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ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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# Values, Purpose, and Mission

## Values

### Servant Leadership

We are **SERVANTS** of Jesus Christ and His Church.

### Education

We are an educational **RESOURCE** for Orthodox Christians worldwide.

### Mission

We are a **MINISTRY** of and for the Church.

### Stewardship

We are twenty-first-century **APOLOGISTS** for the Orthodox Christian Faith.

## Purpose

The purpose of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary is to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by bearing witness to Him throughout the world.

## Mission

We train priests, lay leaders, and scholars to be active apologists of the Orthodox Christian Faith, focusing on academic rigor and spiritual formation within a residential Orthodox community.



# A Word from the Dean

*Dr. Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie*

If you are reading this, you may be thinking about going to Seminary—or perhaps you know of someone who should be. Allow me to say a few words to assist in this delicate process of discernment.

Throughout the decades of its existence, St. Vladimir's Seminary has remained faithful to its call and commission: to train men and women who would serve the Church of Christ as clergymen, teachers, preachers, and apologists for the Orthodox Faith. We are dedicated to the academic, spiritual, and pastoral formation of faithful witnesses to Christ within a residential pan-Orthodox community.

Academic study is important at St. Vladimir's Seminary, and this has always been true of this institution, where we aspire to uphold the standard of excellence established by the scholars, teachers, and leaders who were most especially engaged in crafting the theological identity of our Seminary—Fathers Georges Florovsky, Alexander Schmemmann, and John Meyendorff, among others.

But theological education means more than a strictly academic pursuit. The proper context for studying Orthodox theology is spiritual formation that involves the entire person through the cultivation of prayer, study, and obedience to the will of God. Moreover, at St. Vladimir's Seminary we believe firmly that preparation for service in the Orthodox Church must involve the formative experience of living in community with others; joining them in daily worship, study, and community service; making and deepening friendships by sharing their joys and sorrows, triumphs, tribulations, and the grind of daily life. Formation through community is essential to a genuine Orthodox Christian faith.

The Gospel speaks of “good and faithful servants” (Matt. 25:21), but imposes no “standard mold” for ministry. At St. Vladimir's Seminary we welcome men and women with a wide range of experiences, interests, talents, and goals, representing a variety of jurisdictions. Although they all learn to seek, to treasure, and to cultivate “the one thing needful”—the Kingdom of God—the Lord forges them into many kinds of servants to be sent into His vineyard: between God's call, the teachers' efforts, and one's own openness to grow, they may become thoughtful academics, skillful orators, dedicated liturgical celebrants, missionaries in the image of the “Apostle to the nations,” and so forth.

We pray that you listen and discern whether, how, and where the Lord is calling you to serve His Church. Our world needs more men and women like you to answer the call.

