

*Please write all essays in Word. They can either be emailed to [admissions@socalsem.edu](mailto:admissions@socalsem.edu) or uploaded onto your online application.*

**Essay Instructions for Undergraduate and Graduate Bible Programs.**

Write two essays, but save them as one document. The two essays include:

**Biography and Salvation Experience (for all applicants)**

Please attach a 1-2 page statement about how and when you became a Christian. Also include any Christian ministry(s) you have been involved with, and any leadership roles you have held. We are also interested in your assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, interpersonal relationships, and any other relevant information you wish us to consider in the application process.

**Reasons for Pursuing Studies in Bible and Theology**

Please attach a 1-2 page essay presenting your reasons for pursuing a degree including any current or past ministry experience and your future ministry goals.

**Essay Instructions for Graduate and Post-Graduate Behavioral Science:**

Write two essays, but save them as one document. The two essays include:

**Biography and Salvation Experience (for all applicants)**

Please attach a 1-2 page statement about how and when you became a Christian. Also include any Christian ministry(s) you have been involved with, and any leadership roles you have held. We are also interested in your assessment of your strengths and weaknesses, interpersonal relationships, and any other relevant information you wish us to consider in the application process.

**Reasons for Pursuing Graduate Studies in Psychology**

A. For MACP applicants:

Please attach a 2 page essay presenting your reasons for pursuing the MACP program. Discuss any psychology background you may have, and your motivations for becoming a counselor. Also discuss any post-graduation plans you have.

B. For Psy.D. applicants:

Please attach a 3 page essay presenting your reasons for pursuing a Doctorate in Psychology. Include clinical background, and your counseling philosophy. We are interested about your vocational background, clinical experiences, as well as your theoretical orientation. Also discuss any post-graduation plans you have. **Submit a graded paper from your Master's Program.**