



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

Please review the website for information on our seminary and processes. There is also a section on admissions provided in the [Catalog](#).

### Application Deadline/Fall Admissions

- The application deadline for international students is February 1 each year. International students are only considered for admission for fall semesters.

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.

### Financial Aid

- Admitted international students will receive at least 100% tuition support from LPTS. There are some scholarship funds available that can provide for some cost-of-living expenses, but these funds are not available every year.
- International students can work up to 20 hours on campus under special circumstances, including availability of on-campus employment (a common wage is \$8.25/hour).
- Spouses (F-2 visa holders) cannot work.
- For more information on employment as an international student, see: [Study in the States](#).

### I-20 from LPTS

- The Registrar/SEVIS Designated School Official issues an I-20 to each international student who formally accepts admission. The I-20 is required to get an F-1 visa.
- To issue an I-20, LPTS must receive documentation of financial resources that the student will use for expenses beyond what LPTS financial aid can cover. This documentation is not due at the time of application, but it is required for the I-20.
- To issue an I-20, LPTS also requires incoming international students to complete the [Income/Expense Worksheet](#).
- The issued I-20 will include a number important for completing the on-line SEVIS Form I-901 at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com) (cost \$200).
- 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 in the [Catalog](#) under “Transfer Policy.”
- 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.