



GRADUATE STUDIES APPLICATION
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

APPLY ONLINE AT
[HTTP://GRADTHEOLOGY.ORG.EDU](http://gradtheology.oru.edu)

REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Please send the following listed items to the office of Graduate School Admissions. All transcripts are to be sent directly by the university/college to the attention of the Graduate Admissions Coordinator. Transcripts received directly from the applicant are considered unofficial and will not be used toward completion of one's application file. Recommendation forms may not be completed by immediate family members. Application files are reviewed when the following items are received.

- ☐ **Applicant Information**
- ☐ **Application Processing Fee \$35**
- ☐ **Personal Sketch**
Please answer the questions fully. Type answers in double-spaced format and attach to your application.
All submissions are held in confidence.
- ☐ **Honor Code**
All ORU students accept the Honor Code as their lifestyle while at ORU. Your signature on this form acknowledges your acceptance of the ORU lifestyle.
- ☐ **Minister's Recommendation**
This form is to be completed and returned by your minister or other church leader who is not a relative.
- ☐ **Academic/Professional Recommendations**
Two academic recommendations from current or former professors are required. Professional recommendations may be submitted if you have not been in college within the last five years. Each of these recommendations may be returned to ORU directly by the applicant or person submitting the reference.
- ☐ **Official Transcripts**
Official transcripts must be received directly from all colleges and universities attended in their original sealed envelopes (international students see below). This also includes all technology and unaccredited schools.
- ☐ **Official Test Score**
Applicants for admission are required to submit a score from either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the past five years and submitted directly from the testing agency to ORU Graduate Admissions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ **TOEFL or IELTS Test Score**
International students whose first language is not English are required to sit for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL - minimum score of 550 paper-based) or the IELTS (minimum band score of 7.0), and submit a score from within the past two years. For further information, go to www.ets.org or www.ielts.org.
- ☐ **International Student Financial Guarantee Form**
All international students are required to document verification of their financial support for the first year of study. Support must be verified prior to the University issuing a Form I-20. The Form I-20 is needed in order for an applicant to be issued a student visa. A new financial agreement form with verification of funds is required each year. The guarantor must guarantee to meet the actual expenses incurred for each year the applicant is enrolled at ORU
- ☐ **Sevis Transfer Request**
This form is required of international students in F-1 Status transferring to ORU from another U.S. school.

- ☐ **World Educational Services (WES)**
All International students are required to use this or another NACES approved service for quick and accurate evaluation of transcripts. All transcripts must be submitted directly from your undergraduate and graduate institution to WES for evaluation.

More information is available at www.wes.org and www.naces.org.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following items are due after acceptance into ORU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry:

- ☐ **Tuition Deposit**
After admission has been granted, a nonrefundable advance tuition payment in the amount of \$125 is required. However, the seminary administration has waived the \$125 Enrollment Deposit for all new students who will not be residing on campus and will attend courses during the upcoming term. If you choose to petition to live on campus or delay our start to a later entry term, the \$125 Enrollment Deposit will be required.
- ☐ **Medical Assessment**
In accordance with the University philosophy of educating the whole person (mind, body and spirit), all students are required to participate in the University's health and fitness program. A medical assessment form must be completed and submitted to the University prior to your enrollment in health and fitness courses. A copy of this form is located at http://www.oru.edu/admissions/undergraduate/pdffdocs/new_medical_form.pdf. Students approved to live in University housing are required to submit immunization records as listed on the medical assessment form.
- ☐ **Proof of Health Insurance**
(Not applicable to Doctor of Ministry or Modular students) If you are an on-campus student and currently do not have a health insurance provider, you must secure health insurance, which is available for ORU students through United Health Care. Information and enrollment may be completed online at <https://www.uhcsr.com/SelfServiceSupport/Students/CollegeHome.aspx>.
- ☐ **Proof of Immunizations**
(Not applicable to Doctor of Ministry or Modular students) All on-campus students are required to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, rubella, polio, hepatitis and meningitis. This necessitates immunizations against tetanus and diphtheria within the past ten years and a completed oral polio and hepatitis series. A skin test for tuberculosis within six months is also required.

