

IBTS
Dr. Parush R. Parushev
Academic Dean
Nad Habrovkou 3
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CZECH REPUBLIC

ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Magister Programme in Theology at the International Baptist Theological Seminary.

We strive to offer students a high standard of academic excellence equipping them to serve God in their own context and to be relevant to the needs of the particular country they represent.

It is important to us that each person who comes here to study does so with the full encouragement of their own Baptist Union or Convention or their Denominational Leadership or ecclesial community if they belong to another Denomination and that it is clear there is an identifiable task for them in their own country to which they can return.

Enclosed you will find an application package and a description of the Magister programme we offer. If you have any questions or would like clarification regarding the materials you have received, please contact the Academic Registrar at the address above or by e-mail Registrar@ibts.eu.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Parush R. Parushev
Academic Dean and Pro-Rector

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT IBTS

IBTS offers various opportunities for postgraduate work. You may apply for

- Postgraduate Certificate in Theology Course
- several Master's degree courses (validated by the University of Wales)
- Magister of Theology (within the Czech higher educational system)
- Research degree (MPhil/ PhD, etc.) studies
- short-term research scholarship
- continuing education
- CAT Programme

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

IBTS provides higher academic theological training as a support centre for European Baptist seminaries and sister evangelical institutions to send well-prepared students for advanced academic work. The courses are designed to prepare students further for pastoral ministry, mission work, other forms of church vocation, and further study in theology.

◆ POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

The course is a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (PGCTh) and has been specially designed by IBTS, Prague. The University of Wales, a major British University, validates the course as a taught postgraduate course in theology. The course is designed for theology graduates and others who want to engage in postgraduate level study in Theology. The course is designed for those who wish to pursue their interest in different aspects of Theology beyond undergraduate level to whatever level is appropriate to their abilities and circumstances. It is suitable particularly (but not exclusively) for students who require a secure basis for proceeding to postgraduate research studies (MPhil/PhD). The course aims to build on a person's previous academic experience by deepening their understanding of specific areas of theological study and by bridging the gap between the contrasting demands of undergraduate/ graduate study and postgraduate research.

◆ MASTER'S STUDIES

IBTS offers a wide profile full two years master's programme **Magister in Theology (Mgr.)** completely satisfying the requirements of the Bologna agreement for mutually recognized educational degrees of the European Union and leading directly to advanced research degrees of ThDr and DrLic (by dissertation writing only), all of which are fully accredited by the Ministry of Education of Czech Republic.

IBTS at this time also offers four specialist **Master of Theology (MTh)** courses, validated by the University of Wales, a major federal British University:

- The Master in Theology in Applied Theology
- The Master of Theology in Biblical Studies
- The Master of Theology in Baptist and Anabaptist Studies
- The Master of Theology in Contextual Missiology

All M-level courses offered by IBTS can be taken as full-time study in one up to two years or part-time over a period of two up to five years, in which case the student must come to IBTS for intensive periods of teaching and studying, normally of two to three weeks duration.

◆ DOCTORAL STUDIES

In addition, IBTS offers qualified candidates the possibility to pursue research degrees validated by the University of Wales (MPhil and / or PhD) in appropriate theological disciplines. Advanced research degrees of ThDr and /or DrLic in theology are in process of accreditation by the Czech Ministry of Education.

Master's and Doctoral students can take part in Baptist Identity and postgraduate seminars as well as in other occasional academic sessions, colloquia and academic conferences on IBTS campus.

OTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

◆ EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Applicants may be admitted each academic year as exchange students, enrolled in a post-graduate degree programme at a partner institution, for a duration of time normally of one or two semesters. Exchange students are expected to pursue a tutor-approved and supervised programme of study which will be accepted by the partner institution.

◆ SHORT-TERM RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants interested in independent study or research may be admitted. Admission is based on a written programme of research which the Seminary approves. Applicants consult with the Pro-Rector. Applicants are free from all course requirements but may audit some sessions or seminars.

◆ CONTINUING EDUCATION

Strategic non-degree programmes are also offered through our Directors' conference and theological assistance ministry. These short-term courses and conferences may be held on or off campus, and are specifically designed for trained or untrained pastors, lay leaders, educators, and Union administrators. Further, through the Directorate, opportunities are available for personal and corporate spiritual renewal and short-term academic study.

