

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY

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## Our Identity

Union University is an academic community, affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, equipping persons to think Christianly and serve faithfully in ways consistent with its core values of being excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed. These values shape its identity as an institution which prioritizes liberal arts based undergraduate education enhanced by professional and graduate programs. The academic community is composed of quality faculty, staff, and students minutes and hours of our daily life. Thus we will pursue

excellence, without arrogance.

- Christ-CenteredA 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

in 1868 only to close again in 1873, largely because of its financial condition and an epidemic of cholera.

by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Those who are accepted in Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. The Church 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. Last Things 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 reserved 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.

*This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. With*

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Southern Council of Collegiate Education for Nursing  
Tennessee Association for Counseling and Development  
Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and  
Admission Officers  
Tennessee College Association  
Tennessee Independent College and Universities Association

## State Board Approvals

*Educator Preparation Program, Tennessee State  
Department of Education  
Tennessee Health Related Boards*

## The Campus

The uniqueness of the Union University campus, located on U.S. Highway 45 Bypass and Union University Drive in Northwest Jackson, is related to the academic facilities and student housing. Union's campus is designed with the student as its axis. All facilities, programs, and personnel are interrelated in an attempt to meet the needs of students.

In addition to the main campus in Jackson, Union University opened a second campus in the Memphis suburb of Germantown, Tennessee, in 1997. Because of the rapid growth of the campus, the faculty and staff offices, classrooms and computer lab facilities moved to a new location in June 2001. Continued demands for growth and expansion of programs warranted a renovation in 2003 to include additional nursing labs, classrooms, conference rooms, and offices.

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

## Penick Academic Complex

The Penick Academic Complex houses the G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel, Fred DeLay Gymnasium, E.T. "Rocky" Palmer Activities Center, Center for Academic Success, Office of Disability Services, Vocatio Center, W. D. Powell Theatre, Waldrop Administrative Center, Union Station, Information Technology, Writing Center, and the Warren Jones Academic Suite. The Complex includes the departments of Art, Computer Science, Engineering, English, History, Language, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Family Studies, Physical Education, Wellness and Sport, as well as the Intercultural Studies Program and the Center for Intercultural Engagement.

The Waldrop Administrative Center contains the offices of the Registrar, Business Services, Faculty Development, Accreditation and Research, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

## The Logos

The Logos, opened in 2015, houses the Union University library and archives, the offices of the President and the Provost, the Modero coffee shop, and study and meeting rooms. The library provides comprehensive and current academic resources and services to support the educational initiatives of Union University, with immediate access to a collection of more than

150,000 books and 200,000 e-books, as well as thousands of journals and other academic resources.

## Fesmire Fields and Fieldhouse

The Fesmire Fields provide lighted playing fields for varsity baseball and softball. The Fesmire Field House provides indoor practice and dressing rooms for men and women's soccer, softball, and baseball, as well as athletic training rooms for sports injuries.

## Smith Memorial Soccer Complex

the Residence Director and Assistant Residence Director and provides facilities for lounge areas, laundry, and recreation. The Grace, Hope, Hurt, and Watters Quads house upperclassmen, and a limited number of freshmen. The Bowld Commons Building houses male and female residence directors for The Quads. The Commons provides additional lounge, recreation, and classroom space.

Family housing is located in the Warmath Apartments. The complex consists of 24 two-bedroom apartments. Graduate housing for single students is available in the Hope Complex.

### Hyran E. Barefoot Student Union Building

The Barefoot Student Union Building houses the Student Dining Hall, Executive Dining Room, Lexington Inn, Eldon Byrd Faculty Lounge, Barefoots Joe Coffeehouse, Harvey Auditorium, University Services and Mail Services, offices for Student Services (Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of

Students, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Counseling, Student Leadership Development, Residence Life, Health Services, and University Security), offices of Undergraduate Admissions, Financial Planning, Enrollment Services, University Ministries (Missionary-In-Residence), and Prayer Chapel.

### Carl Grant Events Center

The Carl Grant Events Center is named in honor of Carl Grant to recognize his generosity to and support for Union University. The beautiful state-of-the-art events center was designed to host significant conferences, dinners, banquets, and special events. This magnificent facility also contains the University's Heritage Center, a splendid pictorial presentation of the University, portraying many of the highlights in the University's history from 1823-2007.

## Graduate Studies

All programs and objectives in Graduate Studies at Union University derive from the statement of Mission of Union University. Accordingly, Graduate Studies seeks to provide students with a quality educational experience in a Christian university environment. Specifically, Union expects graduate students to:

- Demonstrate within their disciplines advanced knowledge and skills.
- Display competency in critical evaluation of issues, trends and methodologies.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply research that extends the body of knowledge in the field.
- Enhance their ethical decision-making ability through an academic environment integrated with a Christian faith.
- Build intellectual and moral knowledge to cope with a pluralistic world and better serve their communities, businesses and schools.

Graduate Studies seeks to reflect the Core Values of Union University in academics, Christian values, development of the whole person, and personal attention to student needs. Its goals are to cultivate a Christian academic community which is excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed.

## Graduate Governance and Admissions

Fifteen graduate programs currently exist at Union University: the M.A.I.S., the M.S. in Biology, and M.S. in Conservation Biology, administered by the College of Arts and Sciences; the M.B.A. and the M.Acc., administered by the McAfee School of Business; the M.A.Ed., the M.U.Ed., the M.Ed., the Ed.S. and the Ed.D. degrees administered by the School of Education; the M.S.W., administered by the School of Social Work; the M.S.N. and D.N.P., administered by the School of Nursing; the M.C.S., administered by the School of Theology and Missions; and the Pharm.D. administered by the College of Pharmacy.

The Master of Business Administration and the Master of Accountancy degree programs are administered by the M.B.A. Director and the Accountancy Coordinator respectively, and by the Dean, McAfee School of Business. The Master of Arts in Education, the Master of Urban Education, the Master of Education, the Education Specialist and the Education Doctorate degree programs are administered by Program Directors and the Dean, School of Education. The Master of Social Work is administered by the Program Director and Dean, School of Social Work. The Master of Science in Nursing and the DNP is administered by the various track chairs and the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs. The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies is administered by the MAIS Director in collaboration with the MAIS Advisory Council and the Academic Council comprised of all University deans. The Master of Christian Studies is governed by the M.C.S. Director and the Dean of the School of Theology and Missions. The Greater Faculty is responsible for approval of curriculum and graduate program policies. The faculty considers recommendations from the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), which is responsible for examining graduate programs, course offerings, and policies relative to graduate studies at Union. Task teams may be created by the Deans of the Schools/Colleges to consider and make recommendations to the UCC. Thus, significant curriculum and policy changes and additions proceed from the Directors (and/or task teams) to the UCC to the faculty. The graduate governance structure at Union University is completed by the Provost, the President, and the Board of Trustees.

The Program Directors are empowered to make admissions decisions based on the approved and published admission criteria. Admission decisions of the nursing graduate program are made by the Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee. The Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee is comprised of the Dean, School of Nursing, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, and track chairs. The Graduate Business Admissions Committee, the Graduate Education Admissions Committee, the Graduate Social Work Admissions Committee, and the Graduate Theology and Missions Admissions Committee, comprised of business, education, social work, or Christian studies faculty and directors

respectively, receive recommendations regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The MAIS Advisory 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 regular admission requirements. The respective Admissions Committees may recommend Conditional Admission for students who do not meet published criteria for admission.

## Student Life

Graduate students are welcomed and are encouraged to participate in the many curricular and co-curricular activities that take place on the University campus. For more information on student life, graduate students may consult the latest edition of *The Campus Life Handbook* at [www.uu.edu/studentlife/handbook](http://www.uu.edu/studentlife/handbook).