ORU GRADUATE THEOLOGY APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Social Security #: _____ Date of Application: _____

Please note: Your SSN is required for admissions and financial aid purposes. To protect your identity, a University-generated ID number will be issued upon acceptance.

Name: _____
Last/Family Name First/Given Name Middle Name

Other names under which transcripts have been issued: _____

Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip Country

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

I plan to start ORU in: ☐ Fall (August) ☐ Spring (January) ☐ Summer _____ (Year) ☐ Full-time ☐ Modular ☐ Part-time

Citizenship Status: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Non-U.S. Citizen

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Birth _____

If you are living in the United States and you are not a U.S. citizen, please indicate your current status and visa type:

☐ Student ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Visitor/Tourist ☐ Other _____

Visa type: _____ Expiration date: _____

If you are an international student please provide your non-U.S. address (Documentation will be required):

Have you ever been convicted, pled guilty or no contest to a felony charge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a written explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The information requested below is used for statistical purposes only. You are not required to complete this section of the application. If you complete this section, the information will not be used in evaluating your application for admission. ORU does not discriminate against applicants on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Current Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Single

Please indicate your ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Non Hispanic or Latino

If your ethnicity is Non Hispanic or Latino, please indicate your race:

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Two or more races

Veteran Services: Are you a veteran of the armed forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Religious Preferences: Which best describes your present affiliation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Assembly of God	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Charismatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Church of Christ
<input type="checkbox"/> Church of God-Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> Episcopalian	<input type="checkbox"/> Freewill Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Gospel	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Interdenominational	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran	<input type="checkbox"/> Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Nazarene	<input type="checkbox"/> Nondenominational	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Bible Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Pentecostal	<input type="checkbox"/> Presbyterian
<input type="checkbox"/> Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Baptist	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Literature with Judaic-Christian Studies Concentration	<input type="checkbox"/> Practical Theology
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Practical Theology with Teaching Ministries Concentration
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Counseling with Marital & Family Concentration	<input type="checkbox"/> Practical Theology (Modular)

Master of Divinity: ☐ Master of Divinity ☐ Master of Divinity (Modular)

PRIOR EDUCATION

Please list all colleges and universities you have attended (in chronological order) and indicate degree received.

College/University	Dates of Attendance	Location	Degree Granted/Date of Graduation
	_____ to _____	_____	_____
	_____ to _____	_____	_____
	_____ to _____	_____	_____
	_____ to _____	_____	_____
	_____ to _____	_____	_____

Was English your formal language of instruction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If not, have you taken the TOEFL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you taken the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I am scheduled to take one of the above tests.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Date _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Test _____	

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list, in order of importance, extracurricular activities, offices held, accomplishments and professional memberships:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list awards, honors and scholarships received in college and graduate school or since graduation:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Company Name	Position	Dates of Employment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

HONOR CODE PLEDGE

In signing the Honor Code Pledge, I fully recognize that Oral Roberts University was founded to be and is committed to being a leading academic institution serving the interdenominational Body of Christ, offering a lifestyle of commitment to Jesus Christ of Nazareth as personal Savior and Lord. I further recognize that the University's ministry is that of providing a Whole Person education with a charismatic distinctive. It is therefore my personal commitment to be a person of integrity in my attitude and respect for what Oral Roberts University is in its calling to be a Christian university.