◆ CAT PROGRAMME

This is a one year programme which combines English language teaching with a full programme of theological studies equivalent to one year first degree college education. It leads to the Certificate in Applied Theology (CAT). This is designed for lay people who wish to be more fully equipped for service in their local Churches.

For more detailed information and Application contact Academic Registrar at registrar@ibts.eu.

FEES AND EXPENSES

All fees and expenses are to be paid in advance for a full semester or through an arrangement for monthly payment.

The Seminary must be assured that the student has adequate financial resources, including funds for return transportation to the home country, before final acceptance is given. As part of the application process, students must provide a financial statement that shows personal resources and aid from home churches and/or Baptist unions. Prospective students not able to pay all of their expenses at IBTS may apply for financial aid through the Scholarship/Student Work Programme, but should understand that approval is not automatic and that it is reviewed each year. It is subject to satisfactory progress.

Basic costs of student life include housing, food, textbooks, seminary fees and required medical insurance. Incidental expenses for transportation, clothing or other items vary according to each student's needs. For detailed information about fees and expenses see the page about students rates. It is also possible to attend classes as a visiting student, and this rate is also included.

Course Description for Magister in Theology Programme

The course consists of a Magister in Theology degree. Czech Ministry of Education validates the course as a new model thought master's degree in theology. The course is in accord with the new Bologna model master's (graduate) degree of 120 European credits. The course is designed for theology graduates and others who want to engage in postgraduate level study in Theology. The course has been specially designed by IBTS, Prague and is delivered and assessed in English.

The Magister is an example of a continental European M-level degree. It is a governmentally accredited degree typical for many continental European educational systems. It has wider theological profile and, apart from the core modules, a flexibility of choosing among any three of the existing modules of all IBTS M-level programmes. It has a unique selection of required modules: "Bible, Community and Context" and "Types of Systematic Theologies." The wider theological framework, the emphases on applicatory and communal hermeneutics, and the exploration of different systematic theological paradigms provide for more flexible future employment. While keeping the academic standard of IBTS M-level study and laying the ground for future doctoral level research work, the Magister degree's wider profile fits well also into undergraduate teaching in Bible colleges and denominational seminaries for ministerial training. IBTS academic staff have set up the programme in full accord with the Bologna process of integration of the EU educational systems.

The course has a modular structure and the Magister study is in two parts. Part One of the course consists of taught modules (90 credits in all) with "Bible, Community and Context" and "Types of Systematic Theologies" being required modules for Part One. Part Two of the course consists of a dissertation of not more than 20 000 words (30 credits) with an oral defence.

The course is available in a full-time (residential) and a part-time (non-residential) mode. The normal length of the full-time mode is up to two years while the part-time mode lasts for at least two years up to five years. Residency for the full-time programme will be at the International Baptist Theological Seminary.

The course is intended to encourage students to develop their own independent study skills in researching material, producing seminar contributions, written papers and a dissertation. A taught module will be conducted through tutorial and seminar group-discussions. Students will be required to produce papers for seminars and to discuss their contributions with their peers. Bibliographical support will be provided, and tutors will give guidance before and after the production of oral and written work.

Each module is assessed normally by means of one or two research papers of 4 000-5 000 words each. This Magister level course is offered by the International Baptist Theological Seminary and is awarded by Czech Ministry of Education. The degree is therefore an internationally recognised degree.

Full course description and details of the programme delivery are available in the Magister of Theology Course Handbook see : <http://www.ibts.eu/programmes/>

Tuition

For the Magister of Theology is: **Two year full-time** course total **200 000,-Kč**
Part-time tuition(up to five years) cost is **190 000,- Kč**

Objectives

The course aims to build on a person's previous academic experience by deepening their understanding of specific areas of theological study and by bridging the gap between the contrasting demands of undergraduate study and postgraduate research.

The course is highly suitable as a form of in-service training for those professionally engaged as ministers, teachers, missionaries, etc., but it is also appropriate for others with an interest in different fields of theological inquiry at postgraduate level. Some may have the opportunity to take a year or two asides for full-time study, while others will wish to follow the course through on a part-time basis.