May God direct your steps,



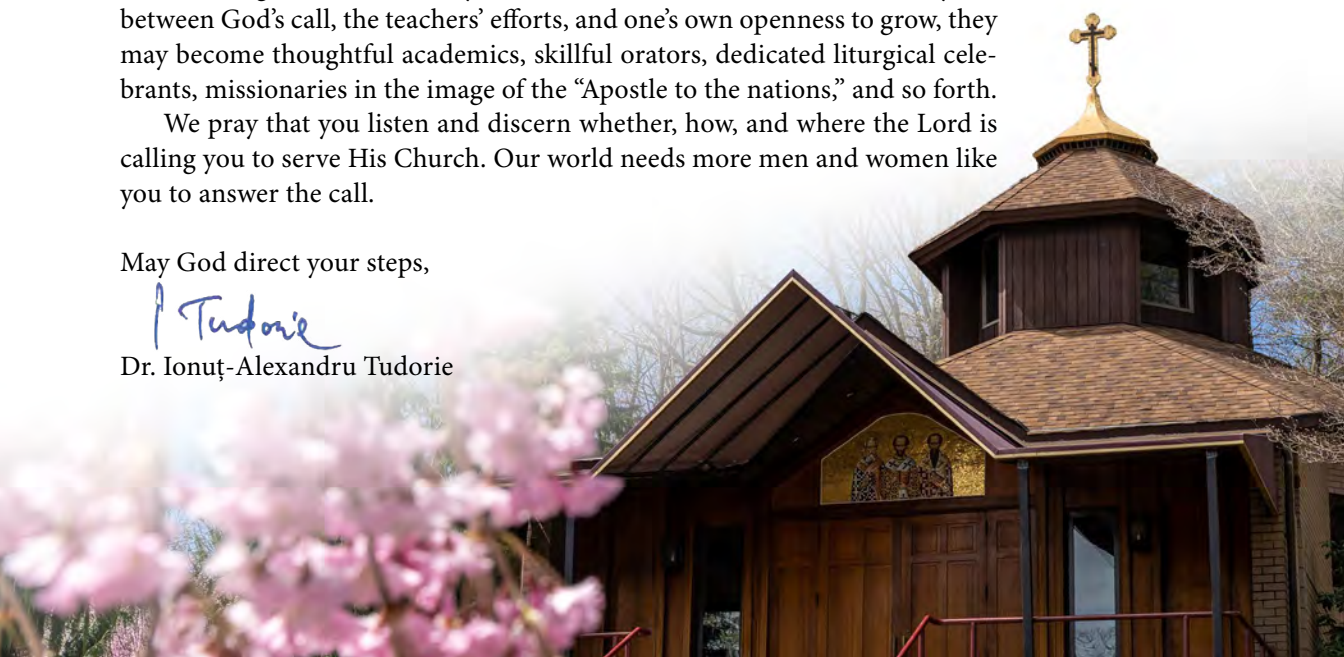
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# Spiritual Formation

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As our Mission Statement expresses, St. Vladimir's Seminary exists to "train priests, lay leaders, and scholars to be active apologists of the Orthodox Christian Faith—focusing on academic rigor and spiritual formation within a residential Orthodox community." In many ways spiritual formation is the overarching goal of a St. Vladimir's Seminary education. It includes every aspect of the seminary experience: the academic programs and efforts, the classes, the late night studying, the rigorous chapel schedule, community service, the residential life—everything. The spiritual formation of *the person* is the summation of the experience. It starts with a willingness to be formed and changed, is lived out in the rhythms of daily life, and comes to fruition through acceptance of spiritual guidance and mentorship as well as engagement with active reflection. Students not only meet with the Director of Spiritual Formation regularly, but each seminarian also chooses an on-campus Confessor during their time at seminary with whom they are encouraged to confess regularly. In this way, students are not left to their own devices, but have support to engage the rigors and temptations of seminary life, and to be trained for those beyond.

One of the most important formational exercises is learning how to balance all of these important aspects of life at the Seminary. The spiritual formation program uses the totality of each person's unique seminary experience—all their joys and sorrows, their blessings and their challenges—and works to help each person process those experiences in such a way as to see all of it as God's blessings. Our Director of Spiritual Formation leads this effort, but also works with the whole of the faculty and staff in supporting each seminarian's formation within the totality of their experience while here. In this way, the seminarian grows not only by the formation they receive during their time here, but by learning to identify how God forms and changes us, so that this process can continue through one's life and ministry after graduation.

*"The most powerful part of my seminary education didn't happen in the classroom, as critical as the academics were to my formation; even more important was the time I spent on campus as a member of the community, living the liturgical life throughout the year, fasting and praying with the community—even carrying out my work assignment. For this, there is **no** substitute or shortcut."*

**The Rev. Seraphim Solof (M.Div. '85)**



# Chapel

*Fr. Alexander Rentel is the Rector of the Three Hierarchs Chapel*

The Three Hierarchs Chapel stands at the center of seminary life. It is the place where the Seminary community comes together to celebrate the liturgical services. Everything that happens there is done for the glory of God. The members of the faculty, staff, students, their families, as well as numerous people from the local area, attend services in the Chapel. The liturgical life lived out in the Chapel is our communal and corporate worship of the living God. In this worship, we experience and participate in everything that we teach and study elsewhere in the Seminary.

