



Application Review and Notification

The Office of Admissions must receive all applications by the dates listed in order to be considered during the corresponding review period. Once an application is submitted, you will be expected to attend the interview date associated with your deadline. On site interviews are mandatory for all degree applicants except by appeal. Notifications will be postmarked by the dates indicated below.

Application Deadlines for Fall 2009

First Round · Fall '08 <i>Application Due</i> · November 1 st <i>Interview Date</i> · November 14 th <i>Notification Date</i> · November 30 th	Second Round · Winter '09 <i>Application Due</i> · January 15 th <i>Interview Date</i> · February 2 nd <i>Notification Date</i> · March 1 st
Third Round · Spring '09 <i>Application Due</i> · March 15 th <i>Interview Date</i> · March 27 th <i>Notification Date</i> · April 15 th	Final Round · Summer '09 <i>Application Due</i> · May 31 st <i>Interview Date</i> · June 15 th <i>Notification Date</i> · June 30 th

Application Check List

We cannot consider your application until all items are received.

- Application form
- Essays
- Photo
- Recommendation forms
- Official MAT Scores
- Official transcripts from post-secondary institutions
- \$50 application fee

Applications received after the final deadline will be considered as space is available and will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

Application Instructions

1. Please review Admissions Standards in the MHGS Catalog available online at www.mhgs.edu.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Distribute official MHGS recommendation form to the appropriate individuals (pastors, mentors, employers or other significant women or men who might be familiar with your maturity, integrity and biblical depth.). All degree applicants are required to submit 2-3 recommendations on the forms provided. Applicants to the MA in Counseling Psychology are encouraged to submit a recommendation from a counselor or therapist who can speak to the above qualities as well as the applicant's capacity for self-reflection.
4. Request that The Psychological Corporation send your original MAT scores to Mars Hill Graduate School. The Mars Hill Graduate School reporting code for the MAT is 2499. *For a testing center in your area, call 1-800-622-3231.*
5. Contact all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended and request that an official transcript be sent to Mars Hill Graduate School.
6. Adhere a small photo to the application in the space provided.
7. Attach the \$50 application fee. Please make checks payable to MHGS.

Note: There are separate application materials for non-matriculating students not intending to enroll in a MHGS degree program. Please visit www.mhgs.edu to access these materials or contact the Office of Admissions if you have additional questions.



MHGS Mission Statement & Goals for Graduates

The mission of Mars Hill Graduate School is to train people to be competent in the study of text, soul & culture in order to experience God through transforming relationships. MHGS prepares people, who in obedience to Christ, serve in pastoral ministries, counseling, the arts, spiritual direction, and other various professions.

Graduates will be able to:

- demonstrate a growing ability to form and maintain maturing relationships with God and others
- articulate a responsible process for approaching and interpreting the biblical text
- exhibit self-awareness and an ability to care for others in a helping relationship
- express a passionate love for Christ's church and a sound understanding of the church's realities
- demonstrate a competency in self-expression through writing, conversation and other means

The MHGS mission is "unparalleled not just among evangelical institutions, but in theological education overall."

- Carl Raschke,

The Next Reformation

After You Apply

Application Materials:

Once your application arrives at MHGS, an admissions representative will confirm receipt and inform you as to what portion(s) of your admission file remain(s) outstanding. Feel free to have recommendations, transcripts and test scores sent directly to MHGS. Once your completed application materials are on file in the Admissions Office, you will be eligible to attend the on-site interview.

Interview:

Once an application is submitted, you will be expected to attend the interview date associated with your deadline. On site interviews are mandatory for all degree applicants and will be conducted on the following dates:

- First Review Interview: February 2nd, 2009
- Second Review Interview: March 27th, 2009
- Final Review Interview: June 15th, 2009

While only one interview is required, a second interview is sometimes requested at the discretion of the Faculty Admissions Committee.

Evaluation & Notification:

After the interview, your admissions file will be evaluated by the Faculty Admissions Committee. When the evaluation is complete, and a decision has been rendered, an official letter of notification will be sent from the Office of Admissions. Letters will postmarked by the published notification date.

After Your Admittance

Advising and Registration:

To confirm your space in the incoming class, you will be asked to submit a tuition deposit. Once we receive your deposit, you will be contacted about making an advising appointment. Your advisor will assist you, either by telephone or in person, in registering for courses and planning for your course of study.

New Student Orientation & MHGS Community Weekend:

New Student Orientation and the MHGS Community Weekend will take place just prior to the start of the fall trimester. The weekend includes a retreat, Convocation and community alumni picnic and is a great way to begin the MHGS experience alongside faculty, staff, alumni, and other students.



Fall 2009 Application for Admission

Attn: Office of Admissions · 2501 Elliott Avenue Seattle, WA 98121 · admissions@mhgs.edu · 888.977.2002

All applications are considered for the fall entry term.

Attach a passport size photograph of yourself here.

Introductory Information

(please print)

Name: _____
last first middle maiden other names under which transcripts may be filled

Mailing Address: _____
street address city state zip

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: / / Gender: f • m

Marital Status: _____ Spouse Name & E-mail: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ If you are not a US citizen, please explain your citizenship and national residency status:

Race and Ethnicity: The following information is optional and is used for statistical purposes only.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Two or more races
- Other. Specify: _____
- Non-Resident Alien
- Latinos of any Race
- Race and Ethnicity Unknown

Degree Program: Application is being made for the following degree program (check only one):

- Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
 - Master of Arts in Christian Studies
- Contact the Admissions Office for Non-Matriculating Student Application

Financial Aid: Do you intend to file for financial aid? Y • N
 IF YES: Have you filed your FAFSA? Y • N
 When? _____

Church Affiliation: The following information is optional and is used for statistical purposes only.

