



Graduate Seminar Application Guide

Claremont School of Theology & Arihanta Institute

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Claremont School of Theology's upcoming Graduate Seminars. While CST is required to collect standard application materials for regulatory purposes, they have shortened the application and approved this guide to minimize the time and effort required on your part.

CSULB Credit Policy and CST Residency Restrictions

Please note that CSULB students may apply a maximum of six credit hours of outside coursework toward their degree. Although CST allows non-degree students to take more than two courses, CSULB policy limits transferable credits.

Additionally, residents of New York state and the District of Columbia are not eligible to enroll due to state-level restrictions.

What This Guide Includes

- Instructions for required application fields
- A CST-approved personal statement template
- A waiver code (**CSULB25**) to bypass the application fee

What You'll Need to Apply

- Complete the Non-Degree Application at: <https://cst.edu/apply-now/>
- Follow specific selection instructions as indicated in this guide
- Write your personal statement (you may use the provided template)
- Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (transcripts may be submitted separately after you submit your application)

Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for Fall 2025 enrollment is August 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.

Contact Information

If you have questions related to the application, please contact admissions@cst.edu.

Personal Statement Template

You may use the following template by customizing the indicated fields. There is no required word count for this section.

Template:

I am currently enrolled in a [master's/doctoral] program in [name of program or department] at [name of your home university], and I am applying to take Graduate Seminars at Claremont School of Theology through Arihanta Institute's University Partnership Program. I am pursuing these courses as part of my broader academic work in [your academic field or area of focus], with the aim of deepening my understanding of [relevant topics, e.g., religious ethics, South Asian traditions, non-violence, etc.].

I am specifically planning to enroll in [Graduate Seminar course title(s)] through Arihanta Institute because [your reason(s) for enrolling in these courses, e.g., they align with my academic interests, they allow me to explore topics not currently offered at my home institution, etc.]

I plan to apply this coursework toward [specific academic or professional goals, e.g., thesis research, teaching, future graduate study, nonprofit work, etc.], and I appreciate the opportunity to do so while remaining enrolled at [home university name].

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Apply Now

JOIN THE CST COMMUNITY

Please use the below form to get started on your application for admission to CST! Once you submit this form, you will be guided through the rest of the application process.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the Office of Admissions by emailing admission@cst.edu.

Instructions

If you are applying for the **Doctor of Spirituality (SpD)**, please select the **Doctoral-SP** degree option.

If you are applying for the **Doctor of Professional Counseling (DPC)**, please select the **Doctoral-PC** degree option.

If you are applying for any of the following programs, please select the “**Non-Degree Application**” option in the Application field below.

- **Non-Degree for Credit**
- **Advanced Course of Study (ACoS)**
- **Basic Graduate Theological Studies in the United Methodist Church (BGTS)**
- **Audit**

If you are applying for **Cross-Registration**, please select the “**Cross-Registration Application**” option.

Application

Non-Degree Application

Select "Non-Degree Application"

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Email

Confirm Email

Phone

☐ Use for text messaging (US/Canada only)

Entrance Term

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Enrollment

Less Than Half Time

If enrolling in one Graduate Seminar, select "Less Than Helf Time." For two, select "Half Time."

START APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants for the **DMin in Practical Theology of Conflict, Healing and Transformation in Korean Contexts** and **Non-Degree programs** may apply for the **Winter term**.



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Application Type * Saved

Please select which Non-Degree program you would like to apply for.

Non-degree for Credit

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For Application Type, select "Non-degree for Credit"



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Please review the requirements for your chosen enrollment path at CST:

NOTE: CSULB graduate students are approved to take up to 6 master's-level credits from other institutions, including Graduate Seminars at CST.

Individuals seeking to take a limited number of master’s–level courses at CST are invited to apply for **Non-Degree for Credit status**. Students admitted to Non-Degree status may take up to 12 master's-level credits at CST (Non-Degree status is not available at the doctoral level).