The Seminary is a place of preparation for ordination and leadership within the Church. Alongside work in the classroom, fieldwork, and community service, the Chapel is fundamental to this formation. Within the Chapel, formation takes place in the services most importantly by hearing what is read, sung, and spoken, by seeing the rites celebrated in all splendor, and by praying.

Seminarians also participate by doing: singing in the choir, reading in the services, serving in the altar, offering homilies, and looking after the Chapel. Because the Chapel is the chapel of a learning community, the Seminary also seeks to celebrate services in a way that facilitates learning how to serve the services. The Seminary therefore presents a much fuller cycle of services than a typical parish church, though maybe not as much as can be found in a monastic setting. In terms of actual practice, the Seminary strives to follow the broad Russian liturgical tradition that it has inherited while attempting to reflect the diversity of liturgical practice found in the contemporary North American context and in its student body. Additionally, the Seminary carefully seeks to offer the best practices of liturgical celebration and takes into account many of the concerns that have been put forward by former deans and teachers of the Seminary.

## Schedule of Services

Monday–Thursday: Matins in the morning and Vespers in the evening.

Fridays: No regularly scheduled services.

Weekends: Vigil or Great Vespers on Saturday night and Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning.

On feast days or significant commemorations, Divine Liturgy is served instead of Matins, and services may be added to the weekly schedule as the church year dictates. During fasting periods, Small Compline is served as an additional evening service. Seminarians are expected to attend all chapel services while school is in session.



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# Community Formation and Residential Life



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St. Vladimir's Seminary is, primarily, a residential Orthodox Christian community. Living in this community is simultaneously a precious and challenging opportunity. One of the several enriching qualities of St. Vladimir's Seminary is the diversity of our student body. Seminarians come from all over the world, from multiple Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox jurisdictions, and from various stages of life in order to live and study here. But we all share a common desire to worship God and serve His Church.

The residential degree programs at St. Vladimir's Seminary are oriented toward Christian formation in three primary dimensions—the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual. Daily life revolves around the rigorous cycle of services in the Chapel, academic instruction, and the rigors of community living. We engage in personal and corporate prayer, personal and corporate work, Scripture reading, silence, and the sacramental life of the Church.

## On-Campus Housing

Students coming to Seminary with spouses and families live in apartments on campus. Single students live in the dormitories. On-campus residency is mandatory for all students enrolled in the M.Div. program and for all students receiving financial aid from the Seminary. See [www.svots.edu/admissions/housing](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/housing) for the most up-to-date information.



## Married Student Housing

There are several dedicated residences for married students and their families on campus. Apartments range in size from studios to three-bedroom units and are distributed as fairly as possible according to 1) order of application, 2) family size, 3) degree program, and 4) consideration for pets, as only the apartments in the Schmemmann and Erickson Buildings are pet-friendly. Please note that there is a fee for having pets on campus.

All apartment kitchens include a stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher; otherwise, apartments are unfurnished. Laundry facilities are available in the basement and are paid via card or phone application.

Married students are responsible for monthly rent and electricity. All other utilities are paid for by the Seminary. We recommend that students purchase renter's insurance.

Move-in: Married students may begin moving into their apartments typically on August 15.



