

ALLIANCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: ID#: _____ Rep Code: _____ Application Fee: _____

1. Application Information

APPLICATION FOR:

- Full Time (12+ Credits)
- Part Time

ENROLLMENT DATE:

- Fall, 20 _____
- Spring, 20 _____
- Summer, 20 _____

CLASSIFICATION:

- New Student
- Transfer from: _____
- Readmission (After 3 years)
Date of Last Attendance: _____
- Non-Degree Student
- Visiting Student
Graduate School: _____

CAMPUS

- Nyack, NY
- New York City

GRADUATE HOUSING (NYACK ONLY)

- Yes No

2. Degree Information

MASTER OF DIVINITY

- Church Development
- Bible & Theology
(Please Choose a track)
 - Greek Track
 - Hebrew Track
 - Chinese Studies*
 - Korean Studies*
- Urban Ministry **
- Missions *

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL LITERATURE)

- New Testament
- Old Testament
- New Testament, Non-language
Track

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- Church Development
- Pastoral Counseling
- Chinese Studies*
- Korean Studies*
- Hispanic Studies**
- African American Studies**
- Urban Ministry **

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES*

- NON-DEGREE
- AUDIT

* Nyack only ** NYC only

3. Personal Information

Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Rev.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Preferred: _____

Gender: Female Male Maiden Name/Previous Name: _____

SS#: _____ Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____ Place: _____

US Citizenship: Yes No Country of Citizenship: _____
Visa Status: _____ (If you are presently in the US, please send a copy of your visa with your application.)

Is English your primary language? Yes No Primary Language: _____

Racial/Ethnic Background (optional): Black/Non-Hispanic Asian Caucasian Hispanic Native American
 Other: _____

Have you served in the military? Yes No Dates of Service: _____
Do you expect to use veteran's benefits in your training? Yes No

List memberships held in honorary and/or professional organizations: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime in the U.S. or in any other country? Yes (explain on separate sheet) No

Have you ever been dismissed from an academic institution? Yes (explain on separate sheet) No

What other graduate schools, if any, are you considering _____

Marital Status: Married Single Separated (explain on separate sheet) Divorced
Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Children: ____ B ____ G

Will your spouse be enrolling at ATS/AGSC? Yes No
 Full-Time Part-Time Program: _____

4. Address Information

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ H W C _____ H W C

E-Mail Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different from above): Street: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ H W C _____ H W C

5. Educational Background

List ALL academic institutions you have attended since high school. You are responsible for having official transcripts sent directly from each institution to the Office of Admissions. Please Note: A preliminary admission decision may be made on the basis of the work you have completed. However, you must have a final transcript showing the conferral of your degree sent to ATS before being fully accepted.

School: _____ City/State: _____

Degree Received: _____ Academic Program: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Date Graduated: _____

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Dates Attended: _____ Date Graduated: _____

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Degree Received: _____ Academic Program: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Date Graduated: _____

6. Church Information

Name of Church you currently attend: _____ Denomination: _____

Address of Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number of Church: _____ How long have you attended this church? _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Contact Person for Church: _____

Are you a member? Yes No

Have you confessed Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Yes No If yes, when?: _____

Do you intend to pursue ordination? Yes No If so, which denomination? _____

7. Where did you hear about Nyack ATS?

Alumni: _____

Parent(s)

Nyack.edu Website

Faculty: _____

Pastor: _____

Internet

Magazine/Newspaper Ad: _____

Student(s): _____

Direct Mailing

Other: _____

Radio Station: _____

Who/What influenced you to apply? _____

8. References

Please fill out the top section of each reference form and present to an individual who has known you for over one year and is not a relative, along with a postage paid envelope for the campus you are applying to.

Pastoral Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

General Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Second General Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

9. Applicant's Signature Required

I affirm that the information set forth in my application and any materials I provide pertaining to my admission and/or financial aid are true and complete. I agree that if, in the judgement of Nyack, any misrepresentation or omission has been made in this application or related materials, such misrepresentation/omission of information shall be sufficient cause for rejection prior to admission and dismissal if I am admitted as a student.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

10. Christian Experience Statement

Please type a Christian Experience Statement in 1-2 pages, using the following two questions as a guideline. Please include your name, address, phone number, social security number, program you are applying for at the top of your essay.

1. *Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? If yes, please state your conversion experience, fundamentals of your personal faith and present pattern of personal growth as a Christian.*
2. *Present a personal biography including a discussion of significant events and influences which have helped develop your present values and approach to life. What is God's call upon your life? How do you see Alliance Theological Seminary fitting into God's call on your life? What do you visualize your ministry/profession looking like five years after graduation? Include any additional information you would like to mention if you were talking to us personally about your calling and ministry goals.*

11. Essay Questions

Please complete the questions below for the following programs of study: **Master of Divinity**
Master of Professional Studies
Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies
Master of Arts (Biblical Literature)
Non-Degree

Your answers to the questions below will help us get to know you and evaluate your writing skills. Please type your answer in 1 - 5 complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper. Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth and program you are applying for at the top of your essay.

