Southwestern Baptist University, the immediate predecessor of the present Union University, originated because of a desire by Tennessee Baptists, who still had a separate convention for each of the state's three Grand Divisions, for greater unification. Education became the core issue around which such unification was promoted. Committees of the three conventions met jointly in Humboldt in 1873 and issued a resolution supporting the establishment of a first-class regional university. An Educational Convention met in Murfreesboro in 1874, at which time a committee was appointed to select a location for the proposed university. The committee recommended the acceptance of the offer made by the citizens of Jackson to assume ownership of West Tennessee College.

Southwestern Becomes Union University

Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Concurrent Admissions Program

Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability

National Art Education Association

National Association of College Admissions Counselors

National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity

North American Association of Christians in Social Work

Service Members Opportunity Colleges

Southern Council of Collegiate Education for Nursing

Tennessee Association for Counseling and Development

Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and

Admission Officers

Tennessee College Association

Tennessee Independent College and Universities Association

State Board Approvals

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The Campus

The uniqueness of the Union University campus, located on U.S. Highway 45 Bypass and Union University Drive in Northwest Jackson, is related to the academic facilities and student housing. Union's campus is designed with the student as its axis. All facilities, programs, and personnel are interrelated in an attempt to meet the needs of students.

In addition to the main campus in Jackson, Union University opened a second campus in the Memphis suburb of Germantown, Tennessee, in 1997. Because of the rapid growth of the campus, the faculty and staff offices, classrooms and computer lab facilities moved to a new location in June 2001. Continued demands for growth and expansion of programs warranted a renovation in 2003 to include additional nursing labs, classrooms, conference rooms, and offices.

Union also has an off-campus site in Hendersonville, Tennessee. The Hendersonville campus is located at the strategic intersection of Indian Lake Boulevard. and Maple Drive. The attractive 26,000 square foot multi-purpose facility effectively serves the expanding program offerings in the middle Tennessee area.

Penick Academic Complex

The Penick Academic Complex houses the G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel, Fred DeLay Gymnasium, E.T. "Rocky" Palmer Activities Center, Center for Academic Success, Office of Disability Services, Vocatio Center, W. D. Powell Theatre, Waldrop Administrative Center, Union Station, Information Technology, Writing Center, and the Warren Jones Academic Suite. The Complex includes the departments of Art,

School of Adult and Professional Studies

Located at Emporium Drive, the Center contains the Testing Center for the University in addition to the offices and classrooms for School of Adult and Professional Studies.

Residence Halls

Single student housing is arranged in two residence complexes. Student apartments include four private bedrooms and a kitchen. The Heritage Residence Complex and the Ayers Quad primarily house new students/ freshmen. The McAfee Commons building in the Heritage Complex houses the Residence Director and Assistant Residence Director and provides facilities for lounge areas, laundry, and recreation. The Grace, Hope, Hurt, and Watters Quads house upperclassmen and a limited number of freshmen. The Bowld Student Commons Building houses male and female residence directors for The Quads. The Commons provides additional lounge, recreation, and classroom space.

Family housing is located in the Warmath Apartments. The complex consists of 24 two-bedroom apartments. Graduate housing for single students is available in the Hope Complex.

Hyran E. Barefoot Student Union Building

The Barefoot Student Union Building houses the Brewer Student Dining Hall, Executive Dining Room, Lexington Inn, Eldon Byrd Faculty Lounge, Barefoots Joe Coffeehouse, Harvey Auditorium, University Services and Mail Services, offices for Student Life (Dean of Students, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Counseling, Student Leadership and Engagement, Health Services, and University Security), offices of Undergraduate Admissions,

criteria. Admission decisions of the nursing graduate program are made by the Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee. The Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee is comprised of the Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, and track chairs. The Graduate Business Admissions Committee, the Graduate Education Admissions Committee, the Graduate Social Work Admissions Committee, and the Graduate Theology and Missions Admissions Committee, comprised of business, education, social work, or Christian studies faculty and directors respectively, receive recommendations regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The MAIS Advisory Council, comprised of the director and the faculty across the disciplines, receive recommendations from the MAIS Program Director regarding candidates for admission who do not meet regular admission requirements. The respective Admissions Committees may recommend Conditional Admission for students who do not meet published criteria for admission.