## Student Conduct

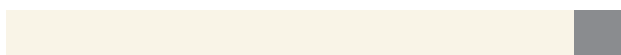
At Union University all members of the University community have a responsibility to the values of the University and to one another. The commitment to these values is expected at any time a student is enrolled, whether or not school is in session. When students are accepted for admission to Union University, the University believes they are capable of conducting themselves in a manner which involves restraint and self-control when such are necessary. Written rules and regulations cannot be provided for every act or condition that may occur in the lives of several thousand students. However, the general policy of conduct at Union University is that students conduct themselves as persons of faith who strive to exemplify the character of Jesus Christ throughout their daily lives.

Union University graduate students are bound by the policies and procedures listed in *The Campus Life Handbook* and









A candidate for the graduate degree must:

- Successfully complete all degree requirements which are in effect for his/her program.
- Complete online Application for Graduation according to deadlines provided by the program office.
- Pay remaining balance on his/her account
- Settle all other obligations (fines, credentials, etc.) at the University.

## Financial Information

### Expenses Due and Payable

All expenses for the semester, after subtraction of financial aid, are due and payable before the beginning of classes for that semester. A 1.5% service charge will be assessed monthly on all outstanding student account balances.

Failure of a student to keep payments current will make him/her liable for exclusion from class attendance and from the university. All charges must be paid before the student may receive a diploma or academic transcript or enroll for a subsequent term. Students preregistering for a semester must have their current account paid in full; subsequent withdrawal will still incur fees.

The General Student Fee covers a variety of University costs, including but not limited to the following: health services fee, admissions to athletic and campus-sponsored events, student activities, counseling services, student organization fees, career services, academic tutoring, wellness center membership, intramurals, post office box rental, student publications, computer lab/technology fee, online learning management system, graduation fee, printing, class dues, student ID, parking fee/sticker, and library services.

Please review the section below entitled "Financial Assistance" for additional information. The University accepts payment via Web Advisor, in person, or by phone or mail. Debit or credit card payments are subject to a convenience fee of 2.5%. Payment plans are available if needed, and may be established through the Office of Business and Financial Services. All financial information is subject to change without notice.

### Refunds

#### A. Advance Deposits for New Students

A minimum tuition deposit of \$200 is required after acceptance for admission to reserve a place in class; see program requirements for those that are program specific. This deposit applies to the tuition for the entering semester. A housing deposit of \$100 is charged for room reservation in all resident complexes. All tuition and residence complex deposit will be refunded if the cancellation and request is made by May 1 for fall semester, November 15 for winter term, December 1st for spring semester, and

May 1 for summer. NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN ON CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER THESE DATES. If the student is not accepted for admission, all deposits will be refunded. Requests for refund of tuition deposit must be submitted in writing to the Director of Admissions.

B. A student withdrawing from all classes will be refunded tuition charges according to the chart below. General student fees, lab fees, and all other fees are non-refundable. Refunds on housing charges will be prorated to the end of the week in which the student withdraws up to day 25. Meal refunds will be calculated at the higher of the amount prorated to the end of the week in which the student withdraws or the number of meals used over the total of meals in the student's meal plan. Students withdrawing due to disciplinary action will not receive a refund on housing charges.

C. Refund policy for the nine to sixteen week semester is as follows:

1. On or before the fifth day beginning with the official day of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing—100% less \$40 per course matriculation fee)
2. Days one through five . 100% less \$40 per course
3. Days six through ten. . . . .75%
4. Days eleven through fifteen . . . . .50%
5. Days sixteen through twenty-five. . . . .25%
6. After the twenty-fifth day, there is no refund.

D. Refund policy for the three week semester is as follows:

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

E. Refund policy for the four week terms is as follows:

1. On or before the second day beginning with the official day of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing—100% less \$40 per course matriculation fee)
2. Day one and two. . . . .100% 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.

Note: Days noted in C, D, and E exclude Saturdays and Sundays.

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

1. On or before the second day beginning with the official day of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing—100% less \$40 per course matriculation fee)
2. Days one and two. . . . .100% 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:

