



**ASHLAND**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
A GRADUATE DIVISION OF  
ASHLAND UNIVERSITY

**Ashland Theological Seminary  
International Student Guide  
2022-2023**

ESL at the Center for English Studies

Master of Divinity

Master of Arts

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Doctor of Ministry

**Office of Admissions**

910 Center Street  
Ashland, OH 44805  
866-ATS-OHIO

<http://seminary.ashland.edu>

## Application Checklist

### Completed ATS Application

You may complete an application online:

<http://seminary.ashland.edu/apply>

A completed application includes degree specific references and essays (details found in the online application), as well as application fee and transcripts (details found below).

### Non-Refundable Application Fee

\$50 USD or Personal Check made out to Ashland Theological Seminary or electronically via the online application.

### Educational Credentials

Submit your foreign transcript to a professional foreign transcript evaluation service in the United States (NACES member), such as [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org), to verify your educational credentials.

### Photocopy of Passport

Submit photocopies of your passport pages (include passport photocopies and marriage license for any dependents that will be accompanying you).

### Proof of English Proficiency

Please see the information regarding English Proficiency requirements under **Additional Information** for details.

### Evidence of Financial Support

Please see the detailed specifications listed on the Financial Documentation/Affidavit of Support document available on the seminary website or by contacting [ATS-Enrollment@ashland.edu](mailto:ATS-Enrollment@ashland.edu).

### Send all documents to:

Ashland Theological Seminary  
Office of Admissions  
910 Center Street  
Ashland, OH 44805  
USA

## Additional Information

### English Proficiency

- If minimum scores are not met and you are beginning in our ESL at ACCESS program, conditional admission will be granted. Sufficient English proficiency must be achieved before formally entering a graduate program. Details can be found: <https://www.ashland.edu/iss/content/iep/access-intensive-english-program-internationals-students-3-ss-bridge>
- If you were educated outside of the United States you will be required to submit evidence of English proficiency. (School code for TOFEL is 1021)
- This requirement may be waived if you are from an English-speaking country or attended an English-speaking bachelor's/master's institution, or if you are a permanent resident.

Proficiency Entry Requirements	Seminary Programs	
IELTS	6.5	
TOFEL (IBT)	79	
TOFEL (PBT)	550	
PTEA	55	
<b>Subset Scores</b>		
IELTS	6.0	
TOFEL IBT	19	
TOFEL PBT	50	

### Application Processing

- After a completed application file has been received within our office we will respond within 14 working days. Please provide a valid email address.
- Acceptance packages will be sent including orientation materials, a medical form, housing and visa guidelines.
- Students may apply for a visa no more than 90 days before the date of arrival noted on the I-20 (F-Visa) or DS-2019 (J-Visa), and pay for the SEVIS fee.

**Arrival:** Airport pickup may be arranged for new students from the Cleveland (CLE) or Columbus (COL), Ohio international airports. A fee may be assigned for this service.

## Tuition, Fees and Housing

While Ashland Theological Seminary seeks to keep an excellent education affordable for our students, resources are limited for international student scholarships. We ask that every applicant utilize personal resources and sponsorship to finance their education.

Expenses below are estimates for one year of living and studying in Ashland. These estimates do not take into account the additional living expenses of a spouse and/or children.

### Master's Programs

M.Div. & MA Tuition	\$17,010
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,750
Housing (typical 2 bedroom, residential apartment)	\$7,380
Food & Personal Expenses	\$7,792
Accident & Sickness Insurance	\$1,718
Recreational Fee (optional)	See Rec. Services
<b>Total Annual Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>\$35,650</b>

### Doctor of Ministry Program

Doctor of Ministry is a low-residency program which meets in-person only one week each semester and, as such, the I-20 is only valid for those weeks. The expenses listed below reflect cost estimates for a non-residential student.

Tuition (3 semesters)	\$9,336
Books & Supplies	\$1,750
Housing (typical commuter housing apartment)	\$1,332
Food & Personal Expenses	\$600
Recreational Fee (optional)	See Rec. Services
<b>Total Annual Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>\$13,018</b>

## Financial Aid & Scholarship

Financial aid is available for eligible students and is handled in the Ashland University's office of financial aid. The FAFSA school code is: 003012. International students are welcome to apply for seminary scholarship, but please know awards are limited.

<https://seminary.ashland.edu/financial-aid-scholarships/>

## Student Employment

A limited number of on campus jobs are available to international students. Minimum wage is currently \$8.80 per hour. An international student can work a maximum of 20 hours per week during academic study. More hours can be worked during break times, however additional hours are not guaranteed.

## Seminary Housing

One, two, and three bedroom apartments, as well as single family houses are available for students to rent. The majority of seminary apartment options are unfurnished. Internet and other utilities are included in many seminary apartments. Commuter housing options are also available for daily or weekly rental. For more information, contact [ats-housing@ashland.edu](mailto:ats-housing@ashland.edu)

<https://seminary.ashland.edu/campus/>

## Health Insurance

Ashland University requires all international students to purchase health insurance through the university to cover health care expenses, especially for unexpected illnesses or emergencies. Accident and Sickness Insurance is available through Ashland University at <https://www.studentplanscenter.com/>. Insurance coverage is from August to August. Additional insurance can be purchased for spouse and children at an additional cost of \$1000 per person. If you have outside coverage, please complete the AU insurance waiver form at:

<https://www.ashland.edu/administration/file/studentinsurancewaiver1718pdf>

Please complete these mandatory Health Forms required by the university of all students:

<https://www.ashland.edu/student-affairs/sites/ashland.edu.student-affairs/files/PSP9540%20Fillable.pdf>