## Dormitory Housing

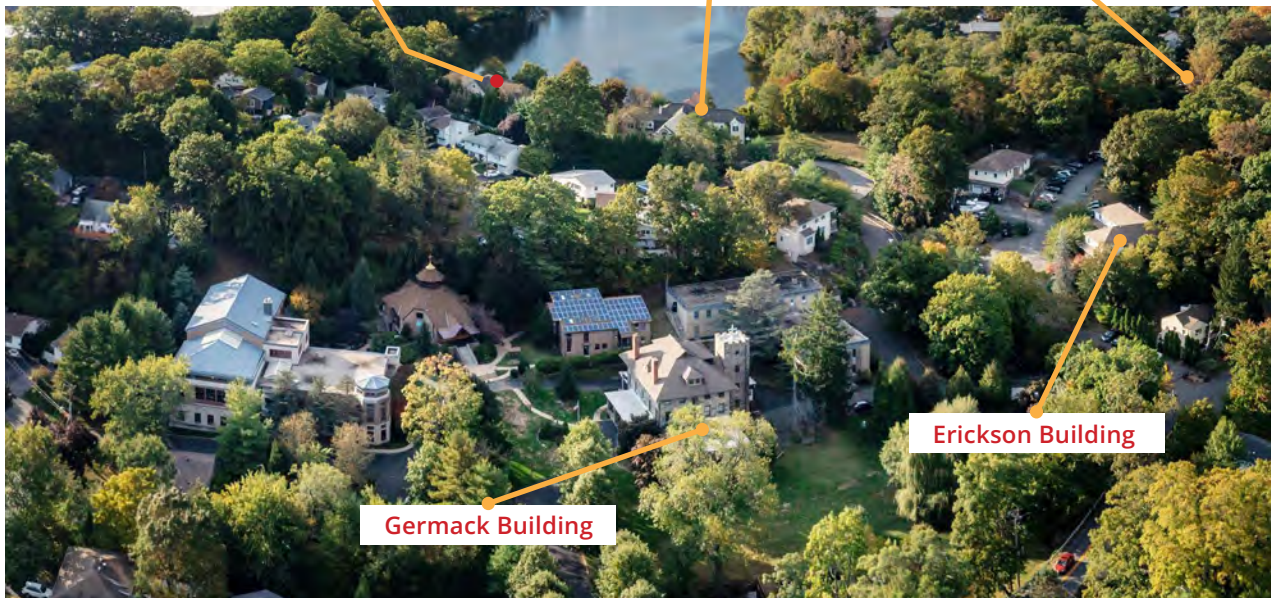
Single students live in dormitories in either the Germack Building or Schmemmann Residences. Male and female students are housed in separate areas and floors. Each room is supplied with a twin (long) bed, a dresser, a desk and chair, and closet space. Bathroom facilities in each residence hall are shared. Meals for board-paying students are eaten at the campus refectory in the Germack Building.

Move-in: Dormitory students may typically begin moving in the day before Orientation begins.

Lake Side Building

Klimkosky Building

Schmemmann Residences



## Community Service

All residential seminarians with full-time status have community service assignments. Community service is one of the primary ways seminarians contribute to each others' lives, transforming the gifts God has given us so that they can be given away. Along with chapel services and academic life, community service is a major feature of seminary life. Examples of community service include cleaning the chapel, helping set up for events, and sorting mail for fellow students. By serving each other, we embark on the first steps of obedience and humility, the virtues which will sustain us in our Christian ministry.

## Family Life on Campus

Living at St. Vladimir's Seminary has many benefits for our seminarians, but it is also a wonderful experience for our seminarian families with children. In the past, our annual events have included the Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Jesse Tree readings and decorating during Advent, a St. Nicholas Day party, a Lazarus Saturday celebration, and a Pascha Picnic. We also currently have a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium for 3- to 6-year-olds, which offers one session per week. This is a popular Montessori-style Church school for young children, taught by a certified Orthodox CGS instructor.

Many families arrive with concerns about schools. St. Vladimir's Seminary is in the Yonkers Public Schools system. There are many fine elementary and high schools within the Yonkers Public Schools system; the district does use a school choice lottery. There are also many private and parochial schools in the area. Additionally, many families choose to home-school their children. Feel free to contact the admissions department for more information about Yonkers Public Schools and other educational options for your children.

## Living in New York

Another attractive aspect of living on the St. Vladimir's Seminary campus is its setting in Westchester County, north of New York City. The Seminary has the advantage of proximity to New York City, which is rich in arts and cultural activities. Our campus is less than an hour away from Central Park, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, and all the museums, theaters, concerts, and sporting events New York City has to offer. Many of the city's premier attractions, museums, galleries, and performances offer free entry or reduced-price options for New York City-area residents and students.

Westchester County also has many outdoor and nature-oriented features. There is a well-maintained county parks system of 35 parks, as well as state and national parks and hiking grounds within a short distance. Many enjoy weekend hikes or occasional camping trips.