The objectives of the course are that participants will:

- ◆ have acquired an informed and critical understanding of the main themes of the practical life of the church and the context of the larger culture in their chosen area of study;
- ◆ be conversant with some of the major issues in hermeneutics and recent theological research and have a grasp of major research methodologies in their area of study;
- ◆ have developed independent judgement in analysing evidence, producing critical reviews and constructing sustainable hypotheses;
- ◆ understand the basic conventions and patterns of research and have produced a coherent, cogently argued research projects and a dissertation.

Structure of the Course

Students must complete Part One of their course to a required standard before proceeding to Part Two (the dissertation). Part One consists of three required modules Bible, Community and Context, Types of Systematic Theologies and Critical Thinking, Academic Research and Writing (virtual delivery), and optional modules.

Although all students will take the three compulsory modules, they are then free to choose from all the modules offered by IBTS at M-level. They will elect to follow as their major area of study one of the four streams of study at IBTS:

- Applied Theology
- Baptist and Anabaptist Studies
- Biblical Studies
- Contextual Missiology

All streams require that, apart from the core modules of Bible, Community and Context 1 and 2, students take a further 10 ECTS credits from the specific core module of the particular stream (AT, BAS, and CM). Of the 60 ECTS credits of elective modules, it is generally expected that 40 ECTS credits will come from the area of major study, with the other 20 coming from another area of minor study. There should be some logic behind the choices, based on the student's needs, future expectations and desires. The choice of modules will be discussed with the Magister Course Leader and leaders of the other Courses at the beginning of the student's time at IBTS.

In tabular form, the streams are as follows:

<i>Area of Study/ Modules</i>	Applied Theology	Baptist and Anabaptist Studies	Biblical Studies	Contextual Missiology
<i>Joint Core Modules</i>	Bible, Community and Context 1 & 2 Types of Systematic Theology Critical Thinking (Virtual Delivery)			
<i>Specific Core Modules</i>	Baptist Theological Perspectives	The Origins and Early History of Anabaptism	Understanding Biblical Texts in Their Original Languages	Introduction to Contextual Missiology
<i>Specific Electives</i>	30 ECTS credits from list of Applied Theology courses below	30 ECTS credits from list of BAS courses below	30 ECTS credits from list of Biblical Studies courses below	30 ECTS credits from list of Contextual Missiology courses below
<i>Optional Electives</i>	20 ECTS credits from other courses listed below, in consultation with the Course Leader	20 ECTS credits from other courses listed below, in consultation with the Course Leader	20 ECTS credits from other courses listed below, in consultation with the Course Leader	20 ECTS credits from other courses listed below, in consultation with the Course Leader

◆ Modules available at M-level at IBTS

Applied Theology

Baptistic Theological Perspectives (Required for AT stream)
 Spiritual Formation
 Christian Learning and Leadership
 Homiletics and Communication
 The Church and Social Ethics
 Church and the Environment
 Practical Ministry in the Church Today (Ministerial Formation)
 Youth Leadership and Faith Development
 Critical Thinking, Academic Research and Writing

Baptist and Anabaptist Studies

The Origins and the Early History of Anabaptism (Required for BAS stream)
 Anabaptist/ Baptist Theology of the Church
 Anabaptists, Authority and the Bible
 Baptist Origins and Development in Continental Europe

Biblical Studies

Understanding Biblical Texts in their Original Languages (Required for BS stream)
 Biblical Narrative
 Biblical Ethics
 Themes in Biblical Theology

Contextual Missiology

Introduction to Contextual Missiology (Required for CM stream)
 Theology of Mission
 Practice of Mission & Evangelism
 Christian Presence and Witness among Muslims
 Churches Encountering in Mission

Not all of these optional modules will be taught in any one year. Students will be asked to list their order of preferences prior to the commencement of the course and these preferences will be taken into consideration in respect of the options offered. All selected optional double (20 ECTS credits) and single (10 ECTS credits) modules must build towards a coherent trajectory in a particular field of theological research.

For full-time students, each module will generally be conducted through regular seminars, focusing on a particular aspect of the overall research theme. These seminars will be given by teaching staff and also students will do research and make presentations themselves. Each module will normally also be available for students working in part-time mode through intensive teaching over one to two weeks during intensive teaching sessions throughout the academic year. Modules will be assessed normally on the basis of one (10 ECTS credits) or two (20 ECTS credits) written research papers of between 4 000 and 5 000 words each or oral examinations. A candidate who does not agree with the results of the assessment is allowed to make an appeal to the IBTS Academic Board.

Successful completion of Part One is an entitlement and requirement for continuing to Part Two of the degree programme or termination of the study with IBTS Post Graduate Diploma. At Part Two all candidates for the Magister degree must submit a dissertation and defend their research work at the State Examination, normally held in mid-May. The dissertation will be not more than 20,000 words, including footnotes but excluding bibliographies. The dissertation will be the result of the student's own authentic research, and is expected to provide evidence of a person's independent analytical, evaluative and creative abilities.

Application to the programme is open to students who have a relevant undergraduate degree and a good knowledge of English. An applicant's English language competency will be assessed by submitting an essay (see application form) and by submitting a proof of achieving the Advanced Cambridge Certificate or an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score either 550 or 270 according to the scales used.

Course Staff:

COURSE LEADERSHIP

The Revd Doc Ivana Noble BD, Mgr, PhD, CES
Timothy F T Noble BA, BA, MEd, STB, PhD

IBTS COURSE TUTORS

Lina Andronovienė BA MTh, PhD (cand)
The Revd Keith G. Jones BA (Theol) , MA, PhD, MCMi
Lydie Kucová BA (Hons.) MTh PhD
The Revd Doc Parush R. Parushev BS/MS, MDiv, CSc (Eng), PhD (Th)
The Revd Ian M. Randall MA, MPhil, PhD, FRHistS

RESEARCH PROFESSORS

Professor Graham W Ashworth CBE, DL, BArch, MC.D
Professor David R Holetson DTh PhD
Professor J H Y Briggs MA FRHistS

OFF CAMPUS ASSOCIATE LECTURERS

The Revd David M. Brown, BA, MDiv, ThM, PhD
The Revd. Wesley H Brown, BS, MDiv, PhD
The Revd Dr Ruth M B Gouldbourne MA, BD, PhD

Rollin G. Grams, BA, MTS, PhD
The Revd Darrell R Jackson BA(Hons), DTh (cand)
The Revd J. Andrew Kirk BD, AKC, BA, MPhil
Docent Th Dr Jan B. Lašek
The Revd Doc Petr Macek, Mgr., PhD
The Revd Prof Nancey Murphy, BA, PhD, ThD
Einike Pilli, BA, MA-Ed, PhD
The Revd Toivo Pilli, BA, ThM, PhD (cand)
The Revd Robin L Routledge, BA, MA, PhD
The Revd. David W. Shenk, BA, PhD, PhD
Prof Glen H Stassen, BA, BD, PhD
The Revd Matthew Thomas BA, MDiv, MA, PhD
JUDr Petra Veselá Mgr, DipEurLaw
The Revd John D Weaver MA, BSc, PhD

PRO-RECTOR / ACADEMIC DEAN

The Revd Doc Parush R. Parushev BS/MS, MDiv, CSc (Eng), PhD (Th)

All **inquiries and applications** should be directed to:

IBTS
Academic Registrar
Nad Habrovkou 3
164 00 Praha 6
CZECH REPUBLIC

E-mail address: registrar@ibts.eu

APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

Application fee: 3 000,-CZK

This fee is a processing fee for all full applications. If you are successful in securing a place on a course at IBTS the fee will be set against tuition fees. If you are not successful the fee will not be returned.

Enclosed are the documents required for application and information about our academic programmes. All application documents listed below must be completely filled out and received by us by 1 April, if you wish to begin your studies in September. This is to enable Visa procedures to be put in place.

◆ THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

- **THE HEALTH EXAMINATION REPORT** (TO BE COMPLETED BY FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY)
This form should be completed by an examining physician and mailed by the physician directly to the Academic Registrar at IBTS.

- **THE HOUSING APPLICATION FORM** (TO BE COMPLETED BY FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY)

- **THREE REFERENCE LETTERS**

Completed by an officer of your Baptist Union or a leader of your denomination if you are not a Baptist, the pastor of your local church and one of your academic teachers. Please have all persons mail the reference letters to the Academic Registrar at IBTS.

- **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Of all previous academic work, including post-secondary school, university and seminary studies. These should be mailed to the Academic Registrar at IBTS **by the institution issuing the transcript**. If your programme of studies is in progress, a transcript should be sent at this time and a final transcript sent following the completion of the programme.

