GRADUATE PROGRAM
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in
CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN STUDIES
&
THEOLOGY AND LETTERS

NEW SAINT ANDREWS COLLEGE
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Join us in the pursuit of all things Trinitarian and classical

The graduate programs at New Saint Andrews College help prepare students to take the high ground in today’s culture wars: theology, the arts and education. Whoever holds these strategic areas controls the shape and direction of culture in both the City of God and the City of Man.

To equip the next generation of theologically-informed culture shapers, New Saint Andrews offers a two-year Master of Arts degree in Theology and Letters.

To advance and sustain the educational reforms of home schooling and classical Christian education gained over the past 25 years, the College has two Classical Christian Studies graduate programs designed for working educators, home schooling parents, and aspiring Christian scholars.

As with our undergraduate program, the College structured its graduate studies program firmly on the foundation of the classical liberal arts. This classical Christian paradigm for higher learning emphasizes wisdom and truth more than pragmatism, integration and beauty more than specialization, and character and goodness more than power. As a result, the College’s integrative approach to classical Christian higher education stresses the interrelationships between disciplines and their unity and diversity rooted in Christ and the Holy Trinity. From the graduate program’s introductory Theological Foundation courses to the last graduate seminar, New Saint Andrews’s graduate students are taught to understand and appreciate how diverse disciplines and subjects are interrelated and integrated in Christ himself and within the Trinitarian worldview.

The graduate faculty invites you to join us in the pursuit of all things Trinitarian and classical.

Application Process Overview

To initiate your application, return the Application Form (the first two pages of forms) and the requisite application fee. Then follow up with the supplemental information required for the level of enrollment you indicate on the form (matriculating, non-matriculating or auditor).

The following supplemental information can be submitted at a later date, but will need to be received before your file will be recommended to the Admissions Committee.

As an applicant, you are either a matriculating student (full or part-time student pursuing a degree), a non-matriculating student (taking classes for credit but not pursuing a degree) or an auditor (attending classes but not participating in discussion or assignments).

Based on your desired level of enrollment, you may be required to fulfill all or some of the following supplementary information requirements. See the chart below.

Required Supplementary Information

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Application Requirements in Detail

The First Step…

1) Application Form
Complete the enclosed application form, scan it and email it to graduate.admissions@nsa.edu or mail it to the designated address on page 4.

2) Application Fee
Mail a check or money order mail it to the designated address on page 4.

Next, Gather your Supplemental Information…

II. Transcripts and Test Scores

Satisfactory Completion of Secondary Education
The Admissions Committee requires submission of official transcripts for all prior college-level coursework. Successful applicants to the New Saint Andrews Graduate Program must hold at least a bachelor’s degree in any field from an accredited institution.

Applicants whose degrees are not in the liberal arts, theology, biblical studies, or who have significant academic deficiencies (as determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee) may be required to complete additional or remedial undergraduate coursework in theology, biblical studies, biblical languages, and/or other fields prior to admission or simultaneously with their graduate coursework.

Because of the rigorous and intensive nature of graduate-level study, applicants should have maintained the equivalent of at least a “B” average (i.e., 3.0 or higher grade point average on a 4-point scale) in their undergraduate studies.

The Admissions Committee gives careful attention to an applicant’s record in English, languages, history, and social studies in order to assess the student’s ability to meet the College’s significant reading and writing requirements.

Please request that your transcripts are sent directly to the College.

Graduate Record Examination Scores (GRE)
Exam scores are one indicator of an applicant’s academic strengths, weaknesses, and potential for success at the graduate level. However, the Admissions Committee never considers the GRE apart from the context of the student’s overall record and application portfolio.

Please request that your scores are sent directly to the College, using code: 3855.

Admission of Transfer Students
The College considers applications for advanced standing on an individual, course-by-course basis. Applicants must declare their desire to transfer credit from another graduate institution at the time they apply to New Saint Andrews, and they must do so by noting the appropriate place on the application form. They must also have an official transcript (not a copy) sent from their previous graduate institution in order for a request for transfer credit to be considered.

