

# JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### THE MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (M.T.S.)

#### *Admissions Policy*

Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution in the United States or from its equivalent in foreign countries. While it is advisable that applicants for admission have a previous background in philosophy and theology, students without a background in philosophy and theology are strongly encouraged to apply.

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

1. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
2. Official copy of high school diploma or transcript with date of graduation.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (G.R.E.) scores. No specific score is required; used for placement purposes.
4. Copy of passport **or** birth certificate and driver's license.
5. Letter of permission to study from Bishop or Provincial for those who are religious and/or clergy.
6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members of academic institutions formerly attended.
7. An electronic photo (headshot).
8. A non-refundable application fee of US \$60 must accompany the application.
9. If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, he or she must include the following:
  - A) TOEFL scores. A score of 92-93 is required.
  - B) A letter from a sponsor who will be financially responsible for the applicant during his/her time of study at the Institute or an official copy of the student's bank statement verifying enough funds for educational and living expenses for the duration of one year. In addition, a summary of the applicant's sources of income for the costs of study (tuition, fees and books, living expenses, and health insurance); and verification of the applicant's health insurance coverage.
  - C) If the applicant is a priest or religious, a statement from a pastor of a local parish or a superior of a local house verifying that the student has permission to reside in the parish or religious house during their time of study at the Institute.

Students also are required to submit lists of the following:

- academic honors
- extracurricular/community activities
- employment history
- standard demographic/personal information and data

Additionally, an essay of no more than a 1000 words is required, explaining the applicant's intellectual interests and their relation to the mission of the Institute relative to the current cultural situation.

# JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### LICENTIATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (S.T.L.)

#### *Admissions Requirements*

Admission to the S.T.L. program requires the pontifical Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) or a graduate degree with coursework that is equivalent to that of the S.T.B. In the case of applicants with a Master of Arts in Theology, normally two years of additional full-time study in theology and philosophy will be required to meet the equivalency stipulation.

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

1. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
2. Official copy of high school diploma or transcript with date of graduation.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (G.R.E.) scores. No specific score is required; used for placement purposes.
4. Copy of passport **or** birth certificate and driver's license.
5. Letter of permission to study from Bishop or Provincial for those who are religious and/or clergy.
6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members of academic institutions formerly attended.
7. An electronic photo (headshot).
8. A non-refundable application fee of US \$60 must accompany the application.
9. If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, he or she must include the following:
  - A) TOEFL scores. A score of 92-93 is required.
  - B) A letter from a sponsor who will be financially responsible for the applicant during his/her time of study at the Institute or an official copy of the student's bank statement verifying enough funds for educational and living expenses for the duration of one year. In addition, a summary of the applicant's sources of income for the costs of study (tuition, fees and books, living expenses, and health insurance); and verification of the applicant's health insurance coverage.
  - C) If the applicant is a priest or religious, a statement from a pastor of a local parish or a superior of a local house verifying that the student has permission to reside in the parish or religious house during their time of study at the Institute.

Applicants also are required to submit lists of the following:

- academic honors
- extracurricular/community activities
- employment history
- standard demographic/personal information and data

Additionally, a 1500-word essay is required, explaining the applicant's intellectual interests and their relation to the mission of the Institute relative to the current cultural situation.

# JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### DOCTORATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY (S.T.D.)

#### *Admissions Requirements*

Admission to the S.T.D. program requires the S.T.L. degree (*magna cum laude* or higher) from a session of the John Paul II Institute. While the S.T.L. degree, *magna cum laude* or higher, is a prerequisite for consideration for admission into the S.T.D. program, possession of this degree does not guarantee admission.

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

1. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
2. Official copy of high school diploma or transcript with date of graduation.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (G.R.E.) scores. No specific score is required; used for placement purposes.
4. Copy of passport **or** birth certificate and driver's license.
5. Letter of permission to study from Bishop or Provincial for those who are religious and/or clergy. If the applicant is a lay person, a letter of presentation from a priest, signifying that he or she is a Catholic in good standing.
6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members of academic institutions formerly attended.
7. An electronic photo (headshot).
8. A non-refundable application fee of US \$60 must accompany the application.
9. If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, he or she must include the following:
  - A) TOEFL scores. A score of 92-93 is required.
  - B) A letter from a sponsor who will be financially responsible for the applicant during his/her time of study at the Institute or an official copy of the student's bank statement verifying enough funds for educational and living expenses for the duration of one year. In addition, a summary of the applicant's sources of income for the costs of study (tuition, fees and books, living expenses, and health insurance); and verification of the applicant's health insurance coverage.
  - C) If the applicant is a priest or religious, a statement from a pastor of a local parish or a superior of a local house verifying that the student has permission to reside in the parish or religious house during their time of study at the Institute.

Applicants also are required to submit lists of the following:

- academic honors
- extracurricular/community activities
- employment history
- standard demographic/personal information and data

Two essays are also required: 1) a 1500-word essay explaining the applicant's intellectual interests and their relation to the mission of the Institute relative to the current cultural situation. (This essay is waived for applicants who answered it in applying to the S.T.L. program.) 2) a 1500-word essay commenting on the significance of the philosophical act as discussed in a selected passage of Josef Pieper's *Leisure as the Basis of Culture*, in light of the mission of the Institute.

# **JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE**

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

### **THE DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN PERSON, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY (PH.D.)**

Admission to the Ph.D. program requires the successful completion of a master's degree in theology or a related field. Prior to acceptance, an on-site interview will be required.

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

1. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
2. Official copy of high school diploma or transcript with date of graduation.
3. Official Graduate Record Exam (G.R.E.) scores. Our institutional code is 3533. No specific score is required; used for placement purposes.
4. Copy of passport **or** birth certificate and driver's license.
5. Letter of permission to study from Bishop or Provincial for those who are religious and/or clergy.
6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members of academic institutions formerly attended.
7. An electronic photo (headshot).
8. A non-refundable application fee of US \$60 must accompany the application.
9. If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, he or she must include the following:
  - A) TOEFL scores. A score of 92-93 is required.
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S.T.L. program.) 2) a 1500-word essay commenting on the significance of the philosophical act as discussed in a selected passage of Josef Pieper's *Leisure as the Basis of Culture*, in light of the mission of the Institute.