Academic Probation and Suspension After completion of 9 graduate hours at Union University, a graduate student whose cumulative GPA from courses taken at

Registration Information

Description to form at the

Registration dates for each term are given in the calendar of

the university's International Student Office for additional information concerning these guidelines.

An SEVP-approved I-20 form may be issued only after admission requirements and the above monetary requirements have been satisfied.

Requirements for International Students Not Studying in the United States

In addition to the general application information at the beginning of this section, international students applying for an online program with no study/residence in the United States must communicate directly with the coordinator of the intended program about additional application information, including finances and English language proficiency requirements.

For international students outside the U.S. who enroll in online programming, SEVP guidelines do not apply.

Special Categories of Admission

Provisional Students

With limited exceptions, provisional students are enrolled in eligible programs for the purpose of obtaining a degree from Union University. These students do not have immediate access to official documents in order to be fully admitted. Any credit taken while in this status will not be transferred as regular matriculated credit until the status has officially been changed. Students will be required to submit all outstanding items to complete the admissions file in order for the provisional status to be changed.

The student will be bound by all general academic requirements imposed upon regular matriculated students so far as prerequisites, amount of work, and quality of work are concerned. All work completed or attempted will be fully documented in the Academic Center.

The student will sign a contract at the time of admission defining the status of a provisional student accepting the limitation of that status. The student must also sign a waiver so that Union University will have the right to request those documents needed to complete the admission file.

A student may remain on provisional status for only one semester and the subsequent short term unless special circumstances exist and permission for an extension is given in writing by the Program Director. A personal conference with the Program Director may be required before the student is accepted for admission on a provisional basis.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Some students may be admitted in this category if they desire to take courses primarily for special interest or on a "visiting student" basis. Often these special students are enrolled in other institutions and are enrolled for only one or two terms at Union. Students must submit an application to the appropriate graduate school, pay the application fee (nonrefundable), and submit an official transcript as proof of at least the baccalaureate degree. Students must meet all requirements for admission to change from Non-Degree Seeking status to Degree Seeking

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A candidate for the graduate degree must:

• Successfully complete all degree requirements which are in effect for his/her program.

- 1. On or before the fourth day beginning with the official day of registration as indicated on the University calendar (if withdrawing–100% matriculation fee)
- 2. Days one through four.....100%

- 5. Days sixteen through eighteen......25%
- 6. After the eighteenth day, there is no refund.
- I. Regulations for refunds for all terms are as follows:
 - 1. Students refusing to conform to the community values of the University forfeit all claims for refunds.
 - 2. All refund regulations put the responsibility on the student. He/she saves money and avoids misunderstanding by immediately seeing the Vice President (or Assistant Vice President) for Business and Financial Services.
- J. Proration of financial assistance upon withdrawal Information regarding proration of financial assistance upon withdrawal from all classes or dropping of class(es) may be found below in the Scholarship and Financial Aid section.

After eight academic days there is no refund Regulations for refunds for all terms are as follows:

- 1. Students refusing to conform to the disciplinary rules of the university forfeit all claims for refunds.
- All above rules and regulations put the responsibility on the student. He/she saves money and avoids misunderstanding by immediately seeing the Senior Vice President for Business and Financial Services or the Assistant Vice President for Business and Financial Services.

Equipment

Any University equipment such as musical instruments, athletic equipment, laboratory apparatus, etc., that may be made available for students' use is the responsibility of the student. Any damage or breakage, other than by normal use, will be charged to the student's account.

No equipment is to leave the campus, unless in care of the faculty member responsible for it.

Financial Assistance

Financial Aid which is available to graduate students includes the Federal Direct Loan, the Federal GradPLUS Loan, and the Federal TEACH Grant as well as Alternative Educational Loans. Some restrictions may apply. Information on how to apply for aid can be found at word/financialaid/gradert e. Financial Aid Policies and Practices, Consumer Information, and other important information can be found at word/financialaid/

Veterans

Union University is approved by the state approving agency for Veterans training. Veterans and/or their dependents who may be eligible for VA education benefits should go to word Laftinancial aid/ort erans to apply. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will send a Certificate of Eligibility to the applicant, after the application is processed. After being enrolled in courses leading to a degree, students

who qualify should review our Veteran Services page at weddinancialaid/vt erans . This site details what is needed in order to get your enrollment certified to the VA. The