For advanced courses with prerequisites, Non-Degree students are permitted to enroll only with the approval and signature of the course instructor. Additionally, Non-Degree status does not permit cross-registration for courses at schools off-site with which CST has cross-registration agreements. All courses taken as a non-degree student must begin with the prefix "T".

Non-degree students are not eligible for CST scholarships or federal financial aid. For information about transferring credits earned in Non-Degree status to Master’s degree, please refer to transfer policies in the current Academic Catalog on this page: cst.edu/academic-catalog.

Program Modality * Saved

Claremont School of Theology offers degree programs designed to accommodate diverse learning styles through flexible delivery options. These options include:

LA Area-Residency: This learning experience integrates intensive and weekly On Campus (in-person) learning with some online (synchronous or asynchronous) learning. At least 50% of courses that La Area-residency students register for each semester must include On Campus learning. Students who attend CST as LA Area-residency students must live in close enough proximity to the CST Campus in Los Angeles to attend On Campus classes one to three days per week.
Note: CST does not maintain its own residence hall or student housing. Students are responsible for finding, applying for, securing, and paying for their own housing.
Note: This modality is only available for students who are registered as full-time students, or a minimum of 9 credits for master’s students and 8 credits for doctoral students each semester.

Low-Residency: This blended format combines online coursework with intensive On-Campus courses, which are held for three to five consecutive days at the beginning of each semester; or by registering for and attending at least one course that includes weekly On Campus learning in addition to online coursework. This modality is available for both full-time and part-time students.

Distance Education: This completely online program allows students to participate in classes either synchronously or asynchronously. This modality is available for both full-time and part-time students.

Currently, all of CST’s degree programs can be completed through any of these delivery modes, **with these exceptions:**
- The **PhD must be completed either through LA Area-residency or Low-residency modality**. Distance Education is not available for this degree program.
- The **MA (Religion) must be completed through the Low-residency or Distance Education modalities**. LA-Area residency is not available for this degree program.

NOTE: Students who attend CST on F-1 or J-1 visas must attend as LA Area-residency students. VA students who wish to maximize their housing benefits should attend CST as LA Area-residency students.

☐ LA-Area Residency

☐ Low-Residency

☒ Distance Education

For Program Modality, select "Distance Education." All Graduate Seminars will be taught fully online.

PLEASE NOTE: CST is not currently approved to offer online coursework to residents of New York or the District of Columbia. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions by emailing admissions@cst.edu

Desired Term * Saved

Please choose your desired start term:

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Arihanta Institute Affiliation * Saved

Please indicate below whether or not you are applying to CST in coordination with the Arihanta Institute.

☒ Yes, I am affiliated with the Arihanta Institute

☐ No, I am not affiliated with the Arihanta Institute

Select "Yes, I am affiliated with the Arihanta Institute."

Clear selection



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Personal Information

Name * Saved

Prefix

First Name *

Preferred Name

Middle Name

Last Name *

Suffix

Former Name

Primary Email Address * Saved

Type

Home

Additional Email Address?

If applicable, please enter any additional email address we should have on file.

Primary Phone Number * Saved

Type

Mobile

Primary Address *

Please enter your primary address. This will be used to mail all official CST documents. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY ABLE TO ENROLL RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN ONLINE COURSEWORK.

Type

Home

Street

City

Choose a state...

ZIP

United States of America

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) *

Date

Gender *

Please select your gender identity.

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Race/Ethnicity *

Please select the race/ethnicity with which you most closely identify. PLEASE NOTE: This information may be used in order to inform you of specific scholarship opportunities for which you may be eligible.

Hispanic or Latino

☐ Yes

☐ No

Select one or more of the following races:

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Black or African American

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ White

Citizenship *

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Non-Degree Status Not Eligible for Visas *

Please note that students without a valid US visa can only study in the Non-Degree program fully online.

☐ I understand and plan to study fully online.

Religious Affiliation *

Please select your religious affiliation(s). NOTE: This information may be used to determine eligibility for certain denominational scholarship opportunities.

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Is English your first/native language? *

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NOTE: Due to English being the language of primary instruction, applicants to all master's-level programs whose first language is not English, must adequately demonstrate competency as part of the application process.