1. *As you consider ministry, what are two things about yourself that will be helpful to your ministry? Describe them and tell how you learned about them.*
2. *Describe one thing about yourself that may be an obstacle to ministry and how you learned about it.*
3. *Would you describe yourself as self-disciplined? What impact does that have on your devotional life, reading and pattern of study?*
4. *Other than the Bible, what is a recent book that you have read? What is one concept from that book that challenged your way of thinking?*
5. *In your opinion, what is God's plan for mankind and how do you see God using you in that plan?*
6. *What is the most significant role that the church plays within contemporary society?*
7. *What is your understanding of how Scriptures apply to contemporary life and ministry?*
8. *On a scale of 0 - 4 (0 being the lowest, 4 being the highest), rate your knowledge of Biblical content. What aspect/part of the Bible are you most excited about exploring in depth?*
9. *At ATS, we consider the study of people and culture as being important to effective ministry. Describe a lesson you have learned from an experience you had of relating to someone from a background different from your own.*
10. *How does your community(i.e. family, church, etc.) view your decision to pursue a seminary education here at ATS?*

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 permits enrolled college and seminary students access to certain credentials in their files. Because of the importance of preserving the confidentiality of letters of recommendation, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act permits an educational institution to suggest that an applicant may waive his or her right of access to letters of recommendation. Signing such a waiver is not required as a condition of admission, receipt of financial aid from, or receipt of any other services or benefits from ATS.

In order that the institution may have valid recommendations, it is suggested that the applicant consider waiving his or her right to see such letters of recommendation. Please be assured that letters of recommendation (along with transcripts and your own application) are used solely to determine an applicant's qualification for admission. Alliance Theological Seminary & Alliance Graduate School of Counseling will furnish (upon the applicant's request) the names of all individuals supplying references. However, the identity of those to whom he or she gives reference forms is generally known to the applicant. Signing the waiver statement on the reference form is all that is necessary on your part.

Statement of Faith

ATS is committed to a thoroughly evangelical Christian view of humanity and the world.

We Believe:

There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer and convince the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment.

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of man. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the church in this present age.

The church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.

The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observances of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible and premillennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.

12. Statement of Agreement/Disagreement

Have you read, and are you in agreement with the ATS Statement of Faith printed above?

Yes No (If not, explain any differing views on a separate sheet)

Signature

Standard of Conduct Agreement

ATS recognizes the value of maintaining standards that contribute to the atmosphere on campus, foster fellowship with a wide range of Christians and, in many instances, assist in strengthening our Christian testimony to our community. Students and employees are asked to be supportive of these standards. ATS is for earnest Christians who are sensitive to the principles of Christian living that are found in the Bible. The Bible establishes basic principles for Christian character and behavior. These include the following:

- The Lordship of Christ over all of life and thought. This involves a life of faith in wholehearted obedience to the moral teaching of the Bible and careful stewardship in all of life.
- The responsibility to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Unselfish love should be the motive in all decisions, actions, and relationships.
- The responsibility to pursue righteousness and practice justice and mercy to everyone.
- The need to exercise our freedom responsibly within the framework of God's Word, with loving regard for the sensitivities of others.
- Regular participation in church worship and activities, which forms a necessary context for Christian living.

A Christian lifestyle is expected of all members of the ATS community. It consists of practicing Christian virtues and avoiding attitudes and actions that the Bible condemns as sinful. Christian virtues that members of this learning community are expected to exhibit include humility, honesty, a forgiving spirit, faith, hope and love. Attitudes that the Bible condemns and ATS regards as spiritually or morally unacceptable include greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, uncontrolled anger, and prejudice based on race, sex, or socio-economic status. In addition, drunkenness, stealing, profanity, unfair discrimination, dishonesty, occult practices, illegal activities, and sexual sins such as pre-marital sex, homosexuality, and adultery are unacceptable.

Students are expected to exercise discernment and moderation in daily living, and to abstain from all activities that tend to be morally degrading. Tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment is expected of each student. These standards apply to the student, both on campus and off campus while enrolled in any of the programs of the institution.

ATS reserves the right to dismiss a student who, in its judgment, does not conform to stated regulations governing student conduct, or to the expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the school. Your signature indicates your commitment to abide by these standards while enrolled at Alliance Theological Seminary/Alliance Graduate School of Counseling.

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Yes No (If not, explain any differing views on a separate sheet)

Date