A Note to International Students
International students whose native language is other than English must achieve either a score of at least 600 on the paper-based (250 on the computer-based) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). International applicants must also provide an official letter from bank officials verifying that the applicant has sufficient funds on deposit to meet the costs of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for one full academic year. Please inquire with the Bursar to obtain the appropriate amount. International students need to apply by February 15 with a US $50 fee and submit all required application materials no later than May 1.
III. Evaluations

Pastoral Evaluation
The Admissions Committee considers confidential pastoral evaluations very seriously. These evaluations provide non-academic indicators of basic personal, familial, social, and spiritual traits that are essential to an assessment of how well a student will fit in at New Saint Andrews. If there are questions over concerns raised by the pastoral evaluation, the Admissions Committee may contact the pastor and/or the applicant directly to seek additional information and clarification.

The applicants are responsible for contacting their pastors and requesting that they fill out the Pastoral Evaluation Form. The completed pastoral evaluation form must be returned directly to the College and should not be returned by the applicant.

Letters of Recommendation
Applicants should ask two academic faculty members with first-hand familiarity with the applicant’s abilities and character to write letters of recommendation. The letters should evaluate the applicant’s:

- Intellectual and academic abilities;
- Diligence, work quality and work ethic;
- Self-discipline, insight, and creativity;
- Integrity and honesty;
- Maturity, humility, and wisdom;
- Ability to work closely with others;
- Sense of humor, response to criticism;
- Personal reputation and character.

Letters of recommendation should provide specific examples of the applicant’s most noteworthy strengths and weaknesses in the areas of evaluation rather than general remarks without supporting details. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the College’s Graduate Admissions office (not to the applicant).

Statement of Financial Commitment and Disclosure
Because the College limits its enrollment, the Admissions Committee wants to know whether applicants can meet their financial obligations so it does not displace qualified applicants who are able to pay.

The point is not to pry into your personal financial records, but to simply receive personal assurance that you will be able to meet your financial obligations to the College if accepted and that you are willing to take responsibility for this commitment.

Graduate Studies Terminology
The College has two graduate programs: the Theology and Letters program (T&L) and the Classical Christian Studies program (CCS).

Within the T&L, the College offers a two-year M.A. degree. The CCS program offers a two-and-a-half year M.St. degree and a one-and-a-half year Graduate Certificate.

In the T&L program students are “in-residence” and the academic year follows the College’s four-term schedule. However, the CCS program is a low-residency program and operates on an entirely different calendar. It consists of three terms (August, January and June) fitted around the normal academic year. This enables working educators to pursue their graduate studies without having to move to Moscow.

The CCS program consists of one-week intensive courses and directed readings. The one-week intensive class sessions are held at the College, but the class technically begins a month earlier as students complete assigned readings in advance of the course. In the weeks following the one-week intensive class time, students correspond with faculty and complete assignments back home. Directed readings are accomplished entirely at a distance under the direction of a faculty advisor.

All application forms and materials should be sent to:
New Saint Andrews College
Graduate Admissions
P.O. Box 9025
Moscow, ID 83843
or by e-mail, to:
gr...
To initiate your application, return the Application Form (the first two pages of forms) and the requisite application fee. Then follow up with the supplemental information (see page 2 of the Application Booklet) required for the level of enrollment you indicate on the form (matriculating, non-matriculating or auditor). If you need assistance, call (208) 882-1566.

**IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

1. Last name: ___________________________ First: ___________________ Middle: ________________

2. ○ Male ○ Female 2A. ○ Single ○ Married—Spouse’s name: ______________________________

3. Mailing address: ______________________________ Apt. ____________________________
   City: ____________________________ State____ Zip: _____________
   Phone: (____) ______- _________ Cell or alternate phone : _____________________________
   E-mail address: ____________________________@ _____________________________

4. Age: __________ Birthplace: __________________________ Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND**

5. If you are applying for the Classical Christian Studies program, please complete column “A” below. If you are applying for the Theology and Letters program, complete column “B.” See page 4 of the Application Booklet for clarification of program terminology.

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Given the resident nature of the T&L program, all students begin in the Jerusalem term (August)

6. If applying for part-time or auditor status, please list the course(s) you would like to take:

____________________________________________________________________________________

7. Transfer Students: Do you desire to transfer course credit from another graduate institution to New Saint Andrews?

   ○ Yes Please attach a letter briefly describing the courses you’ve taken elsewhere. You must request that your former institution send official transcripts directly to New Saint Andrews.