- **I PLEDGE** to apply myself wholeheartedly to my intellectual pursuits and to use the full powers of my mind for the glory of God.
- **I PLEDGE** to grow in my spirit, by developing my own relationship with God.
- **I PLEDGE** to develop my body with sound health habits by completing the required aerobics program and by participating in wholesome physical activities.
- **I PLEDGE** to cultivate good social relationships and to seek to love others as I love myself. I will not lie; I will not steal; I will not curse; I will not be a talebearer. I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments.
- **I PLEDGE** at all times to keep my total being under subjection from all immoral and illegal actions and communications, whether on or off campus. I will not take any illegal drugs or misuse any drugs; I will not engage in or attempt to engage in any illicit, unscriptural sexual acts, which include any homosexual activity and sexual intercourse with one who is not my spouse through traditional marriage of one man and one woman. I will not drink alcoholic beverages of any kind; I will not use tobacco; I will not engage in other behavior that is contrary to the rules and regulations listed in the Student Handbook.
- **I PLEDGE** to maintain an integrity of openness to God's claims on my life and to do my utmost to know and follow His will for my life.
- **I PLEDGE** to attend class, all required chapel services on campus, and my choice of a house of worship wherever God is honored and lifted up.
- **I PLEDGE** to abide by the rules and regulations that may from time to time be adopted by the University administration. I understand Oral Roberts University is a private school that is governed by a Board of Trustees, which has final authority on all matters. I understand that the University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student at any time if in the judgment of the President of the University and the University Discipline Committee such action is deemed necessary to safeguard ORU's ideals of scholarship or its spiritual and moral atmosphere as a Christian university.

I will keep the HONOR CODE carefully and prayerfully. I understand that my signature below is my acceptance of the entire Honor Code and completes a contract between me and Oral Roberts University, which is a prerequisite for matriculation and my continued association with the University. My signed pledge becomes a part of my permanent file. Further, my acceptance of the Honor Code is a solemn vow and promise to God as to how I will live my life.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Name: _____

HONOR CODE LIVING

As essential members of the ORU family, students must clearly recognize that all of us have a desire to further develop and exhibit responsible and mature behavior. That goal is a basic premise of the personal Honor Code.

At ORU, students pledge to endeavor to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, students should strive to demonstrate good taste in all instances. The way they present themselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. An individual's conduct should never be an embarrassment to others but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature and respectful student. The university's dress code promotes such an attitude.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, ORU students refrain from profanity, smoking, gambling, alcoholic beverages, dishonesty, illegal drugs and all behavior that might cause Christ to grieve.

As responsible learners, students should make every effort to be prompt to classes, chapel, Sunday worship and all appointments. Classes, chapel and worship services at local churches are all integral parts of the ORU lifestyle.

By providing an example for others in word and deed, each student should encourage others' adherence to the Honor Code. Students should be sure not to incite another's violation of the code and should seek to strengthen the bond of trust at every opportunity.

The students and leadership of Oral Roberts University affirm that, regardless of faith, creed or race, all students admitted to the university must agree to uphold the Honor Code and the rules governing ORU. No time, place or circumstance gives release from the individual's initial promise. The Honor Code is a way of life, measured by the heart and commitment of each member of the ORU family, and students should regard it as essential to development, not as an imposition or restriction.

The registration process is incomplete until students have formally signed the Honor Code Pledge.

ORU GRADUATE THEOLOGY APPLICATION PERSONAL SKETCH

Oral Roberts University is a Christian institution of higher learning designed to serve a predominately Christian body. With this thought in mind, please address the following questions on additional paper, typed double-spaced, and attach to your application.

- Why do you desire to attend ORU, and how does this relate to your life goals?
- Describe your own religious experience, past and present.
- Discuss major events that have occurred in your life.
- If you are an international student, please explain why you desire to study in the United States.
- Why have you chosen your field of vocation/ministry, and how do you see the degree program for which you are making application equipping you for that field?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you first hear about ORU?

List other colleges/universities to which you have applied:

Have you ever been denied admission to any graduate/professional school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, for what reason?

Please add any additional information about yourself you would like to include:

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ORU GRADUATE THEOLOGY APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Please provide the following information concerning your references for your application file.
[References may not be related to applicant.]

