

***Instructions for Completing the  
Statement of Intent for Admission to M.A. in Theology  
or M.A. in Pastoral Theology***

In the essay that you write to apply for admission to an M.A. program in the Department of Theological Studies, the admissions committee members would like you to supply some information that will help them to know more about your interests and motivations for applying:

1. Your key interests in theology – the subfields or the theological issues that shape your interest in studying theology. For example, which courses in the Theological Studies course offerings do you find especially attractive? What issues or topics interest you?
2. Your intellectual activities and the sources that enrich you – what are the newspapers/books/journals you like to read, the movies/television shows/plays you like to watch, or the music you like to listen to? This can be a general account of your interests, but should have some relation to your interest in studying theology.
3. Your service, pastoral or social commitments – if you are involved as a member or leader in a church, religiously affiliated institution, or a social service institution, please let us know how you understand the study of theology to illumine or inform your commitments, service or involvement. This is especially helpful to the committee if you are applying to the MA in Pastoral Theology, though this issue may be considered by applicants to the M.A. in Theology as well.
4. Your intended goals for the use/integration of your theological education into your life or career path.

You do not have to confine your essay to addressing these questions alone, but we hope that you will address them in your statement of intent. The essay should be typed, double spaced, 12 point font, approximately 3 to 4 pages in length, not to exceed 5 pages.