- **A 10- PAGE, TYPED RESEARCH PAPER** (DOES NOT APPLY FOR PHD STUDENTS)

The research paper is part of the application and is evaluated by the Admissions Committee to help determine research ability and English proficiency. The paper may be a research project completed as part of the applicant's previous studies at another theological institution. The paper should be the work solely of the applicant, including the translation, without help from other people.

- **EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH COMPETENCE**

ALL applicants except native English speakers must provide evidence of their English competence: 1) submit proof of the achieved Advanced Cambridge Certificate or, 2) submit the IELTS results or, 3) have an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score sent to us directly by the TOEFL organisation. (For your reference, the **Seminary's code number is 9574** for the TOEFL exam.) Information regarding this test may be obtained by writing: TOEFL, P.O. Box 1203, 6801 BE Arnhem, The Netherlands. Non-native English speaking students who have completed their prior

theological or other studies at an English speaking institution may be exempted from the English language test score requirement.

THE REQUIRED TOEFL SCORE IS EITHER 550 OR 270 ACCORDING TO THE SCALES USED.

It will take several months from the time you first write to the TOEFL organisation until you (and we) receive your test score. Provisional admission may be possible for those not completing this examination on time if the written work submitted with this application demonstrates a high standard of the applicant's English.

Please send all application documents to:

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Academic Registrar
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Attention: APPLICATIONS CAN NOT BE FINALLY PROCESSED UNTIL THE ACADEMIC REGISTRAR RECEIVES ALL THE FORMS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ENGLISH SCORE.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please use a typewriter if possible; otherwise print clearly in block letters. If questions do not pertain to your situation, please write "N/A" (not applicable) in the space provided.

Personal Information

Surname:	First name:
Address:	
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	
Date of birth:	Gender:
Place of Birth:	
Present Citizenship:	Occupation:
Place of Employment:	For how long?
Driving Licence: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Country of Issue:	
Spouse's Complete Name:	
Spouse's Citizenship:	
Spouse's Occupation:	
Spouse's Date of birth:	Date of Marriage:

Information about Children

Name(s)	Female/Male	Date of birth

Church Information

Church Name:	
Street:	Number:
City/Town:	Postal Code:
Country:	Pastor's Name:
Does your Union/Convention/Denomination have a partner Union/Convention/Mission Agency?	
Which is it?	

Module Information

I am applying for the following modules of study:

I am taking the following required modules

1. Bible, Community and Context 1 & 2 (core module)
2. Types of Systematic Theologies
3. Critical Thinking, Academic Research and Writing (virtual if has not been taken in undergraduate studies)

I am interested in the following modules:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

If approved by course leaders, I am interested to attend or consider substituting for the following modules:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

I wish to study Residentially/Full Time Non-residentially/Part Time

My major area of interest is in the field of (please indicate briefly your study plans):

My minor area of interest is in the field of (please indicate briefly):

Educational History

Have you previously applied to IBTS? Yes No

If yes, when?

Have you done any **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES** at another institution? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Name and Location of Institution (No Abbreviations)	Degree/Date	Subject(s)	Years of Study From - to

Please list any other academic institution (post-secondary level) that you have attended.

Name and Location of Institution (No Abbreviations)	Degree/Date	Subject(s)	Years of Study From - to

Please request official transcripts from all post-secondary academic institutions where you have studied and have the transcripts or certificates sent to the Academic Registrar at IBTS at the address indicated in this packet. The academic transcripts must show the courses taken, the grade earned in each course, an explanation of the grading system, and the number of credit hours for each course, where this is the system followed.

Classical Languages Studied

Language	Name of institution where studied	How long?
Greek		
Hebrew		
Latin		

List other languages you speak or have studied:

Language	

Financial Support

How much are *you* able to provide for your support at International Baptist Theological Seminary?

US \$ per month:	EURO per month:
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How much is *your church* willing to provide to support you at International Baptist Theological Seminary?

US \$ per month:	EURO per month:
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How much are *your friends and others* willing to provide for your support at International Baptist Theological Seminary?

US \$ per month:	EURO per month:
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Do you intend to apply for the Seminary's scholarship/work grant programme (information enclosed)?

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Other relevant information:

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Information on References

Enclosed with these application documents are three "Letters of Reference" that you are to give to the three individuals specified in the *Application Instructions*. Please list below the three persons you have asked to complete the reference forms.

The forms should be sent directly by those persons to the Academic Registrar at IBTS.