Minister's Recommendation

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street and Number City or Town State Zip

Phone: (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Academic/Professional Recommendation #1

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street and Number City or Town State Zip

Phone: (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Academic/Professional Recommendation #2

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street and Number City or Town State Zip

Phone: (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

MAILING YOUR APPLICATION

Please detach and mail your application to:

ORU Graduate School Admissions
7777 South Lewis Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74171

CONTACT INFORMATION

800.643.7976 x13
918.495.6618
918.495.6725 fax
gradtheology@oru.edu

ORU GRADUATE THEOLOGY APPLICATION MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION

ORU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

(References may not be related to applicant.)

Name: _____
Last/Family Name *First/Given Name* *Middle Name*

Address: _____
Street and Number *City* *State* *Zip* *Country*

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

I plan to start ORU in: ☐ Fall (August) ☐ Spring (January) ☐ Summer _____ (Year) ☐ Full-time ☐ Modular ☐ Part-time

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To the Applicant:

I authorize the minister identified on this form to complete the recommendation and disclose this form to Oral Roberts University. I understand this form is confidential; I will not be entitled to review the completed recommendation. I release the minister and Oral Roberts University from all claims, liabilities, and damages arising out of or related to disclosure of the information consistent with the authorization.

Applicant's Signature _____

To the Minister:

Please print or type and return this form to:

ORU Graduate School Admissions
7777 South Lewis Avenue Tulsa, OK 74171

Completed forms may be faxed to **918.495.6725**

Each applicant for admission to ORU must submit a recommendation from his/her minister. Serious consideration will be given to your comments; therefore, we ask that you complete the form carefully. Since a candid evaluation is requested, your comments will be held in the strictest of confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

2. How well do you know him/her?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> By name/sight | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly well/numerous personal contacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casually/few personal contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Very close pastoral relationship |

3. To your knowledge, has the applicant made a meaningful personal commitment to Jesus Christ? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I do not know

Comments: _____

4. Please indicate applicant's level of involvement in church activities.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attends irregularly; shows little interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative; usually willing to help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom participates, although attends regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic; deeply involved |

Please mark the appropriate box with an X.

E-mail Address: _____ Minister's signature: _____

ORU GRADUATE THEOLOGY APPLICATION ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

ORU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

(References may not be related to applicant.)

Name: _____
Last/Family Name *First/Given Name* *Middle Name*

Address: _____
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I authorize the professor or professional reference identified on this form to complete the recommendation and disclose this form to Oral Roberts University. I understand this form is confidential; I will not be entitled to review the completed recommendation. I release the professor or professional reference and Oral Roberts University from all claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or related to disclosure of the information consistent with the authorization.

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1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. In what capacity? _____
3. How well do you know him/her?

<input type="checkbox"/> By name/sight	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly well/numerous personal contacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Casually/few personal contacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Very close personal relationship

4. How do you rate this person in the following areas? Additional comments on a separate sheet are also welcome.

Please mark the appropriate box with an X.

Please mark the appropriate box with an X.	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Observed
Academic ranking					
Written communication					
Emotional stability					
Initiative					
Integrity/honesty					
Critical thinking skills					
Ability to reflect theologically					
Meet assignment deadline					
Reliability					

5. What positive traits or characteristics distinguish the applicant from his or her peers?

6. What personal attributes need further development?

7. What is your opinion of the candidate's ability and qualification to pursue graduate/professional study?

Please comment on overall maturity and emotional/psychological stability.

8. Is there additional information about the candidate that you feel the Admissions Committee should know?

Please comment on honesty, integrity, concern for people and general moral character.

On the basis of the above information, the applicant is:

- ☐ Strongly recommended ☐ Recommended ☐ Recommended with some reservation ☐ Not recommended
- ☐ Please contact me for further information that I choose not to put in writing.

Reference's Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Address:

Street and Number

City

State

Zip

Country

Phone: () Church Phone: () Fax: ()

E-mail Address: _____ Reference's signature: _____

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Please mark the appropriate box with an X.

5. What positive traits or characteristics distinguish the applicant from his or her peers?

E-mail Address: _____ Reference's signature: _____



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