

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary International Students Admissions Requirements

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

All international applicants applying to Southwestern Seminary (non-citizens of the United States of America) must take the TOEFL and request the score to be sent to the admissions office. Please refer to the following TOEFL website for more information: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>. The institution code for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is 6668.

Required scores are listed as follows:

Undergraduate & Masters Students

Minimum overall score of **213** on the **Computer-Based Test** (CBT)

Minimum overall score of **79** on the **Internet-Based Test** (iBT)

Minimum overall score of **6.5** on **IELTS** (can be considered)

Doctoral Students and Other Advanced Degrees (such as Th.M)

Minimum overall score of **100** on the **Internet-Based Test** (iBT)

Transcript/Credentials Evaluation (SpanTran)

Official transcripts must be translated into English, indicating degree(s) earned and date(s) conferred. They must be submitted to the Office of Admissions. In addition, applicants are required to submit translated transcripts from all previous institutions outside the United States to SpanTran, The Evaluation Company, for evaluation. For the SpanTran evaluation application, please contact the Office of Admissions.

Financial Requirements & Assistance

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations (USCIS) requires that a person entering the United States on a student (F-1) visa must show adequate financial resources for his/her seminary training as well as living expenses while in the United States. **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary requires all married students to live together with their family in order to be considered for admission as well as while the student is pursuing a course of study.** A completed Financial Support Verification Form, Sponsor Letter(s), and bank statement(s) are required to verify student's financial resources. You will receive the Financial Verification Form and Sponsor Letter Templates after the completion of the online application.

NOTE: On-campus work may NOT be considered as a source of financial support until you have attended SWBTS for a year.

Southwestern Seminary assists new international students during their first semester by providing the Southern Baptist Tuition Discount. During students' first semester, they are given the option to join local Southern Baptist churches in order to continuously qualify for the Southern Baptist Tuition Discount.

I-20 Form

After your application for admission has been approved, an I-20 form will be issued to you. Form I-20 is a government document that allows you to obtain your F-1 student visa at an available U.S. Embassy in your home country. If you are transferring from another school within the United States, we require your current school to contact the Office of International Student Ministry and Services at Southwestern Seminary to verify your status.

NOTE: According to USCIS regulations, Southwestern Seminary cannot issue the I-20 for you until you have been officially accepted and are eligible to enroll in the next available semester.

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Please refer to the Southwestern Seminary's Academic Catalog for more information on admissions requirements:
<http://catalog.swbts.edu/>