



St. Maximos the Confessor Eastern Orthodox
Society of the

Antiochian House of Studies

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAM

1. Complete form, and send to registrar@taoi.com
2. Attach all required documents (see Appendix, Section 3)
3. Fill in Section C, and a request for references will be sent directly to your referees.

A – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Date _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
Street Address Apartment / Unit #

City State Zip Code

International Address _____
Street Address Apartment / Unit #

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Email _____

Gender _____ ID or Passport Number _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? *Yes* *No* If not, are you authorized to study in the USA? *Yes* *No*

Date (Month / Day / Year) and place of birth _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? *Yes* *No*

If yes, explain _____

B – EDUCATION

College / University _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

College / University _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____
Studies at AHOS? *Yes* *No* _____

From _____ To _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

C – REFERENCES

Please list THREE academic references

Name / Academic Title _____ Relationship _____
Institution _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____



Name / Academic Title _____ Relationship _____
Institution _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____



Name / Academic Title _____ Relationship _____
Institution _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

D – PREVIOUS OR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Company / Institution _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Supervisor _____
Job Title _____
Responsibilities _____

From _____ To _____ Reason for Leaving _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? *Yes* *No*

Company / Institution _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Supervisor _____
 Job Title _____
 Responsibilities _____
 From _____ To _____ Reason for Leaving _____
 May we contact your supervisor for a reference? ^{Yes} ^{No}

E – PRIESTLY / ECCLESIASTICAL MINISTRY

Church _____ From _____ To _____
 Jurisdiction _____ Position _____
 Bishop _____
 Parish Priest _____
 Previous denomination, if any _____

F – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and travel expenses. You or your sponsor will be responsible for all payments according to scheduled payment dates for each semester.

How do you plan to fund your tuition and expenses during your education?

Self-Sponsored Scholarship Specify (Name, Value, Duration) _____

Other _____

I certify that the financial information provided on this form is true, accurate, and complete, and that the funds are available and will be provided as stated.

Signature _____ Date _____

G – DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to admission, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my expulsion from the program. I also understand that application fees are not refundable.

Signature _____ Date _____

H – FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Reviewed By _____ Date Received _____
Last First M.I.

Proposed Supervisor _____

Proposed Dissertation Title _____

Bridging Course(s) _____

English Language Requirement Met? *Yes* *No*

U.S. Residency Requirement Met? *Yes* *No*

Ancient Language Requirement Met? *Yes* *No*

Language(s) _____

Academic Requirements Met? *Yes* *No*

Personal Statement Received? *Yes* *No*

Application Fee Received? *Yes* *No*

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PLEASE SEE APPENDIX BELOW FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for the Ph.D. program in Orthodox Studies, ensure that all entrance requirements have been satisfied. Please see Sections 1–7 below pertaining to the application procedure for the Ph.D. program.

1 – IDENTIFYING A SUPERVISOR

Ph.D. students will work with an individual supervisor or supervisory team. It is therefore important that you examine the specializations of our faculty, in order to ensure that your proposed research topic matches an existing area of expertise. Please contact us if you would like assistance in identifying a suitably qualified member of faculty for the area in which you wish to specialize.

2 – ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Ph.D. program in Orthodox Studies typically requires a graduate degree specifically related to the candidate's area of research. A Master's degree in Theology (M.Th.), Divinity (M.Div.) or Religious Studies, is preferred. However, graduates of other academic disciplines may be admitted to the Ph.D. program upon completion of such bridging courses as are deemed necessary by the Admissions Committee.

Incorrect or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Admissions Committee. Please note that applications are only valid for two consecutive years.

English Language Requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of proficiency in English. This can be either an IELTS score of 7.0, a TOEFL score of 100 iBT, or a Cambridge CPE at grade C. English language requirements may be waived if the applicant is a graduate of a recognized university whose language of instruction is English.

Ancient Language Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate that they are proficient in Ancient Greek. Ancient Greek is a prerequisite for the TAOI Ph.D. in Orthodox Studies, in addition to which one other ancient tongue is required, such as Latin, Syriac, Hebrew, Coptic, Armenian, Slavonic, Georgian, Arabic.

Proficiency is also required in at least one modern language other than English. French and German are strongly recommended, but proficiency in other modern languages might also be acceptable, depending on the character of the proposed topic of research.

3 – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

All applications must include the following supplementary documentation before a decision can be made:

- *CV/Résumé. This should include your personal details with a history of your education, research and employment to date.*
- *Personal statement.*
- *A research proposal. Applicants should include an outline of their proposed research topic in English, of not more than 1,000 words.*
- *Two samples of academic work written in English, of approximately 2,000 words, including notes, but not including bibliography.*

- *Three academic references. Referees will be emailed a link to a web form, which will allow them to either upload their references, or to complete it online. References should arrive in a timely manner, before the deadline (see Section 4 below).*
- *Academic transcripts and degree certificates. Please have the granting institution send certified copies directly to the Office of the Registrar with official English translations, if applicable.*
- *Certificate of proficiency in the English language.*

4 – IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Applications received by February 28th will receive first consideration for acceptance. Applicants received after February 28th will be considered on a rolling basis and only if places are available. If places are not available at the time of application, successful applicants will be offered admission to the following academic year.

Courses begin in the last week of August of each academic year at the Antiochian Village, 140 Church Camp Trail, Boliver, PA 15923, or at the Antiochian Orthodox Institute, 1020 Baseline Rd, La Verne, CA 91750.

5 – APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Applicants with special needs or disabilities are encouraged to contact the Office of the Registrar as early as possible, so as to ensure that their needs will be provided for.

If the Office of the Registrar has not been informed of a student’s special needs prior to an offer being made, we cannot guarantee that suitable resources will be available at the commencement of studies — although every reasonable effort will be made on the student’s behalf.

Please note that all applications are assessed chiefly on academic merit.

6 – APPLICATION FEE

An application fee of \$75 is payable upon submission of the application. Checks must be written to the Office of the Registrar, Antiochian Orthodox Institute, 1020 Baseline Rd, La Verne, CA 91750.

7 – TUITION FEES

The total number of required credits for the TAOI Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies is 36. The cost per credit is \$399.00. For further information, please contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@taoi.org.

8 – CONTACT DETAILS

For further details regarding the TAOI Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

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