	Name	Position/Title	Address
Union Officer (Denomination or Communal Leader)			
Church Minister:			
Teacher:			

If your preference is for residential study please explain why you feel that this would be more advantageous for you. (Please note that it is possible that those who apply for full-time residential study may be offered a part-time non-residential course).

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

Certification

I understand that I have to take financial responsibility for my visa, tuition, health insurance and travel costs.

I understand that the full-time students on scholarship, which includes work-study grant, will be required to work on various jobs around the campus for 10 hours a week.

I understand that if I do not return to my own country after my time at IBTS, I am likely to be requested to pay the scholarship money back. I understand that the same will be the case if I fail to complete my studies at IBTS.

I agree to abide by the standards of conduct appropriate to my Christian calling and IBTS community.

I certify that all the information provided with this application is true and voluntarily given, and I give my permission for this information to be used by the International Baptist Theological Seminary for the purpose of considering admission, academic information and record keeping.

Signature:	Date:
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All the required documents have to be sent to:

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NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE ACADEMIC REGISTRAR HAS RECEIVED ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. NO ADMISSION DECISION WILL BE MADE WITHOUT ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Name of Applicant:

The above named person has made application for admission to IBTS and has requested that you serve as a reference. When completing this form, please use a typewriter if possible; otherwise, print clearly **in English**. Upon completion, please mail the form directly to: **IBTS, Academic Registrar, Nad Habrovkou 3, 164 00 Prague 6, Czech Republic**. IBTS appreciates your willingness to evaluate **confidentially** this applicant. This reference is confidential and will not be seen by anyone other than the Admissions Committee.

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

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Are you completing this reference as the applicant's:

	<input type="checkbox"/> pastor/ minister <input type="checkbox"/> officer of Baptist union/Denomination Leader <input type="checkbox"/> teacher
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Please rate the applicant in comparison with others of similar age and position:

	Superior	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgement
Ability in oral expression						
Ability in written expression						
Intellectual competence						
Commitment to Christ and the church						
Sense of purpose						
Perseverance in achieving goals						
Emotional maturity						
Self-discipline and initiative						
Imagination and probable creativity						
Effectiveness in working with others						
Social sensitivity						
Past performance as a leader						
Potential as a leader						
Integrity/character						

On the reverse side of this form, the Seminary would appreciate a statement from you concerning the applicant. Please evaluate the applicant's reasons for undertaking theological study, ability for critical thinking, personal character, and potential for the ministry. Frank statements are desired regarding the applicant's strengths and limitations and their probable effect on success in vocation and academic pursuits.

Signature and Title:	Date:
Printed Name and Address:	

1. Please evaluate the Applicant's reasons for undertaking theological study as well as his/her ability for critical thinking and coping with the academic requirements in general.

2. Please assess the applicant's strengths and limitations and their probable effect on success in his/her vocation and academic pursuits.

3. Please evaluate the applicant's personal character and his/her potential for ministry.

4. Please describe the applicant's probable role in ministry after completion of his/her studies and your (you individually or your organisation's / church's) ministerial commitment to this student.

(Please continue on additional sheet if necessary)

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Signature and Title:	Date:
Printed Name and Address:	

9. Please evaluate the Applicant's reasons for undertaking theological study as well as his/her ability for critical thinking and coping with the academic requirements in general.

10. Please assess the applicant's strengths and limitations and their probable effect on success in his/her vocation and academic pursuits.

11. Please evaluate the applicant's personal character and his/her potential for ministry.

12. Please describe the applicant's probable role in ministry after completion of his/her studies and your (you individually or your organisation's / church's) ministerial commitment to this student.

(Please continue on additional sheet if necessary)

HOUSING APPLICATION

(To be completed by full time students only)

Please complete the applicable portions of this form and return it with your *Application for Admission*, even if you do not intend to apply for seminary housing.

<input type="checkbox"/> I/we wish to apply for seminary housing.
<input type="checkbox"/> I/we do not intend to apply for seminary housing.

Signature:	Date:
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If you **are** applying for seminary housing, please complete the remainder of this form, which will be used to co-ordinate living arrangements for you. Even if your spouse is also making application as a student to the seminary, fill out only **one form per family**.

Please list spouse and any children who will accompany you to IBTS:

Name(s)	Female/Male	Date of birth

NOTE: If you change your housing request or decide to decline housing, please notify the seminary immediately, in order that we may plan accordingly.