Student-led, faculty-supervised interest groups allow seminarians to explore shared callings beyond the classroom. Among these are the St. Herman Society for Orthodox Ecology, which promotes environmental stewardship (*top left*); the St. Innocent Mission Society, dedicated to mission and evangelism through prayerful witness and hands-on service, including regular partnerships with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (New Rochelle, NY) to distribute food to those in need in New York City (*top middle*); and the St. Demetrios Fitness and Fellowship Society, which fosters fellowship and holistic formation through shared physical activity, making regular use of the seminary's on-campus gym (*top right*). *Middle*: Families enjoy everyday moments of fellowship on campus, from sunny afternoon picnics to the annual visit from St. Nicholas, one of many events that nurture community life for children and parents alike. *Bottom left*: The St. Juliana Society fosters fellowship and support among clergy wives and women on campus, welcoming students, staff, and family members to gatherings that encourage shared gifts, mutual support, and preparation for life after seminary. *Bottom middle and right*: St. Vladimir's Seminary is located within a 20-mile radius of numerous destinations that the greater New York area has to offer.

# Degree Programs



St. Vladimir's Seminary offers four degree programs at this time: the Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Theology (Th.M.), and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.). **Please visit [www.svots.edu/academics/degrees](http://www.svots.edu/academics/degrees) for additional details on each degree program.**

## Master of Divinity (M.Div.)



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The Master of Divinity is a graduate professional degree designed chiefly for qualified Orthodox students who wish to prepare themselves for ordination to priestly ministry in the Orthodox Church; it also provides appropriate preparation for non-ordained roles in the Church (choir director, pastoral assistant, etc.), further graduate study in theology, and other pastoral ministries, such as chaplaincy.

- ▶ The M.Div. is offered strictly as a **residential** program.
- ▶ Program Length: 3 years (6 semesters)
- ▶ Course of Study
  - ▷ Core Curriculum: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Liturgical Theology, Patristics, Dogmatic & Systematic Theology
  - ▷ Ancient Language Requirement: Greek, Hebrew, or Classical Armenian
  - ▷ Liturgical Skills Courses (jurisdictionally specific)
  - ▷ Applied Theological Courses: Canon Law, Ethics, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics
  - ▷ Electives
  - ▷ Optional Thesis
- ▶ Field Education
  - ▷ **CPE Internship:** One unit (400 hours) of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) as a hospital chaplain, typically completed the summer after a student's first year.
  - ▷ **Parish Assignment(s):** Students are assigned to local parishes, attending on Sundays and being mentored by the parish priests. Parish assignment requirements vary by jurisdiction.

## M.Div. Faculty\*



**Dr. John Barnett**, *Greek, New Testament*; **Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff**, *Dogmatic Theology, Systematic Theology*; **The Very Rev. Dr. Bogdan G. Bucur**, *Patristics*; **The Rev. Dr. Sergius Halvorsen**, *Homiletics, Rhetoric*; **Dr. Michael Legaspi**, *Old Testament, Hebrew*; **The Rev. Dn. Dr. Harrison Basil Russin**, *Musicology, Composition*; **Dr. Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie**, *Church History*

*\*A representative sample of faculty. Individual instructors appointments may vary year to year.*



# Master of Arts (M.A.)

The core of the Master of Arts degree is a general theological studies program suited for 1) personal spiritual development, 2) preparing for or supplementing a professional vocation or lay ministry, and/or 3) preparation for further theological studies at the doctoral level. The course of study may be focused by means of degree concentrations (see below). The M.A. shares the core curriculum of the M.Div. without the professional preparation and applied theological courses required of candidates for ordination in the Orthodox Church.

- ▶ The M.A. is primarily a **residential** program; it is possible to undertake the M.A. non-residentially and part time, as long as the student is able to come to campus to take classes. ***There is no online M.A. program.***
- ▶ Program Length: 2 years (4 semesters)
- ▶ Course of Study
  - ▷ Core Curriculum: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Liturgical Theology, Patristics, Dogmatic & Systematic Theology
  - ▷ Ancient Language Requirement: Greek, Hebrew, or Classical Armenian, *except in the Sacred Arts Concentration*
  - ▷ Liturgical Skills Courses (*jurisdictionally specific*)
  - ▷ Electives
  - ▷ Thesis
- ▶ Degree Concentration Options
  - ▷ **The Sacred Arts Concentration** is intended in particular for students and/or practitioners of music, choral conducting, iconography, architecture, art history, and other related disciplines, who wish to pursue greater meaning, understanding, and spiritual depth in their work—by understanding its place within the wider context of sacred arts, and specifically within the theological and liturgical world of Orthodox Christianity.
  - ▷ **The Theological Scholarship and Research Concentration** is for those preparing for further graduate study in theology. Students who pursue the concentration in Theological Scholarship and Research continue their study of an ancient language, normally Biblical Greek, participate in seminars set aside for Th.M. students, and complete an honors thesis as their summative writing project.



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# Master of Theology (Th.M.)



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The Master of Theology (Th.M.) at St. Vladimir's Seminary is an advanced theological degree that gives students the means to cultivate talents for in-depth study, rigorous dialogue, and theological research, and, in many cases, go on to doctoral studies. The program serves qualified Orthodox students from the United States or abroad who have strong theological backgrounds (see requirements below), as well as qualified non-Orthodox students who wish to specialize in Orthodox studies. Th.M. seminars are led by carefully selected faculty members and focus on research methods that equip students to engage in advanced theological reflection and research. Seminars serve the program's larger goal of preparing students to fulfill the central requirement: completion of a high-quality thesis. An important benchmark for theses is suitability for inclusion in peer-reviewed academic journals or other types of publications.

- ▶ The Th.M. is primarily a **residential** program; it is possible to undertake the Th.M. non-residentially and part time, as long as the student is able to come to campus to take classes. **Currently, there is no online Th.M. program.**
- ▶ Program Length: 1 year (2 semesters)
- ▶ **Prerequisites & Additional Admissions Requirements:**
  - ▷ A prior theological degree (M.Div., M.A., MTS)
  - ▷ Min. 3.0 GPA
  - ▷ Language Requirement: Ancient Greek
  - ▷ A 4–5-page Thesis Proposal with working title and bibliography
- ▶ Course of Study
  - ▷ 18 credits in advanced course work
  - ▷ 12 in specially designated Th.M. seminars in the major areas of theological study: Church history, canon law, liturgical theology, patristics, biblical studies, and dogmatics
  - ▷ As a member of the New York Theological Consortium, St. Vladimir's Seminary also provides its students opportunities to take courses at Fordham University, Union Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary, and Hebrew Union College.
  - ▷ Language Proficiency in any language required for their thesis (Greek, Hebrew, classical Armenian, Latin, etc.)
  - ▷ A written **thesis** of 60–100 pages & thesis defense

## Th.M. Faculty\*



Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff, *Dogmatic Theology*; The Very Rev. Dr. Bogdan G. Bucur, *Patristics*; The Rev. Dr. George L. Parsenios, *New Testament*; The Right Rev. Bishop Vasily (Permiakov), *Liturgical Theology*; The Rev. Dr. Mark Roosien, *Systematic Theology*; Dr. Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie, *Church History*

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# Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry degree at St. Vladimir's Seminary enhances the practice of ministry for ordained and lay ministers in the Orthodox Church. The program integrates enhanced competencies in pastoral analysis with doctoral-level academic work to lead students to an advanced understanding of the nature and purposes of ministry. Working in communities of teachers and learners, the students gain deeper knowledge about the practice of serving others in Christian love as they grow in spiritual maturity as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



