

Your personal statement may be uploaded as a PDF or Word Document during the Online Application Process.

Your personal statement should be no more than 1,000 words, double-spaced, and at least 12pt. font.

The personal statement will help Admissions Committee evaluate your application to Union Theological Seminary.

## **Your personal statement should address the following:**

1. What are your academic and vocational goals? How will graduate study at Union Theological Seminary help you meet them?
2. Describe five (5) top qualities that you believe make a good leader. As you consider these qualities, where are you on the list? In what way(s) do you hope that a Union Theological Seminary education will help you to become a better leader in today's world?
3. Describe your current spiritual practice(s) and discuss how the Seminary can assist you in building upon or expanding them.
4. What major theological question or dilemma do you wish to investigate or analyze during your studies at the Seminary? Explain in detail the importance of this problem for you.
6. In what primary professional, ministerial, or academic context do you imagine yourself applying the knowledge and skills that you gain as a result of your Seminary studies?