



ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Andover Newton considers applications from international students for the Master of Arts in Religious Education, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), Master of Arts (Theological Research), Doctor of Ministry degrees, Certificate Programs*. We no longer offer an STM degree: candidates interested in a one-year program should apply to the Master of Arts (Theological Research) with advanced standing.

ACADEMIC PREREQUISITES

Master of Arts programs require four years of post-secondary study (equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor's degree). Master of Arts with advanced standing and Doctor of Ministry programs require six or seven years of post-graduate study (equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor's degree and a Master of Divinity.) English proficiency in academic writing is also required. Candidates may choose to submit an additional writing sample for assessing English proficiency: academic papers written in English and submitted for credit at a university are most persuasive.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. **Application Form:** Please answer all questions completely, including your selection of degree program, entry point, signature and date. International students may apply to enter in either the fall term (September) or the spring term (January). **DMin candidates may enter only in September.**
2. **Official Transcripts:** Official transcripts of all academic work completed since high school are required. Official transcripts have the official college seal and registrar's signature, and must be mailed directly to Andover Newton's Admissions Office from the issuing institution. If you are currently enrolled at another school you must submit an official transcript through the most recently completed semester. It is your responsibility to forward the final official transcript to Andover Newton upon completion of the degree program.
3. **Three Letters of Recommendation:** Three letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must be from a pastor or church official. The remaining letters may be submitted by people who have worked closely with you in your academic, professional or volunteer career. Please be sure to sign and date the section of the recommendation form that indicates whether or not you waive your right to access the information contained therein.
4. **Two Institutional Endorsements:** Written endorsements from your church and your denomination must appear on the Institutional Endorsement forms. The two endorsements must come from two different people, even if your pastor holds a leadership position within your denomination. If you are employed at a seminary, an endorsement from the school is acceptable.

5. **Reflections Essays:** Two or three essays or writing samples are required, and these are specific to the degree program you are applying to. Please follow the instructions provided on the application form.
 6. **Satisfactory English Proficiency Test Scores (TOEFL or IELTS):** For applicants whose primary language is not English, an English proficiency exam is required from one of two approved testing services (TOEFL or IELTS.) We require a minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based or a minimum IELTS score of 6.0. The TOEFL code for Andover Newton is 3004.
 7. **Scholarship Application (optional):** A limited amount of scholarship aid is available from Andover Newton. Even when a scholarship is granted, students should expect to spend US\$14,000 or more per year to study in the U.S. Completed International Student Scholarship Forms will be considered only after the applicant has been admitted. Changes in your financial resources must be reported to Andover Newton as soon as possible.
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Submit all application materials to:

**Andover Newton Theological School
Admissions Office
210 Herrick Road
Newton Centre, MA 02459-2243
USA**

If you are admitted to Andover Newton then you must also submit:

1. **Financial Guarantee:** If admitted, you will need to provide a Financial Guarantee in order to apply for a visa. We will provide admitted students with a Financial Guarantee Worksheet listing the estimated costs for completing the intended degree program. We must receive Financial Guarantee Forms documenting how you will cover all of the costs: you may submit multiple Financial Guarantee Forms, but each must specify the amount of money pledged in your support. In the past, students have sought support from their home church, denomination, international groups, family and friends. Please note that generally we estimate that a program which requires one year of study will cost approximately \$US 25,000 with no family members joining the student.
2. **Housing Application:** Students planning to live on campus must submit a housing application. Housing application forms are mailed with acceptance letters.
3. **Immunization Record:** All incoming Andover Newton Theological School students must show proof of immunization against or immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Hepatitis B before they can register for courses. It is also required by law (105 CMR 220.700) that all new students living on campus provide documentation of receipt of 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine within the last 5 years, qualify for medical or religious exemption, or sign a waiver. If you have questions about immunizations please contact the Registrar, Nayda Aguila, naguila@ants.edu.
4. **First Semester Payment:** Payment of funds needed for your first semester in school must be made by wire transfer or by check or money order. This payment must be submitted to Andover Newton before we will issue an I-20, which is necessary for you to obtain a student visa from your government to come to the United States.

DEADLINES & TIMELINES

For Fall term entry:

- Application deadline: **April 20**
Only fully complete applications may be considered. Supporting materials must be submitted within one year of receipt of an application form.
- Admissions notification: **May 20 (or 4 weeks from receipt of completed application)**
Includes scholarship awards, if any, and a Financial Guarantee Worksheet
- Financial Guarantee Form(s) deadline: **July 1**
- Initial payment deadline: **August 1**
- Online registration for fall courses opens: on or about **August 3**
- Request for enrollment deferral deadline: **September 1**
If you are not able to enroll you may submit a written request to defer enrollment for up to one year.
- Arrival date: **September 1**
- Classes start: on or about **September 14**

For Spring term entry:

- Application deadline: **November 1**
- Admissions notification: **December 1 (or 4 weeks from receipt of completed application)**
Includes scholarship awards, if any, and a Financial Guarantee Worksheet
- Financial Guarantee Form(s) deadline: **December 15**
- Initial payment deadline: **December 15**
- Online registration for fall courses opens: on or about **January 2**
- Request for enrollment deferral deadline: **January 10**
- Arrival date: **January 10**
- Classes start: on or about **February 1**

*Please contact the Admissions Office to discuss further details on how to apply to the Certificate Programs:
admissions@ants.edu