Applicant's name:
Address:

HEALTH EXAMINATION REPORT

(To be completed by full-time students only)

Applicant's Full Name:

Please have your doctor answer the following questions, based on a current physical examination. The form must be mailed directly by the doctor to: Academic Registrar, IBTS, Nad Habrovkou 3, 164 00 Prague 6, Czech Republic. **IMPORTANT: Parts A and B of this form are to be filled out by the applicant. In order to be valid, Part C of this form must be completed and signed by an examining doctor.**

To the Doctor:

Please ensure this form is completed as fully as possible and sign and stamp the form at the end. If you are aware of any other medical information not included on this form which may be important, please include it below. Use the reverse side of this form if necessary.

NOTE: IF AN APPLICANT IS MARRIED THEN A FORM MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED FOR THE SPOUSE AND FOR ANY CHILDREN AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN IBTS BEING UNABLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE STUDENT / FAMILY OF THE STUDENT AND DISMISSAL FROM THE SEMINARY.

MEDICAL FORM

For a student proposing to enter IBTS, Prague in the year 2007/2008

This part to be completed by the Applicant (sections A and B)

A

Surname:		First name:	
Former name:			
Address:			
Post Code:		Telephone:	
Date of birth:		Gender:	
Place of Birth:			
Marriage status:		Number of children:	
Temporary accommodation:			
Post Code:		Telephone:	
Previous educational institutions : student, school [address]			
Employed as a			
Name of		Occupation	Marriage status:
Father			
Mother			
Do they live together?			

B

	Father	Mother	Brother	Sister
Age:				
Healthy				

Indicate which, if any, of your close family members has suffered from the following.

	MOTHER	FATHER	SISTER	BROTHER
high blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
heart problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
digestive problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
spine, neural problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eczema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
alcoholism/ drug addict	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please answer yes or no to these questions:

Y/N	
	Is your physical activity restricted?
	Have you any disease or condition for which continuing medication or treatment is required?
	Are you postponing any medical treatment?
	Do you have an allergy, known sensitivity or intolerance?
	Do you have any communicable disease?
	Has treatment been received or recommended for nervous, psychiatric, or emotional problems?
	Do you require special assistance because of a physical disability?
	Are there health factors that would make it difficult for you to carry a full program of studies while at the seminary?
	Are you or your spouse pregnant?
	Does anybody in your family (wife, children) have any disease or condition for which continuing medication or treatment is required?

C

This section to be completed in conjunction with a Medical Practitioner. Please circle relevant items and state when the illness occurred:

Student / spouse has had these illnesses:

Infectious diseases:

<input type="checkbox"/> scarlet fever	<input type="checkbox"/> measles	<input type="checkbox"/> chicken-pox	<input type="checkbox"/> whooping cough
<input type="checkbox"/> hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> TBC	<input type="checkbox"/> mononucleosis	
other:			

Respiratory organs:

<input type="checkbox"/> respiratory organs catarrhs	<input type="checkbox"/> angina	<input type="checkbox"/> asthma
<input type="checkbox"/> frequent sinus infection	<input type="checkbox"/> frequent lungs infection	
<input type="checkbox"/> frequent windpipe infection	<input type="checkbox"/> TBC	<input type="checkbox"/> hay fever
other:		

Heart, blood-vessel and blood:

<input type="checkbox"/> congenital heart defect	<input type="checkbox"/> anaemia	<input type="checkbox"/> rheumatic fever	<input type="checkbox"/> high blood pressure
other:			

Digestive organs:

<input type="checkbox"/> frequent digestive problems	<input type="checkbox"/> frequent diarrhoea	<input type="checkbox"/> ulceration
<input type="checkbox"/> liver problems	<input type="checkbox"/> gallbladder problems	<input type="checkbox"/> pancreatic gland problems
other:		

Urinary organs:

<input type="checkbox"/> cystitis	<input type="checkbox"/> kidneys	<input type="checkbox"/> inflammation
other:		

Neural system:

<input type="checkbox"/> injuries – brain	<input type="checkbox"/> unconscious states	<input type="checkbox"/> cramps
<input type="checkbox"/> spinal cord and neural inflammation	cured at neural department for:	

Endocrine:

<input type="checkbox"/> diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> obesity	other:
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Optical:

<input type="checkbox"/> dim sight	<input type="checkbox"/> wearing glasses	other:
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Auricular:

<input type="checkbox"/> hearing restriction	<input type="checkbox"/> frequent otitis	<input type="checkbox"/> tympanum perforation	<input type="checkbox"/> balance problems
other:			

Skin problems:

<input type="checkbox"/> psoriasis	<input type="checkbox"/> nettle-rash	<input type="checkbox"/> frequent eczema	<input type="checkbox"/> skin mould
other:			

Allergies to

reaction to medicine, other agents:

Venereal:

which diseases:

Gynaecology:

<input type="checkbox"/> period disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> flux	other:
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SPECIAL WARNING NOTE: CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FOREIGNERS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ADEQUATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVER TO BE PROVIDED FOR PREGNANCY AND FOR POST-NATAL CARE. IBTS CANNOT CURRENTLY ACCEPT FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS OR SPOUSES OF STUDENTS SEEKING TO BECOME PREGNANT DURING THE PERIOD OF STUDY

Mental difficulties:

<input type="checkbox"/> alcoholism	<input type="checkbox"/> drug addiction	
Other psychiatric problems:		
<input type="checkbox"/> have you ever been treated	<input type="checkbox"/> had record at psychiatric department	<input type="checkbox"/> medical institution

Skeleton and thaws:

<input type="checkbox"/> knuckle inflammation	<input type="checkbox"/> marrow inflammation	<input type="checkbox"/> arthritis
<input type="checkbox"/> spinal column	<input type="checkbox"/> deformation	<input type="checkbox"/> backache
other:		

Fractures:

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Other injuries:

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Surgery:

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Serum application:

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Cancer:

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Other than the above mentioned diseases:

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Vaccination:

<input type="checkbox"/> tetanus [last vaccination] when
other:

Weight: kg	Height: cm	
<input type="checkbox"/> non- smoker	<input type="checkbox"/> smoker	How many per day

Date:	Student signature:
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CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY A QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AND SIGNED AND STAMPED

I have examined the Student / spouse and confirm that the student/ spouse is in sufficient good health to proceed to study at IBTS, Prague and should be able to qualify for normal health insurance without restriction **OR** the Student is sufficiently fit to study at IBTS Prague, but subject to the following health restrictions (please list):

Signature of doctor:

Name of doctor:	
Qualifications:	
Address:	
Official stamp:	

SCHOLARSHIP/STUDENT WORK INFORMATION

(Applies to full-time students only)

By Czech law, foreign students are not permitted to be employed off-campus and you should take this fact into consideration when planning for the cost of living in the Czech Republic.

Basic annual costs of student life, for those living on the IBTS Campus, include seminary housing, food, textbooks, Course fees, and required medical insurance. Other living expenses for clothing, transportation and other personal items vary according to your needs.

Course fees must be paid for each academic year at the beginning of that academic year unless some other arrangements for payment have been made. Prospective students not able to pay all of their expenses at IBTS may apply for financial aid through the scholarship / student work programme, but should understand that approval is not automatic. As part of the application process, students must provide a financial statement, which shows personal resources and aid from home churches, and/or Baptist unions or other denominations. Students are NOT permitted to solicit Seminary guests or personnel for financial support.

Those students who apply for and are granted scholarship funds are required to perform ten hours of campus work per week during academic semesters (in order for them to be able to concentrate as fully as possible on their studies). Each student worker will have a written job description, which is signed by both the student worker and the Student Work Supervisor. The assigned jobs cannot be left undone. Any student who fails at an agreed-upon student work assignment will lose his/her financial aid from the date the work is stopped. The details of the student work scholarship grant are spelled out in detail in the appropriate document that will be given by the Academic Dean or the Director of Finance and Administration when students begin at IBTS.

During non-academic periods, especially the summer months, availability of student jobs is limited and may not produce as much funding as students desire. Every effort is made to allocate some of the limited work hours to those students who have been granted permission to remain in campus housing during the holidays.

INFORMATION ON VISA PROCEDURE

FULL TIME STUDENTS:

According to the new law issued in the Czech Republic, all foreign students (apart from EU citizens) should apply for a visa at the Czech Embassy/Consulate in their native country. Students should apply for a long-term visa that is usually for a maximum period of one year.

When applying from most countries you will need the following documents:

- