐ Official transcripts from each college, university and seminary previously attended

☐ Three academic references/letters of recommendation, including one from the last institution attended.
  (For forms please see http://www.csl.edu/reference or click here.)

☐ All applicants are required to submit scores from the GRE exam, including the writing section. These scores may be no more than 5 years old. Applicants who are admitted into the Graduate School may be required to take a writing course offered through the seminary. The Concordia Seminary number for the GRE is R-6115-0.

☐ A $50.00 application fee (waived for international applicants)

☐ For applicants whose native language is not English, TOEFL test scores. The Concordia Seminary number for the TOEFL is R-6115-0.

☐ A brief essay, written in English, on a theological topic of your choice
Please note that application will not be considered for admission until all required materials have been received by the Graduate School Office. For a complete description of the application materials, please see the checklist on page 3 of this form. **All materials are due by December 7**

Print name in full as it is to appear on all official records.

NAME: ___________________________________________ GENDER: ___ M ___ F

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Maiden name, birth name or other names you have used on academic records: ______________________________________

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________

Street Apt/P.O. Box #

City State Country ZIP/Postal Code

PERMANENT ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

Street Apt/P.O. Box #

City State Country ZIP/Postal Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER: ____________________________ FAX NUMBER: ____________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ____________________________ PLACE OF BIRTH: ____________________________

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: ____________________________

Do you have Permanent Resident status of a country other than that of citizenship? ____________________________

If yes, which country? ____________________________ What is your number? ____________________________

If not a US citizen, what is your visa status? F1:_______ Other:__________________ Expiration Date: ____________________________

U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: ___________________________________________________________

MATRICULATION: When do you plan to begin your course of study? ____________________________

Do you intend to be:

___ Full-time residential (standard 10-week terms)
___ Extended-term Modular (non-standard-Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer terms)

AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

___ Biblical Studies ___ Doctrinal Theology ___ Modern World History

___ Reformation Studies ___ Theology & Culture ___ History of Exegesis

For the purpose of assigning you an appropriate Doktorvater, please describe in sufficient detail a topic you have an interest in pursuing with a dissertation:

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED:
Please list in chronological order all institutions which you have attended after high school/secondary school. Official transcripts are required from each college, university and seminary attended.

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LANGUAGE BACKGROUND:
*NB: All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit TOEFL scores.

What is your native language? _______________________________________________________

Rate yourself to the best of your ability in the languages applicable to your concentration.

GREEK
A. Reading ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent
B. Knowledge of Greek grammar ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent

HEBREW
A. Reading ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent
B. Knowledge of Hebrew grammar ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent

OTHER LANGUAGES
A. German ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent
B. French ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent
C. Latin ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent
D. Other (please specify) ______ Poor ______ Fair ______ Good ______ Excellent

REFERENCES:
Please provide us with the names of the people who will be writing references for you.
*NB: Graduates of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, need supply only two references.

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To what other graduate schools are you applying? ____________________________________________

How did you find out about our Graduate School? ____________________________________________

How do you intend to finance your degree work, including living expenses?
______________________________________________________________
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Do you plan to be employed during your studies? ____ Full-time ____ Part-time (please specify) ____ Not Employed

What is your current debt? Student Loans ____________________ Other ____________________
CHURCH DENOMINATION: ____________________________________________________________

MARITAL STATUS: ____________________________________________________________________

SPOUSE’S NAME (If Applicable): _______________________________________________________

NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN (If Applicable): _______________________________________

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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Present Employer _________________________________________________________________

Job Title ________________________________________

May we contact you at work if necessary? ___ Yes ___ No

Work Phone ______________________________ Work email __________________________________

What other employment or ministry experience have you had?

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:
Please provide the Graduate School with all materials on the checklist found on page 3 of this application. Remember that your application will not be considered for admission until all required materials are received by the Graduate School. All applications are considered in their totality. It should be noted that a student who meets requirements is not in any way assured of admission.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
I affirm that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

____________________________________________________________________
Signature of Applicant

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Date