Welcome to the most unusual school of Loma Linda University. The School of Religion has several degree programs that associate areas in the sciences with religion. But the major task of the School of Religion remains enriching programs in the other seven schools of the University with a faith-based, wholistic approach to the health sciences. So, in whatever program you have enrolled, you will come in contact with School of Religion offerings that have been uniquely designed to help you prepare for wholistic ministry within your chosen profession. Studying at Loma Linda University is about more than just careers and professions; it is about mission and purpose for all of life. The School of Religion is pleased to have an important role in helping to prepare you for the most fulfilling life and career possible.

Detailed information about our master’s degrees and our new doctoral program in religion is contained in this section of the Catalog. These programs have been designed to specifically equip graduates with skills in clinical ministry, chaplaincy, bioethics, and the integration of religion with both the sciences and health. However, within the framework of our academic programs, we also offer a unique opportunity for LLU students in other professional programs to apply for dual enrollment in either bioethics or clinical ministry. Students enrolled in dentistry (D.D.S.), marital and family therapy (M.S.), medicine (M.D.), nursing (M.S.), psychology (Psy.D. or Ph.D.), and social policy and social research (M.A.) are eligible to apply for admission to the master’s degree in either the Bioethics or Clinical Ministry program. Please refer to The Combined Degrees Programs of the University section to learn more about our dual enrollment degree programs.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Religion, let me personally invite you to seriously consider the courses and the programs that we offer. We can help strengthen your faith; broaden your spiritual and academic horizons; enhance your ability to serve; and prepare you not only for this life, but also for eternity.

May God enrich your studies,
Jon Paulien, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Religion
School foundations

History
In the configuration of Loma Linda University as a health sciences university, the role of religion as integrative in each of the programs of the University is mandated and continuously affirmed by the University administration and the Board of Trustees.

In July of 1990, the Faculty of Religion (now the School of Religion) was established to assist in this integration.

Philosophy
As implied by its motto, “To make man whole,” the University affirms these tenets as central to its view of education:

- God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- Humanity’s fullest development entails a growing understanding of the individual in relation to both God and society.
- The quest for truth and professional expertise, in an environment permeated by religious values, benefits the individual and society and advances the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mission statement
The School of Religion is committed to the following four tasks, as informed by the teachings and practice of the Seventh-day Adventist heritage and mission:

1. To promote Christian wholeness for faculty and students in their personal and professional lives and witness.
2. To provide a religion curriculum with the following emphases:
   - Theological studies (biblical, historical, doctrinal, mission, and philosophical).
   - Ethical studies.
   - Relational studies (applied theology, clinical ministry, and psychology of religion).
3. To foster and support research in theological, ethical, and relational disciplines.
4. To serve the University, the church, and the larger world community by personal involvement in fostering deeper spirituality, theological integrity, and social justice.

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Admissions
The program admissions committees of the University intend that an applicant to any of the schools is qualified for the proposed curriculum and is capable of profiting from the educational experience offered by this University. The admissions committees of the schools accomplish this by examining evidence of scholastic competence, moral and ethical standards, and significant qualities of character and personality. Applicants are considered for admission only on the recommendation of the program in which study is desired.

In addition to Loma Linda University (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/admission-policies-information/#admissionrequirementstext) admissions requirements, the applicant must also complete the following requirements:
A four-year baccalaureate degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university is a prerequisite for admission to the School of Religion. Transcripts of the applicant’s scholastic record should show appropriate preparation, in grades and content, for the curriculum chosen.

See admission requirements for individual program in this CATALOG for G.P.A. requirements.

A personal interview is desirable and should be arranged with the director of the program in which the student wishes to study.

Since there is some variation in the pattern of undergraduate courses prescribed by different programs, the student should note the specific requirements of the chosen program. Deficiencies may be removed while enrolled; prerequisites must be completed prior to acceptance into the program.

**Application deadlines**

The School of Religion has a rolling admission policy for some programs in which completed applications are reviewed and students are accepted on a continual basis. Applications must be completed by the deadlines listed for the program in which the student wishes to enroll:

**Master of Arts in Bioethics and Master of Arts in Religion and Science**

- Autumn Quarter: August 1 — Early Admissions for Autumn: May 1
- Spring Quarter: February 15 — Early Admissions for Spring: Nov. 1

**Masters of Science in Chaplaincy and Doctor of Science in Religion and Health**

- Autumn Quarter: August 1 — Early Admissions for Autumn: May 1

**General regulations**

Students of the University are responsible for informing themselves of and satisfactorily meeting all regulations pertinent to registration, matriculation, and graduation. Section III gives the general setting for the programs of each school and the subject and unit requirements for admission to individual professional programs. It is important to review specific program requirements in the context of the general requirements applicable to all programs.

**Academic probation**

Degree students whose cumulative G.P.A. at the end of any quarter is less than 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. The number of units for subsequent registrations is restricted to a maximum of 12 per quarter. Students who are on academic probation and fail to earn a 3.0 for the next quarter, or who fail to have an overall G.P.A. of 3.0 after two quarters, jeopardize their standing in a degree or certificate program and may be dismissed from school.

**Concurrent admission**

Students may not be admitted to a School of Religion program while admitted to another program at this University or elsewhere. The exception to this are the combined degrees programs, discussed at the end of Section III of this CATALOG.

**Financial information**

The Office of the Dean is the final authority in all financial matters and is charged with the interpretation of all financial policies. Any exceptions to published policy in regard to reduction or reimbursement of tuition must be approved by the dean. Any statement by individual faculty members, program directors, or department chairs in regard to these matters is not binding on the school or the University unless approved by the dean.

Registration is not complete until tuition and fees on the required installments are paid; therefore, the student should be prepared to make these payments during scheduled registration for each academic year. There may be adjustments in tuition and fees as economic conditions warrant.

**On- and off-campus student housing**

Students may go to <llu.edu/central/housing> for housing information and a housing application form.

**Additional requirements**

For additional policies, governing Loma Linda University students, see Section II of this CATALOG, as well as the University Student Handbook. Students are responsible for informing themselves of and satisfactorily meeting all regulations pertinent to registration, matriculation, and graduation.

**Programs**

- Chaplaincy — M.S.Chap. (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/religion/chaplaincy)
- Denominational Studies for Chaplains — Certificate (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/religion/denominational-studies)
- Religion and Health — D.Sc. (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/religion/health)
- Religion and Society — M.A. (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/religion/society)