

# LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CHARGES

LTS strives for financial self-reliance, but recognizes that charges to students must be balanced by the ability of churches and students to pay. Charges for tuition and room are, therefore, heavily subsidized by the seminary. Actual costs are 3 to 4 times greater than the charges shown below for a student. The food service is managed by the administration department, but food costs are calculated on actual expenses and therefore may vary somewhat from the amounts shown below. LTS also recognizes that it has a special relationship to the ministries of the church. For this reason, LTS has a subsidized scale for charges.

In addition to the LTS charges, resident students need to cover personal expenses, such as for food on weekends, holidays and vacations when the LTS dining room is closed, as well as for laundry, clothing, local travel, books, pocket money, etc. In the charts below, all charges are shown in Hong Kong dollars.

- Payments: All charges should be paid by crossed cheque at the time of registration. Payment by installments may be made under special arrangements.
- All charges may be subject to a 3% to 5% annual increase to take effect on July 1 of each year. LTS reserves the right to adjust all charges as necessary without prior notice.

## A. Tuition, Board and Room Charges

### Academic Year 2022-2023 (July 1 - June 30)

#### 1. Tuition

The costs per credit hour are as follows:

For Dip., High.Dip., B.Th., B.C.S.	\$1,510 per course credit hour.
For M.Div., M.A., Grad.Dip., ISP	\$1,800 per course credit hour.
For M.Th.	\$1,910 per course credit hour.
For D.Min.	\$13,780 per semester for the first three years. \$82,680 minimum total cost (equal to the cost per semester for the first three years). \$1,800 per semester continuation fee when necessary.
For D.Th.	\$35,140 per semester for the first three years. \$210,840 minimum total cost (equal to the cost per semester for the first three years). \$7,000 (full time); \$3,000 (part time) per semester continuation fee when necessary.

## 2. Board

### a. Residential Students

Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Total
\$12,190	\$14,470	\$26,660

### b. Commuting Students

\$53 per meal. Students need to fill out the catering schedule form and pay the cost of meals on the registration day in each semester. Otherwise, each meal will cost \$59.

## 3. Room Charges

### a. Single, 2 Persons per Room

\$2,620 per month (not including air-conditioning charges).

### b. Single, 1 Person per Room

\$3,780 per month (not including air-conditioning charges).

### c. Married Student Quarters

\$6,400 per month (not including water & air-conditioning charges).

### d. Family Quarters

\$12,250 per month (not including water, electricity & telephone charges).

### e. Short Term Accommodation for Commuting Students\*

\$150 per night for the first five nights; \$190 per night thereafter per semester.

\* This has to apply on a weekly and first come, first served basis.

## B. Summer Accommodation

Students who wish to live in the dormitories or in the married and family quarters during the summer will be charged on a monthly basis. Students who wish to live on campus during the summer must apply before March 1 of each year.

## C. Special Charges

1. Tuition is calculated according to the number of registered credits. Students must receive special permission from their adviser and the Dean of Studies to take more credits than the upper limit of credits of the program.
2. Application for admission fees: \$400 (for diploma, bachelor, master, exchange programs and ISP); \$600 (for doctoral programs); \$200 (for Non-degree program).
3. Psychological test fee: \$300.

4. First term of study degree registration fee (degree students)\*: \$2,000.

\* Students who come from the LTS member churches need not pay the first term of study degree registration fee, as this has already been paid for in the annual grant of the member churches.

5. Re-registration fee: \$2,000.

6. Administration fee for graduation: \$700 (for diploma and degree programs, and for ISP students who finished the program in May); \$200 (for ISP students who finished the program in December).

7. Late registration fee: \$300. This fee will be charged for all students (except D.Min. and D.Th. programs) who register after the registration days at the beginning of each semester, unless they have a physician's note saying they could not come to the campus on those days.

8. Administration fee of suspension: \$500 per semester.

9. Continuation fee (not applicable to doctoral programs): \$500 per semester.

10. Auditing fee: \$600 per credit (for diploma and degree programs); \$800 per credit (for Non-degree program). For more details, see V. Academic Regulations.

11. Retreat fee: \$600 for Fall semester (for students who do not pay the boarding fee for the semester).

12. Miscellaneous fee: \$600 per semester (full-time student); \$300 per semester (part-time students).

13. Pastoral counseling practicum fee (MA-P, SDP-MA, DMin): \$8,000 per practicum unit.

14. Counseling practicum (Individual) fee (CCP-HDip, BCS-CC): \$2,000 per credit.

15. Professional counseling practicum fee (CCP-MA): \$2,700 per credit.

16. Counseling practicum (Group) fee (CCP): \$700 per credit.

17. Final assessment exam fee (CCP): \$1,000.

18. CPE training fee: approx. \$4,000 to \$8,000.

19. Transcripts fee: local recipient: \$250 for the first copy and \$130 for each additional copy; overseas recipient: \$320 for the first copy and \$150 per additional copy. Charges are payable in Hong Kong Dollars only. The discount for additional copies is only offered for multiple copies in one application.
20. Grade report fee: \$50 for each copy.
21. Certified copy of graduation diploma fee: \$200 for each copy.
22. Replacement diploma folder fee: \$250 (excluding postage).
23. Student Association fee: \$50 per semester (full-time student); \$25 per semester (part-time student).

#### **D. Estimated Additional Personal Expenses**

##### **1. Overseas Students Living Allowance:**

Overseas students receiving full scholarship support are provided with a monthly living allowance to meet basic living expenses beyond room and board. This money is to be used for such expenses as some weekend meals that are not provided by LTS, for miscellaneous expenses, such as laundry, books, and travel within Hong Kong. It is the students' responsibility to budget this money well so that it will cover their needs while studying at LTS, and for any special needs they have upon their return to their home country at the end of their studies.

##### **2. Graduation Expenses:**

- a. The graduation class is formed each year, and all graduating students in diploma and degree programs are compulsory members of the graduation class. Graduation class expenses may vary, as this is something that is determined by each graduating class.
- b. Students who write a thesis are responsible for handing in a printed copy of their thesis to the seminary, according to standards set by LTS. This should be budgeted, especially when outside help is needed for editing, writing, or typing of the thesis.