   ○ No

8. Please identify your highest degree earned, including the year the degree was granted, the name and location of the college or university issuing the degree, and the field or discipline studied.
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Degree:________ Year:____ College:__________________ Location:________ Field:____________

9. Name of your home church: _____________________________________________________________
Denominational affiliation: _______________________________________________________________
Church’s address:  ______________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:_____ Zip:  _____________

10. Pastor’s name: __________________________________________________________
Phone or e-mail address: _______________________________________________________________

11. Have you been baptized in accordance with the Word of God?  ☐ Yes ☐ No  if not, please explain
____________________________________________________________________________________

12. Are you a member in good standing?
☐ Yes ☐ No  if not, please explain
____________________________________________________________________________________

13. List your significant school, church and community activities, honors and awards: attach page if needed
____________________________________________________________________________________

14. Describe any special circumstances (e.g., health problems, disabilities, or special needs) you think the admissions committee should consider regarding your application: attach additional page if needed
____________________________________________________________________________________

15. List the last three books you’ve read that were not required as part of your academic work:
____________________________________________________________________________________
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16. Where did you hear of New Saint Andrews’s Graduate Program?

17. What other graduate programs and colleges/universities are you considering attending?

SIGNATURE

By signing and returning this application and the requisite application fee, you have initiated the New Saint Andrews College application process. Additional materials are required to complete your application file. Please consult the Application Booklet (page 2) for additional information.

All application materials should be sent to:
New Saint Andrews College
Graduate Admissions
P.O. Box 9025
Moscow, ID 83843

Applicant’s Signature  ___________________________  Date ___________________________

Application Help? A complete Application Booklet is available online at www.nsa.edu. Or call (208) 882-1566.
New Saint Andrews College  
Supplemental Application Information for Graduate Program Admission

**PASTORAL EVALUATION FORM**

[ Applicant: Ask your pastor to respond to this request ]

Dear Pastor:

Please take a few minutes to evaluate the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Your candid assessment of the applicant will play an important role in the College's admissions process. Please return this completed form directly to: Graduate Admissions Committee, New Saint Andrews College, P.O. Box 9025, Moscow, ID 83843.

Graduate applicant's name: ________________________________________________________________

Your name/Title: _______________________________________________________________________

Congregation: _________________________________________________________________________

Denominational affiliation (if any): _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________ State: ____________________ Zip: _____________

Office phone: ___________________ E-mail: ______________________________________ Fax: ___________

1. Please evaluate the graduate applicant in the following areas. Check the appropriate response.

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PASTORAL EVALUATION FORM
2. How long have you known the applicant? ______ year(s)

3. How long have you known the applicant's family? ______ year(s)

4. Is the applicant a communicant member in good standing of your congregation? O Yes O No  
   if not, please explain

5. How well do you know the applicant?

6. Has the applicant ever been subject to formal church discipline? O Yes O No  
   if yes, please explain and describe the outcome of the counsel or discipline

7. All NSA graduate students are assumed to be exhibiting the godly fruit of self-control, joy, honesty, and diligence. Please evaluate the applicant’s spiritual and intellectual abilities to handle the demands and pressures of rigorous, advanced academic work and independent study.

8. Please identify this applicant's most notable weakness, shortcoming, or area of immaturity.

9. Is there anything else you think we should know about this individual as an applicant or future NSA student?

10. Please rate this applicant's overall potential for advanced graduate-level reading, discussion, and writing.  
    O Excellent O Good O Average O Weak O Poor

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________

Thank you for your candid evaluation of this applicant. Please return this completed form directly to: Graduate Admissions Committee, New Saint Andrews College, P.O. Box 9025, Moscow, ID 83843.
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FINANCIAL COMMITMENT DISCLOSURE

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Your answers will help the Admissions Committee to know whether or not you can meet the financial obligations associated with attending New Saint Andrews.

1. Please identify who will bear primary responsibility for meeting your financial obligations to the College (you, your parents, your church, others).

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2. Indicate the primary sources of revenue you will draw upon to meet your financial obligations (savings, gifts, other).

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3. Explain whether you already have or will have sufficient revenue to pay the full annual tuition in advance, or pay in installments.

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4. If you anticipate needing scholarship assistance, please list the scholarships or other forms of financial assistance that you are pursuing, and indicate the amount of funds you need to receive to meet your financial commitment to the College.

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Student’s name: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Signed: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Please return this completed form to: Graduate Admissions Committee, New Saint Andrews College, P.O. Box 9025, Moscow, ID 83843.

