Graduate Division
of Religion

APPLICATION

DREW THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
APPLICATION PACKAGE:

- APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (IN SEALED ENVELOPES)
- 3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (IN SEALED ENVELOPES)
- $45 APPLICATION FEE
- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
- ACADEMIC WRITING SAMPLE
- GRE OR TOEFL/TWE SCORES

Please complete all forms in their entirety using a typewriter or printing legibly in ink. All documents submitted become the property of Drew and cannot be returned.

You are asked to submit all application documents (except for GRE and TOEFL/TWE scores, which should be mailed directly from ETS) together, using the enclosed reply envelope.

Application For Admission: Applications are normally accepted only for the Fall term. Only under special circumstances, and with prearrangement with the Office of Admissions of the Graduate Division of Religion, will applications be accepted for the Spring term. The deadline for applications is January 1. Applications may be accepted after this date only with the consent of the program to which the prospective student is applying.

Official Transcripts: One copy of final transcripts of academic records from all colleges, professional schools, and universities attended (including Drew) is required, whether or not a degree was granted. Request that the Registrar seal the transcript in an official school envelope and sign across the seal. Do not open these envelopes or break the seal. Occasionally schools prefer to send transcripts directly to the institution requested. If this is the case, please have official copies sent directly to the Office of Admissions of the Graduate Division of Religion. Applicants for the Fall term who are currently enrolled in school must submit transcripts through the past academic year by January 1. A supplementary transcript of subsequent grades with a notation of degrees granted (if applicable) should be submitted as soon as it is available.

Letters of Recommendation: Three letters of recommendation are required. Please note that submitting fewer than three letters of recommendation diminishes your chances of admission. Letters ideally should be from your most recent instructors. Although academic recommendations are preferable, if you have been out of school for a significant period of time, you may submit one letter from an employer, supervisor, or other person familiar with your intellectual abilities and most recent activities. Please have the recommender seal the letter in an envelope, sign across the seal, and return it to you for enclosure in the application packet. If the recommender prefers to mail a letter directly to Drew, it should be mailed to the Office of Admissions of the Graduate Division of Religion at the address noted on the recommendation form.

Application Fee: Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable $45 application fee. Checks should be made payable to Drew University.

Statement of Purpose: The Statement of Purpose should be used to present an applicant’s motivation and preparation for graduate study at Drew. It should include: a summary account of the applicant’s prior academic preparation for graduate work in his/her chosen area; a clear statement of his/her specific research interests and goals within that area; and an explanation of why he/she wishes to pursue these research goals at Drew (e.g., specific program or faculty member[s]). The Statement of Purpose can also be used to explain any details in the applicant’s record that the Admissions Committee might not otherwise be aware of. The overall length should not exceed 5 printed, double-spaced pages.
**Academic Writing Sample:** The Writing Sample should be a recent representative work highlighting the applicant’s writing and research ability. While not absolutely necessary, it is helpful if the Writing Sample concerns the applicant’s proposed field of study. The overall length should not exceed 25 printed, double-spaced pages, not including bibliographic data.

**GRE Test Scores:** All applicants who are U.S. citizens or whose native language is English must submit official Graduate Record Examination General Test scores no more than five years old. The Subject Test is not required. The test is administered by the Educational Testing Service, Box 955, Princeton, New Jersey 08541, 609.771.7670. Scores must be mailed directly to Drew from ETS; to report scores, please use School Code 2193. Consult the ETS bulletin for a schedule of testing dates and centers. To ensure timely consideration of an application, allow at least several weeks for test scores to reach Drew. An application is considered incomplete without these scores.

**TOEFL/TWE Test Scores:** International students whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by submitting official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Test of Written English (TWE) scores no more than two years old. The tests are administered by the Educational Testing Service (see above GRE section for contact information). Scores must be mailed directly to Drew from ETS; to report scores, please use School Code 2193. Consult the ETS bulletin for a schedule of testing dates and centers. Allow at least six weeks for test scores to reach Drew. An application is considered incomplete without these scores.

*Non-native English speakers whose primary language of instruction was English may elect to submit GRE in lieu of TOEFL/TWE scores.*

**Can I Study Part-Time?:** Students may elect full- or part-time study within the Graduate Division of Religion. Full-time enrollment is defined as 3 courses per term in spring and fall. Applicants should be aware that there may be a full-time course load required for certain scholarships, and that students must take at least 2 courses per term in order to qualify for financial aid.

**How Much Time Do I Have To Complete A Degree?:** Whether enrolled full-time or part-time, students have 5 years within which to complete the requirements for the master’s degree and 7 years within which to complete the requirements for the doctoral degree. Extensions are granted only in cases of serious extenuating circumstances. All petitions for degree completion extensions must be filed in writing and approved by the Academic Standing Committee of the Drew Theological School.

**Can I Defer My Admission Offer?:** Generally no. The Graduate Division of Religion does not defer admission decisions year-to-year in order to be able to offer the greatest amount of scholarship aid to students matriculating in the term for which they originally applied. Occasionally an exception is made and a Spring deferral is granted upon petition to the Chair of the Graduate Division of Religion. However, prospective applicants are advised that this is the exception and not the rule.

**What About Financial Aid?:** Financial aid comes in two forms, academic merit scholarships, and need-based aid.

**Academic merit scholarships** range from 80% of tuition to full tuition remission. The application for admission serves as an application for academic merit scholarships. To indicate interest in academic merit scholarship consideration, check the appropriate box on page one of the admission application. There are no additional forms that need to be filed for academic merit scholarships.

**Need-based aid** takes the form of loans and work-study. In order to be considered for need-based aid, an applicant must fill out the federal FAFSA form available at fafsa.ed.gov/ and return it to the processor. To have the report sent to Drew, please use School Code 002603. Applicants for need-based aid must also fill out the Drew Supplemental Financial Aid Form (enclosed in the application packet), and return it to the Office of Financial Assistance. Please note that International Students are not eligible for need-based aid.
For specific information on returning a self-managed application packet, please consult enclosed directions. To be considered for admission, the following credentials should be sent to the Office of Admissions of the Graduate Division of Religion:

■ APPLICATION FORM with STATEMENT OF PURPOSE completed in every particular, accompanied by a non-refundable $45 APPLICATION FEE.
■ An ACADEMIC PAPER, ESSAY, OR WRITING SAMPLE.
■ OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS from each academic institution attended, whether or not a degree was granted.
■ THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION from those persons named on the back of this form.
■ A RECENT TOEFL SCORE (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and TWE (Test of Written English) for international students.
■ GRE General Test score for U.S. and Canadian citizens.

PERSONAL DATA:

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) _________________________________________________________________
First,Middle,Last

Is there any other name under which your records may be listed? If yes, please designate.
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing address ________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

E-mail address ________________________________________________________________

County, if NJ resident ____________________________________________________________

Social Security number __________________________________________________________

Day phone ( ) ______________________ Evening phone ( ) ______________________

Permanent address (if different from above) __________________________________________

(Effective Dates)

Will you apply for financial aid? Please read the What About Financial Aid section of the instructions.

Academic merit scholarships? □ Yes □ No    Need-based aid? □ Yes □ No

Will you need campus housing? □ Yes □ No

The following items are optional. (The information is used only for purposes of statistical analysis and is not considered in the admissions process.)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/a?
□ No, not Hispanic
□ Yes, Hispanic or Latino/a: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.
□ White
□ Black or African American
□ American Indian or Alaska Native
□ Asian

Applications must be received BEFORE January 1 for fall admission.
**EDUCATIONAL DATA:**

Please list all colleges, professional, and graduate schools you have attended, beginning with the institution most recently attended:

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**LANGUAGE PREPARATION:**

See Catalog for specific language requirements for each program. Certain programs (notably Biblical Studies and Early Christianity) require demonstrated competence in certain ancient languages as prerequisites for admission. All programs require demonstrated competence in certain modern languages of scholarship for graduation, meaning that the student may study these languages while completing the program. **How many years of study (if any) have you devoted to the following languages? Please indicate level: high school, college, or previous graduate work.**

- Hebrew ___________________________
- Greek ___________________________
- Latin ___________________________
- German ___________________________
- French ___________________________
- Other(s) _________________________

**ACADEMIC HONORS:**

Briefly describe any academic honors or other scholastic distinctions you have won: **(you may attach a separate sheet)**

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Please describe any remunerative employment you have had, including dates: **(you may attach a separate sheet)**

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**CIVIC, EXTRACURRICULAR, PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Please describe your principal civic, extracurricular, community, and family activities and hobbies in order of their interest to you. **Give dates, where applicable: (you may attach a separate sheet)**

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OBJECTIVES IN GRADUATE STUDY / STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Statement of Purpose should include: a summary account of the applicant’s prior academic preparation for graduate work in his/her chosen area; a clear statement of his/her specific research interests and goals within that area; and an explanation of why he/she wishes to pursue these research goals at Drew (e.g., specific program or faculty member[s]). (Please append statement.)

PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE AN ACADEMIC PAPER OR ESSAY.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

To what other schools are you applying? ____________________________________________________________

What factors at Drew are most attractive to you? (check all that apply.)

- Faculty reputation
- School reputation
- Location
- Financial aid
- Faculty recommendation
- Special programs (specify)
- Facilities (specify)
- Academic award
- School reputation
- Facilities (specify)
- Financial aid
- Other (specify)

How did you first hear about Drew?

- Career Planning Office
- Faculty
- Graduate directory (specify)
- Drew mailing
- Family
- Professional publication (specify)
- Colleague/Friend
- Internet
- Other (specify)

What contact have you had with Drew? (check all that apply)

- Visited campus (specify)
- Spoken or met with Drew faculty (specify)
- Spoken or met with Drew staff (specify)
- Other (specify)

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY: This section must be completed in every particular.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION OF RELIGION THAT ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE BROUGHT INTO THE U.S.A. UNDER THE F1 OR J1 PROGRAM. We strongly urge you to choose your visa carefully, because it is extremely difficult to change once your choice is made.

Date of birth _____________________ City of birth _____________________ Country of birth _____________________

Of what country are you a citizen? _________________________________________________________________

Of what country are you a permanent resident (if different than the country of citizenship)?

If you already have a visa, what type of visa? _____________________ Visa number _____________________

What was the last position held in your home country before coming to the U.S.A. (e.g.: civil servant, student, factory worker, teacher, etc.)? _________________________________________________________________

Date and place of birth and relationship of everyone who is coming to the United States with you: _________________________________________________________________

What is your first language or language of instruction, if other than English? _____________________

Number of years of formal study of English _________

TOEFL test date _________ TOEFL score _________ TWE test date _________ TWE score _________

TOEFL scores no older than two years will be accepted.
REFERENCES:

Please give names and addresses in exact detail for each referee. References should be obtained from professors.

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street       City       State       Zip

Relationship to you __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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My signature below indicates that all the information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented.

Signature _________________________________________________________________ Date ____________________________________

Drew University is committed to seeking academic excellence while striving continuously to be a welcoming, diverse, and socially just campus. We aspire to provide an education that in content, scope and pedagogy embraces difference and promotes respect that extends beyond the classroom to all University spaces and to local and global communities. Diversity encompasses multiple dimensions, including, but not limited to, race, culture, nationality, ethnicity, geographic origin, class, sexual orientation, gender, disabilities, age, and religion. Our intent is to achieve a learning environment in which students, faculty, and staff understand the challenges, accomplishments, and perspectives of various groups of people, thus gaining a fuller understanding of themselves as well as how to engage in conversation spanning differences and commonalities. Achieving this vision is a fundamental commitment critical to Drew University’s mission as an institution of higher learning.

Questions concerning this policy, or complaints of discrimination, may be directed to George-Harold Jennings, Affirmative Action Officer, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940; 973/408-3392. (Information provided in compliance with Title IX, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act.)

Graduate Division of Religion Areas and Concentrations

BIBLICAL STUDIES & EARLY CHRISTIANITY
• Hebrew Bible
• New Testament/Early Christianity

HISTORICAL STUDIES
• Christianity in Late Antiquity
• Medieval European Christianity
• U.S./American Religious Studies

RELIGION & SOCIETY
• Sociology of Religion
• Social Ethics
• Psychology & Religion

THEOLOGICAL & PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES
• Theological Studies
• Philosophical Studies
**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Office of Admissions  
Graduate Division of Religion  
Drew University  
The Theological School  
Madison, New Jersey 07940  
973.408-3111 • fax: 973.408-3242  
E-mail: ggradm@drew.edu • Web: drew.edu/theological

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:**

Name: _____________________________  
Degree sought: _____________________________  
Proposed program of study: _____________________________  
Desired date of entrance: _____________________________

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If you wish to waive your right to examine this recommendation, please sign here:

Signature of applicant: _____________________________  
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Your evaluation will be very helpful to the Admissions Committee. Thank you for your assistance.

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Recommender’s Name: _____________________________  
Title: _____________________________

Organization: _____________________________  
Department: _____________________________

Address: _____________________________

Daytime Telephone: (___) ___-_______  
E-mail address: _____________________________

May we contact you via phone or e-mail if we have further questions?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Signed: _____________________________  
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