

AN OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY

Our Identity

Union University is an academic community, affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, equipping persons to think Christianly and serve faithfully in a consistent

undergraduate education enhanced by professional and graduate programs. The academic community is composed of quality faculty, staff, and students working together in a caring, grace-filled environment conducive to the development of character, servant leadership, and cultural engagement.

Our Core Values

We believe that excellence, not mere compliance, is the goal of our teaching, our research, and our service. We are not motivated to excellence out of pride but out of a desire to do all things for God's glory because He cares about our work and wants to be involved in everything we do. We will not be satisfied with mediocrity, but will pursue excellence in all things. This means our truth claims carry with them the challenge of living out that truth in the minutes and hours of our daily life. These will pursue excellence, without arrogance.

A cohering core value of our guiding vision is a call to faith, a call to be Christ-centered in all that we are and in all that we do. We will seek to build a Christian liberal arts based community where men and women can be introduced to an understanding and appreciation of God, His creation and grace, and to humanity's place of privilege and responsibility in this world. We will seek to establish all aspects of life and learning on the Word of God, leading to a firm

commitment to Christ and His Kingdom. To be a Christ-centered institution calls for us to establish the priority of worship and service in the Christian life while seeking to develop a generation of students who can be agents of reconciliation to a fractured church in a hurting and broken world. This commitment calls for all faculty and staff to integrate Christian faith in all learning and doing, based on the supposition that all truth is God's truth and that there is no contradiction between God's truth made known to us in Holy Scripture and that which is revealed to us through creation and natural revelation.

A third pillar on which we will build our common commitments is the core value of being people-focused. At the heart of our commitment to being people-focused is the visible demonstration of loving one another. We will give honor to one another through our words and actions, and by committing to each person's success. We therefore jointly commit ourselves to the success of Union University.

We will seek to maximize the windows of opportunity the Lord has presented to us to the greatest degree that resources allow. All of our resources and efforts must, by God's grace, be maximized to fulfill our common mission. A commitment to being future-directed means we want to have a short-term focus and a long-term view. We want to invest ourselves in efforts that prepare effectively to impact the world of the 21st Century.

Our Mission

Union University provides Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

Our History

Union University is an heir of three antebellum Tennessee schools—West Tennessee College and its predecessor, Jackson Male Academy, both located at Jackson, and of Union University, located at Murfreesboro—and it is the inheritor of another college in 1927, Hall-Mood Junior College of Martin, Tennessee.

Jackson Male Academy, founded in 1823 shortly after the opening of West Tennessee for settlement, was chartered by the legislature in 1825.

West Tennessee College originated in the mid-1840s when supporters of the Academy secured a charter for a college and received an endowment from the state to come from the sale of public lands. Under its charter, the property rights and governance of the Jackson Male Academy were vested in the trustees of the College. The College offered

three degrees—bachelor of arts, bachelor of philosophy, and master of arts—and had four departments: Moral Philosophy, Languages, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy and Chemistry.

West Tennessee College continued until 1874, when at a time of depressed economic conditions, the trustees offered the College's buildings, grounds, and endowment to Tennessee Baptists in the hopes of attracting the southern regional university planned by the state's Baptist leaders.

Meanwhile, after years of discussion and the raising of an endowment, the Baptists of Middle Tennessee (there were three separate conventions in Tennessee at that time) in 1848 established Union University in Murfreesboro, near the geographical center of the state. Union University came upon hard times when in 1859 its highly respected president, Joseph H. Eaton, died and when during the Civil War its

7. **1 Timothy 2:1-4.** The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all true followers of Christ, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. Christians are to associate themselves with local churches; and to each church is given the authority to administer order, to carry out ministry, to worship, and to practice discipline.
8. **1 Corinthians 15:20-22.** The bodies of humans after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God—the righteous to

rest with Him; the wicked to be resurrected under darkness to the judgment. God in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised. God has appointed a day, when He will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when all people shall receive according to their deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

External Associations

Accredited By

Union University is accredited by the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges* to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Union University.

Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not to the Commission's office. The University also has the following discipline-specific accreditation:

- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business*
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education*
- Accrediting*

The Stephen Olford Center is an 18-acre facility in southeast Memphis which includes more than 40 hotel-style rooms for conference attendees; dining facilities; a patio and swimming pool; a newly donated library with about 32,000 volumes; classrooms and offices; and a chapel.

Union also has an off-campus site in Hendersonville, Tennessee. The Hendersonville campus is located at the strategic intersection of Indian Lake Blvd. and Maple Drive. The attractive 26,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose facility effectively serves the expanding program offerings in the middle Tennessee area.

An abbreviated description of Jackson campus facilities follows. A more detailed description of each building as well as the services available in each, is presented in the *Campus Life Handbook*, available at www.uu.edu/studentservices/handbook.

Penick Academic Complex

The Penick Academic Complex houses the G.M. Sage Memorial Chapel, Fred DeLaGomasi Gym, E.T. Rock, Palmer Activities Center, Office of Career Services, W. D. Poell Theatre, Waldrop Administrative Center, Union Station, Information Technology, Emma Waters Summer Library, Hendle Center for Academic Enrichment, and the Warren Jones Academic Site. The Complex includes the Arts & Sciences departments of Art, Computer Science, Engineering, English, History, Language, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology & Family Studies; the Education & Human Studies department of Physical Education, Wellness & Sport.

The Waldrop Administrative Center contains the offices of the Registrar, Business Services, Office of the Provost, Office of the President, and the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies.

The Emma Waters Summer Library has immediate access to a collection of over 150,000 books, 19,000 e-journals, and 40,000 e-books. Through membership in regional and national cooperatives it has access to the collections of over 41,000 libraries worldwide. It also maintains a safe comfortable environment for both individual and group study.

recommendations regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The MAIS Advisor Council, comprised of the director and the faculty across the disciplines, receive recommendations from the MAIS Program Director regarding candidates for admission who do not meet

classes. Each faculty member will determine how this policy will be administered in his/her classes. However, students must satisfy all testing, reporting, and required functions defined for the course.

Academic Integrity

Union University upholds the highest standards of honesty.

A candidate for the graduate degree must:

Complete required semester hours for the degree as indicated within the appropriate program. Earn a cumulative Union University GPA of ≥ 2.33 (minimum) for Pharm.D.; 3.0 (minimum) for M.B.A., M.Acc., M.Ed., M.U.Ed., and M.A.Ed, M.A.I.S., M.S.N., M.S.W, M.C.S., D.N.P, Ed.S., D.Min.; and ≥ 3.2 (minimum) for Ed.D.

Successfully complete all degree requirements which are in effect for his/her program.

File an Application for Graduation with the respective Graduate Program office. Application deadlines are:

March 1 for candidates who plan to complete requirements by the May Commencement.

May 15 for completion by Summer Commencement.

F. Refund policy for the one week term is as follows:

1. On or before the second day beginning with the official date of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing 100% less \$40 per course matriculation fee)
2. Days one and two100% less \$40 per course
3. Day three 75%
4. Day four 50%
5. Days five and six 25%
6. After day six, there is no refund.

G. Refund policy for the six week term is as follows:

1. On or before the second day beginning with the official date of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing 100% less \$40 per course matriculation fee)
2. Days one and two <</MCID 1242 >>BD42 >>BD42 >>BD42 >>Bon fee)

Effect on the Student's Account

If funds which must be returned due to withdrawal have already been credited to a student's account, it may result in the student owing additional funds to Union University.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement

The student is responsible for providing information to the University regarding their employer's policies for reimbursement. If the employer reimburses the student directly, the student must pay the University in full at the time of registration. If the employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the University, the student must pay their portion of the tuition at the time of registration. The University will provide any required information to an employer when requested by the student.