

Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University



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What is Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University?

It is an extension site of Saint Paul School of Theology that is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.

When is the extension site beginning?

Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University extension begins fall 2008 academic year.

What degrees will be offered?

The only degree offered will be Master of Divinity, with no specializations.

How do I locate the course schedule?

The 2008-2009 Course Schedule is located at:

http://www.spst.edu/site/academics/registrar/catalog_handbook_courses/index.php

Where will classes be offered?

The primary classroom will be in the Wimberly School of Religion

Will there be online courses?

No. Some courses will involve sections in Oklahoma City and Kansas City that communicate via video classroom.

How many credit hours will I be able to earn at Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University?

Initially, students will be able to complete 60 of 90 credit hours in Oklahoma City. By accrediting standards 1/3 of the degree will need to be completed in Kansas City. When accreditation for a complete site is approved (within 3-5 years) students will be able to complete all 90 credit hours in Oklahoma City.

How will I accomplish the one year residency requirements in Kansas City?

These courses may be enrolled in during the January and June intensive classes or during the fall or spring semesters.

What other options are there at Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University?

As a Non-Degree student you will be able to enroll in courses to meet these criteria:

Denominational Studies of the United Methodist Church (UM History, UM Doctrine, & UM Polity), Basic Graduate Theological Studies (27 credit hours), Certification Courses and Advanced Course of Study.

What Financial Aid is there for Non-Degree students?

UM Studies Scholarship for Part-time Students

As a school approved by the United Methodist University Senate, Saint Paul School of Theology administers a grant of \$150 per semester hour from the Division of Ordained Ministry to eligible persons who qualify under one of the following categories:

- **Certification Studies:** Enrolled with the Division of Ordained Ministry, Education Team.
- **Basic Graduate Theological Studies (Deacon Candidates):** Applied to the Division of Ordained Ministry, indicating an intention to become a deacon in full connection in the UMC, and who have been assigned a candidacy mentor.
- **Advanced Course of Study:** For full and part-time local pastors who have completed the course of study, associate members of annual conferences, and ordained ministers transferring in from other denominations.

What financial aid is available for a Master of Divinity student?

Once admitted as a M.Div. student to Saint Paul School of Theology, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Fill the FAFSA out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for financial aid. **Saint Paul School of Theology Title IV FAFSA school code is G02509.** You must be a M.Div. degree student enrolled in 9 credit hours or more to receive grant and you must take 6 credit hours or more to be considered for loan. There is no grant assistance available for summer.

What is the cost?

The 2008-2009 tuition cost will be \$475.00 per credit hour.

Will there be student housing options?

Long term and commuter housing options will be available for the 2008-2009 academic year. Commuter housing is limited on Oklahoma City University's campus. To apply for your housing options please contact the housing director at (405) 208-7909 or e-mail them at studentlife@okcu.edu.

What are the application requirements for *Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University* Master of Divinity or Non-Degree student?

- A complete **application for admission form.**
- Official **academic transcripts** accredited by a regional Association of Colleges and Schools or seminary attended. **A minimum grade point average of 2.8 or better (on a 4.0 scale) is required.**
- **Three letters of recommendation** are required. Each letter should be sent directly to the Admissions/Financial Aid office with the recommender's signature across the envelope seal. Forms are included with the application. Additionally, recommendation forms can be printed from the Saint Paul web site at www.spst.edu. It is important that you distribute these forms as soon as possible. Family members may not be used for letters of recommendation.
- Please include a **personal statement** of approximately 2 to 4 double-spaced typed pages. The essay should give evidence of skills in writing capable of sustaining graduate-level work. Provide a carefully worded essay:

Master of Divinity applicants:

Describe your background in the Christian faith, especially the influences that have led to your interest in ministry. Outline the ministry in which you are interested. Indicate areas where you see a need for personal growth and development. Please describe your current status with your denomination in preparation for ordained ministry. Include your plans following completion of study at Saint Paul School of Theology.

Non-Degree applicants:

Please describe your background in the Christian faith, especially the influences that have led to your interest in ministry or as a life long learner. Include your plans following completion of the courses and your ministry or learning goals.

- A **\$25.00** non-refundable **application fee.**

How do I receive a *Saint Paul School of Theology @ Oklahoma City University* application?

Contact the **Admissions and Financial Aid Office** in Kansas City, Missouri at **800.825.0378** or **www.spst.edu**.

Contact Information

Admissions and Financial Aid Office

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