- Non-Denominational
- Protestant - Specify: _____
- Catholic
- Other - Specify: _____

Academic Background

Contact *all* post-secondary educational institutions you have attended and request that an official transcript be sent to Mars Hill Graduate School. List each post-secondary institution at which you have taken courses for credit:

School	Degree/Year	Major	GPA

Experience

Please summarize your work experience (kind and length). List 2 most recent job titles and organizations.

Employer	Dates	Areas of Responsibility



ESSAYS: Applicant must provide two essays. All essays should be 1000-1500 words.

- **ESSAY 1:** Submit a Statement of Purpose essay which may include:
 - What element(s) of your story motivate your desire to study at MHGS?
 - How do you personally understand & identify with the mission & vision of MHGS?
 - What do you hope to learn about yourself, God, the world and others while at MHGS?
- **ESSAY 2:** Complete only one of the following based on the degree program to which you are applying:
 - *MACP Applicants:* Choose one of the following films: *Juno* (PG-13 · 2007), *Born Into Brothels* (Unrated · 2004) or *The Savages* (R · 2007). Discuss the film as it relates to your own personal story. Include a consideration of how the film may inform your study of Counseling Psychology as well as any theological implications for yourself and others.
 - *MACS and MDiv Applicants:* Choose a theologian, philosopher or artist (including authors and musicians) and discuss how his or her views inform your understanding of a Biblical passage that has meaning for you. Your discussion should engage the concepts of text, soul & culture as well as your own “relationship” with your chosen theologian, philosopher or artist.

PLEASE NOTE: Application Essays are used for both assessment and placement. Students may be admitted on academic probation and/or required to attend a MHGS Writing Workshop when application essays are deemed unsatisfactory

REFERENCES

Applicants are should submit 2-3 MHGS reference forms from pastors, mentors, employers or other significant women or men who might be familiar with the applicant’s maturity, integrity and biblical depth. MACP applicants are encouraged to submit a recommendation from a counselor or therapist who can speak to the above qualities as well as the applicant’s capacity for self-reflection. *You will need to print or photocopy separate forms for each of your references.*

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores are required for admission to all MHGS degree programs. Test must be less than 2 years old. You must request that The Psychological Corporation send your original test scores to Mars Hill Graduate School. The Mars Hill Graduate School reporting code for the MAT is 2499. *For a testing center in your area, call 1-800-622-3231.*

INTERVIEW

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 While only ONE interview is required, a second interview is sometimes requested at the discretion of the Faculty Admissions Committee. Please contact the Admissions Office with questions or to make an appeal.

There are certain factors that may hinder your ability work effectively within the mental health, teaching and ministry professions. We ask the following questions so that we may be able to advise you appropriately.

Have you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea for, or do you have charges pending against you, for a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Y • N (If yes, please attach a statement of explanation.)

Have you ever required psychiatric or psychological treatment? Y • N (If yes, please attach a statement of explanation.)

Have you fully read, understood and will you respect the MHGS Mission Statement, MHGS Goals for Graduates, and MHGS Scripture Statement? Y • N

All Applicants

My signature below indicates that all the information contained in my application is complete and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Recommendation for Admission

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Applicant's Name: _____ Program: _____
(please print)

Recommender's Name: _____
(please print)

Date: _____ E-mail Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

Under the Family Education Right and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential letters or recommendations. In the belief that applicants and the persons from whom they request evaluations may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations, we are giving you an opportunity to select one of the following statements.

- I waive my rights to examine this form.
- I do not waive my rights to examine this form, but authorize the person completing this form to provide a candid evaluation.

Applicant's Signature _____

Part One: Please comment on the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in each of the following categories.

Personal Maturity & Integrity

The applicant demonstrates an appropriate level of maturity & authenticity in relationships and personal interactions. The applicant is honest, considerate & sincere, demonstrates appropriate organization of thoughts and experiences, and reveals a capacity for growth.

notes:

Emotional & Social Awareness

The applicant is socially aware, attentive & engaging. There is consistency between content and style of communication. The applicant demonstrates self-control and appropriate boundaries. The applicant is attuned to and empathetic of the thoughts and feelings of others.

notes:

Capacity for Self Reflection

The applicant can think critically about his or her own story, emotions, and sense of self. The applicant honors his or her own story by seeing that it contains elements of both dignity and depravity. The applicant demonstrates an awareness of his or her own story in relation to others.

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Academic & Intellectual Excellence

The applicant's undergraduate and/or life experiences reflect a diversity of learning. The applicant is articulate, thoughtful and able to be productive in both writing and speech. The applicant demonstrates a capacity and willingness to go beyond minimum requirements. The applicant is organized and responsible.

notes:

Part Two: Please attach or use the space below to include any comments that you feel will help us regarding this applicant.

Part Three: Do you recommend the applicant for admission to Mars Hill Graduate School?

- Highly Recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend with Reservation*
- Do not Recommend*

*If you have not recommended this applicant or have recommended him or her with reservation, please explain below:

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