- ▶ The D.Min. is a **hybrid** program: course work is done **remotely** through the course of each semester, with **on-campus intensive weeks**.
- ▶ Program Length: 3.5 years
  - ▷ 7 semesters with an average of 6 credits per semester of coursework and 3 credits per semester on the final project.
  - ▷ **N.B.** Given the heavier pastoral responsibilities during Great Lent and Pascha, the D.Min. program courses take place during **Fall** and **Summer** semesters.
- ▶ **Prerequisites & Additional Admissions Requirements:**
  - ▷ A Master of Divinity degree (or equivalency; see the program description at [www.svots.edu/academics/degrees](http://www.svots.edu/academics/degrees))
  - ▷ 3 years of experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree and currently serving in a position of ministry
  - ▷ Capability of doing doctoral-level academic work
- ▶ Course of Study
  - ▷ Orientation exercises
  - ▷ 8 core courses
  - ▷ 1 research & writing methodology course
  - ▷ Public summative presentations each semester
  - ▷ A final project

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# Application Information



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The Seminary considers applications for admission to its programs from qualified Orthodox and non-Orthodox students. In its admissions policy, as in the administration of its programs—educational, financial aid, student activities, and all others—St. Vladimir’s Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, gender, disability, or national or ethnic origin. Please note that acceptance into and the completion of a seminary program does not constitute a guarantee of ordination in any Church. Only ecclesiastical authorities have the competency to decide if a person should be ordained.

## Deadlines

Applications for admission to St. Vladimir’s Seminary are reviewed on a rolling basis from February 1 through May 1, with a late application deadline of June 1. Prospective students who apply after May 1 will have lower priority for housing and financial aid.

The deadline for all financial aid applications, including need-based grants, need-based scholarships, and merit-based scholarships, is May 1. Applications for financial aid submitted after the deadline will be considered only if funds remain available. Notifications of financial aid awards are normally issued with offers of admission.

## Application Requirements

All application materials and guidelines are available through the online Admissions Portal. Likewise, all applications and documents must be submitted through the online Admissions Portal. The general requirements are as follows:

- ☐ General Application Form;
- ☐ Application Fee;
- ☐ A recent photograph (passport/ID photo);
- ☐ A copy of the applicant’s Baptism/Chrismation certificate;
- ☐ A fully completed and signed background check consent form;
- ☐ Official transcripts from each graduate or undergraduate institution attended—**these must be sent directly from the institution/s**;
- ☐ A letter of recommendation from a pastor or spiritual father;\*
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation from a professor, employer, or colleague;\*
- ☐ Program-specific requirements (see below);
- ☐ An interview with the Director of Admissions; and
- ☐ An interview with the designated Program Director.

*\*indicates that the details may vary in each program’s application; see next page.*



Interviews may be conducted online or during a campus visit. Campus visits, though not required, are highly encouraged, as they are an excellent opportunity for applicants to attend classes, participate in chapel services, and meet faculty members. Campus visits and interviews are arranged and scheduled with the Director of Admissions.

## ***Program-Specific Requirements***

### ***M.Div.***

- ☐ The blessing and recommendation from the diocesan Hierarch. The Hierarch's Blessing form must be sent directly to the Seminary by the Hierarch. (N.B. The Hierarch's Blessing form is to be submitted in addition to the three letters of recommendation required of all degree applicants.)
- ☐ An essay according to the specifications listed in the Admissions Portal

### ***M.A.***

- ☐ An essay according to the specifications listed in the Admissions Portal
- ☐ A Hierarchical Blessing is encouraged but not required.
- ☐ \*N.B. The two letters in the general requirements should be from professors for M.A. applications.

### ***Th.M.***

- ☐ Thesis Proposal (see the Th.M. description on pg. 12)
- ☐ A Hierarchical Blessing is encouraged but not required.
- ☐ \*N.B. The two letters in the general requirements should be from professors for Th.M. applications.

### ***D.Min.***

- ☐ The blessing and recommendation from the diocesan Hierarch. The Hierarch's Blessing form must be sent directly to the Seminary by the Hierarch.
- ☐ \*A letter of recommendation from their Rector/Chancellor/Dean/Supervisor (takes the place of the parish priest/spiritual father letter)
- ☐ \*N.B. The two letters in the general requirements should be from professors for D.Min. applications.
- ☐ An essay according to the specifications listed in the Admissions Portal
- ☐ Ministerial Experience form, available in the Admissions Portal
- ☐ External Review Committee form, available in the Admissions Portal

Please visit [www.svots.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/apply) for additional details on the requirements for each degree program.