International applicants should note that, in order for the College to issue the I-20 form necessary to enter the country as a student, an accepted applicant must be able to document sufficient funding for every school year. International applicants must provide an official letter from bank officers confirming that the applicant has sufficient funds on deposit that meet or exceed the specific costs of attending one of the College’s graduate programs for one full academic year. For specific amounts, please consult our web site at www.nsa.edu.
Tuition and Financial Information

Graduate School Tuition and Fees
The cost of attending New Saint Andrews’s graduate programs is based on a single cost per credit rate of $450. Tuition is due July 1st. Late fees, payment plan charges and other applicable fees may apply. For more information on pricing, call the Admissions Office at (208) 882-1566.

Tuition Agreements and Payments
The College provides a tuition payment agreement to each student prior to the beginning of the school year so that both the College and its students can plan their budgets accordingly. Tuition agreements distributed by the College's Bursar's Office each spring must be returned by the posted deadline, accompanied by a $500 non-refundable confirmation deposit. Because the College limits enrollment, students who fail to submit their tuition agreements and deposits by the posted deadline may lose their privilege to enroll the following year and the College may give their place to another eligible applicant.

Tuition for Part-time Students
Part-time, matriculating students have a maximum of seven (7) years to complete their degrees, from the date of first enrollment (whether full- or part-time) to the completion of all requirements for the Master's degree. Part-time, non-matriculating graduate students and auditors may enroll in courses on a space-available basis only.

International Students
International applicants must also provide an official letter from bank officials verifying that the applicant has sufficient funds on deposit to meet the costs of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for one full academic year. Please inquire with the Bursar to obtain the appropriate amount. International students need to apply by February 15 with a US $50 fee and submit all required application materials no later than May 1.

For assistance with financial matters, e-mail bursar@nsa.edu or call the Bursar’s office at (208) 882-1566, ext. 113.
The College invites prospective students and their families to visit New Saint Andrews at any time throughout the year. Of particular note, though, are our Prospective Student Weekend events scheduled each Fall and Spring. These weekend events include opportunities to sit in on classes, meet the faculty and students, tour our facilities and the community, attend the local churches, and get answers to your questions about attending New Saint Andrews. To reserve your place at a Prospective Student Weekend, you may register online or use this form. The weekend events are free to prospective students, but additional guests will need to pay if they wish to participate in some of the various social events. Please register at least two weeks prior to the event so we can make all the necessary arrangements for your arrival. To get more information about the weekends, or to arrange a visit at another time, please contact us at 208.882.1566 or email info@nsa.edu.

1. Date of your planned visit? ________________________________________________________________________

2. Last name: _______________________________________________ First:_________________ Middle: ______

3. Age: _________  3A. O Male  O Female

4. O Single  O Married  4A. If married, name of spouse: ________________________________________________

5. Mailing address: ____________________________________________ Apt.________________________
   City: ___________________________ State_____ Zip: _____________
   Phone: (____) _____- _________  Cell or alternate phone: _____________________________________________
   E-mail address: __________________________@________________________________________

6. Please list the year(s) you completed your undergraduate education and at which institution(s):
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________

7. I’m considering New Saint Andrews for the Fall of _____________.

8. I’m interested in pursuing a...

9. I’ll be visiting New Saint Andrews with (list relation to you):____________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________

10. Please list any circumstances we should be aware of in preparing for your visit (disabilities, dietary needs, etc.)
    ______________________________________________________________________________________________

11. Where did you hear about New Saint Andrews? _________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________________________________

12. What other colleges and universities are you considering?_________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________
Classical Christian Studies

The New Saint Andrews Classical Christian Studies program is offered as both a two-and-a-half year Masters of Studies degree and a one-and-a-half year Graduate Certificate. The program’s limited enrollment, low-residency option allows working educators, home schooling parents, and aspiring scholars to broaden their understanding of the classical Christian education paradigm from a distinctively Trinitarian perspective. Its modular design allows working students flexibility in course selection and scheduling.

Theology & Letters

Students pursuing New Saint Andrews’ two-year Masters of Arts degree in Theology and Letters devote themselves to full-time study in Moscow. The degree is an exciting blend of theological scholarship, literary and cultural studies, and a choice of creative or research writing projects. Students may choose from a range of courses and emphases within our theology, literature, cultural studies offerings. The “Letters” component features professionals in residence who provide expert coaching and practical wisdom to aspiring writers and editors.