Additional Information

How did you learn about CST? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ Social Media (Facebook, Instagram etc.)
- ☐ Online Ad
- ☐ In-Person Conference
- ☐ Virtual Conference
- ☐ Billboard
- ☐ Magazine Ad
- ☐ Brochure
- ☐ CST Alum
- ☐ Pastor/Rabbi/Imam
- ☐ Other

To which (if any) schools other than CST are you applying?

Influencers

Please tell us the name(s) and email address(es) of who most influenced your decision to apply to CST.



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Phone number

Add Number

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Ask a Question About This Application

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Personal Statement (approximately 500 words) *

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Please address (1) Your reasons for the pursuit of graduate theological study, (2) your desire to study at Claremont School of Theology, and (3) your intended use of this coursework in meeting future goals. **In your response, please be sure to address CST's core values of compassion, justice, and belonging and how they fit into your calling.**

Please refer to the Personal Statement template at the beginning of this document. CST approved the template for your use.

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If you do not already have copies of your transcripts, you can select "I am unable to obtain official transcripts" near the bottom of this page. That will allow you to complete this application, but you will still need to send CST your transcripts before they accept you as a student.

IMPORTANT: You are required to submit official transcripts from every post-secondary (after the high school level) school you have attended even if you did not complete a degree from that school. If your school can send official transcripts electronically via a secure third-party vendor service, please have them send to admission@cst.edu. If mailing hardcopy official transcripts, please have them sent from your school in sealed envelopes to the following address:

Admissions Office
Claremont School of Theology
10497 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90024

If you have already earned credit at CST as a current or former student, please use this link to authorize the use of your CST transcript for the purposes of admission: https://cstregistrar.formstack.com/forms/request_for_release_of_records_for_cst_admissions

Please enter the names of each post-secondary school from which you have earned credit below.

School Name *

Please enter your school's official name. If you have not attended any post-secondary school, please contact the Admissions Office (admission@cst.edu) for next steps.

Did you complete a degree from this school? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) *

Please enter the date that you began your studies at this school.

Date

End Date (mm/dd/yyyy) *

Please enter the date that you concluded your studies at this school.

Date

GPA

Please enter your cumulative GPA from this school, using a 4.0 scale. If you do not know, please leave blank.

Did you attend a second post-secondary school in addition to the one above? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

REMINDER: You must send official transcripts for ALL coursework you have completed after obtaining a high-school diploma or equivalent. Failure to do so may delay your application process, as well as affect your eligibility for certain scholarships and admission to certain programs.

Unofficial Transcripts (optional)

Although **official** copies of your academic transcripts are required as a part of the admissions process, if you have unofficial copies of your transcripts, or if you cannot obtain official copies of your transcripts, please follow the instructions below.

If you are unable to obtain your official transcripts, please check the box below. Saved

☒ I am unable to obtain official transcripts

Reason for unofficial transcripts *

Please explain why you are unable to obtain official copies of your transcripts.

If you ***are*** able to obtain your official transcripts, but would still like to submit unofficial copies, please do so below.

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Signature and Acknowledgment *

Please read and then sign below:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information furnished in this application is complete, true and correct. I understand that falsification or purposeful misrepresentation of my qualifications may be cause for denying admission or, if discovered after admission, dismissal from Claremont School of Theology.



Next Steps * Saved

After your application has been processed by our office, you will receive an email that includes a link to a required form. Please complete that form as soon as possible in order to avoid delays in registration. Please indicate that you have read and understand these instructions by clicking the box below.

☒ I understand



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Application Fee

On the following page, you will be asked to enter credit/debit card payment information to pay the application fee. If you are not able to pay the application fee via credit/debit card, or if you would like to request an application fee waiver due to extenuating circumstances, please contact your Admissions Counselor, or the Admissions Office by emailing admission@cst.edu. If you already have a waiver code, please enter in the box below.

Waiver Code: Enter code "CSULB25" to waive the application fee.

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Before submitting, the application fee must be paid.

Fee Amount	\$25.00
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