# Cost of Attendance Information

Charges for tuition, fees, and room & board are due and payable one week before the beginning of each semester. Invoices will be sent to students one month in advance of any due dates. Full-time students may make arrangements with Student Billing to pay these fees in installments, subject to a 1% per month finance charge, the first of which is due at the beginning of the semester. All accounts must be paid in full for the previous term before the student is permitted to register for a new semester. The student will not be permitted to attend classes if payment or other satisfactory arrangements have not been made by the week before the beginning of the semester.

Students who are using Veterans Affairs benefits to pay for their educational expenses will not be kept from attending classes or otherwise penalized if the disbursement of funds from the Veterans Affairs is delayed. In order to continue without any penalty, the student must submit their Certificate of Eligibility for Veterans Affairs benefits within the first two weeks of the semester.

Tuition and fees are set annually by the Board of Trustees and are subject to change at the Board's discretion. Tuition, fees, and estimates of other expenses such as Housing and Board for the following academic year are posted online each year by early February.

Upon receiving an offer of admission, all admitted students must submit a non-refundable enrollment deposit (\$400) and a refundable housing security deposit (\$1500 for apartments, \$350 for dorms).



For the most up-to-date information on Tuition, Fees, Housing, and Board, please see [www.svots.edu/admissions/financials/fees-estimated-expenses](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/financials/fees-estimated-expenses).

## Financial Aid

As part of the application process, applicants must submit a Financial Aid Application and FAFSA report in order to be considered for financial aid, and each year thereafter.

The deadline for guaranteed financial aid consideration is May 1 for both new and returning students. Financial Aid Applications received after May 1 will only be considered for aid if funds remain available.

Each semester's financial aid is applied toward the student's seminary account at the time of registration. Seminary awards are given with the understanding that the student will be in attendance for the full semester. Awards are made annually but are distributed one semester or term at a time to eligible students, as defined below.

The Seminary is committed to giving as much aid as possible to those who demonstrate financial need, and distributes its financial resources with a view toward Christian charity and stewardship. Most students receive

some form of financial assistance (see below Types of Financial Aid), and students are encouraged to give thanks to the many benefactors who have graciously given funds to the Seminary to support their education.

## *Eligibility for Financial Aid*

To be eligible for financial aid from St. Vladimir's Seminary, a student must 1) live on campus (if enrolled in a residential program); 2) be enrolled at the Seminary on a full-time basis as a degree candidate; and 3) be making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree. To be considered full-time, M.Div., M.A., and Th.M. students must be enrolled for at least twelve credits per semester; D.Min. students must be enrolled for six credits per term while registered for coursework and three credits per term during their final project registration. To be eligible for U.S. Government loans, students must be degree candidates and enrolled for at least six credits per semester.



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## *Types of Financial Aid*

### *Outright Grants and Scholarships*

The Seminary administers need-based tuition grants, need-based scholarships, merit scholarships (Th.M. program only), and continuing education grants (D.Min. program only) from endowed funds established by generous donors. Most outright grants and scholarships are specific to tuition aid, with a few exceptions.

### *Matching Grants*

Matching grant funds are awarded on a dollar-to-dollar basis with funds received from outside ecclesial bodies or organizations, such as dioceses, parishes, parish organizations, church aid organizations, or church scholarship funds. Funds received from private individuals do not qualify for matching grant funds. Matching grant amounts from the Seminary are based upon need and are applied toward tuition. For those who qualify for “full” need, the goal is that all of tuition will be covered through a combination of outright and matching grants.

### *U.S. Government Loan Programs*

The Seminary participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. This program allows students to borrow funds to help meet their educational costs at the post-secondary level and is available to U.S. citizens and permanent-resident aliens. Applicants must be in good academic standing and enrolled at least half-time, and they may not be in default on any previous loans. The application for federal loans is a separate process from the Admissions and Financial Aid applications.

**\*Please visit [www.svots.edu/admissions/financials](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/financials) for complete information.**





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## *Step 3: Schedule Admissions Interview*

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