

## SMU Perkins School of Theology

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### Description of the Institution

**Availability of on-campus housing:** One bedroom resident hall apartments are available on campus in Hawk and Martin Halls for graduate, theology, commuter students and family. Admitted students may request an application through the SMU Resident Life & Student Housing office:

<http://smu.edu/housing/>

**Cost per year:** \$2,000 - \$9,250 (commuter rooms – one bedroom apartments)

**Location:** Urban, semi-residential

**Surrounding Neighborhood Description:** Mostly residential—some restaurants and services bordering campus—many stores/services and Dallas arts and culture district within 5-10 minute drive; Dallas Area Regional Transit (DART) bus on campus as well as DART bus and area rail services available to SMU students with purchase of a \$5 DART pass that is good for student's entire tenure of study.

**Formal Arrangements with Local Universities:** SMU has nine (9) libraries (7 on main campus and 2 off campus), which are available to SMU students. All SMU students can participate in the TeXShare Library Consortium with member schools in the state of Texas.

### Areas of Study and Class Structure

**Degrees Offered:** M.Div.; C.M.M.; M.S.M.; M.T.S.; D.Min.; Basic Graduate Theological Studies courses available

**Special Areas Taught:** Certificates are available in the following areas: African American Church Studies, Anglican Studies, Hispanic Studies, Urban Ministry, Women's and Gender Studies, Pastoral Care

**Pass/Fail Option:** No

**Average Class Size:** 18

**Introductory Classes:** 35

**Upper Level Classes:** 12

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**Opportunities/Requirements for Internships or Field Experience:** The M.Div. and C.M.M. programs require the satisfactory completion of a supervised 9 month internship carrying 12 and 6 term hours of academic credit, respectively. All internships are negotiated through the Intern Office and are designed to help students gain skill and self-confidence in carrying out the functions of ministry, learn to reflect theologically on the practice of ministry, become more effective in interpersonal relations, and gain emotional and spiritual maturity, thereby increasing their ministerial self-awareness and competence. The Global Theological Education program (GTE) offers students, through cultural immersion courses, a study of theology, Scripture, missions, ministry or inter-religious relationships in a cultural context different from the students' own, usually outside the United States.

**Availability of online classes:** No

### Finances

**Application Fee:** \$50

**Application Deadline:** Dallas – Fall: May 1; Spring: November 1 ▪ Extension – Fall: July 1; Spring: November 1

**Tuition Fees per Hour:** \$826 in Dallas for 2012/13 ▪ \$727.50 at Houston-Galveston Extension Program for 2012/13

**Tuition Fees Full-Time:** \$14,868 (18 hours/year) ▪ \$19,796 (24 hours/year)

**Other Fees:** Parking-\$270/year (full-time); Student Health Insurance-\$1,518/year; Community Life-\$30/year (All prices are for 2012/13.)

**Estimated Cost of Books and Supplies for One Semester:** \$500

### Time Commitment

**Hours required to graduate for each degree offered:** M.Div.–85; M.T.S.–48; M.S.M.–48; C.M.M.–55

**If a student attends full-time, how long will it take to earn the different degrees?** M.Div.–3-4 years; M.T.S.–2 years; M.S.M.–2 years; C.M.M.–2-3 years

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### Faculty Demographics

**Number of full-time faculty:** 33

**Number of part-time faculty:** 9

**Number of adjunct faculty:** 6

**Number of faculty who are women:** 20

**Number of faculty who are persons of color:** 15

**Number of United Methodist faculty:** 19

**Average faculty age:** 55

**Median faculty age:** 56

### Student Demographics

**Number of full-time students:** 225

**Number of part-time students:** 168

**Ethnic/Cultural diversity of the student population:** African-American—20 percent; Asian-American—3 percent; Caucasian—67 percent; Hispanic/Latino/a—5 percent; International—5 percent; Native American—0 percent

**Percentage of male students:** 51.1 percent

**Percentage of female students:** 48.9 percent

**Average student age:** 37-Dallas; 41-Extension

**Median student age:** 34-Dallas; 41-Extension

**Students' denominational affiliation:** United Methodist—65.4 percent; Other Methodist—3.3 percent; Episcopal—4 percent; Baptist—3.3 percent; Presbyterian—2.4 percent; All others—21.6 percent

### Student Employment

**Are there paid positions for students available on campus?** Work-study, including research assistantships, bookstore, student center, and audio-visual, library work, etc. Positions are available for student workers who do not qualify for federal funding.

**Does your institution provide assistance in helping students find local paid ministerial positions?**

Yes, listings available through the Perkins web site at:

<http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/StudentLife/Living/JobPostings.aspx>.

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### Additional Information

The primary mission of Perkins School of Theology, as a community devoted to theological study and teaching in the service of the church of Jesus Christ, is to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian ministry. Perkins School of Theology affirms its relationships to the community of learning that is Southern Methodist University, to the universal church (inclusive, ecumenical and global), to The United Methodist Church specifically and to its particular geographical and cultural setting in the southwestern United States. These relationships are sources of strength and avenues of service for the school as it pursues its twin tasks of theological reflection and theological education to the glory of God.

Internship Program: [www.smu.edu/Perkins/InternProg.aspx](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/InternProg.aspx)

Global Theological Education: <http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/Global>

Faculty: [www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics.aspx](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics.aspx)

Financial Resources: [www.smu.edu/Perkins/financial.aspx](http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/financial.aspx)

Mexican American Program: <http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/PublicPrograms/MAP.aspx>

On-line Application: [www.smu.edu/Apply2Perkins](http://www.smu.edu/Apply2Perkins)

Visit the Campus: [www.smu.edu/InsidePerkins](http://www.smu.edu/InsidePerkins)

Bridwell Library: [www.smu.edu/bridwell](http://www.smu.edu/bridwell)

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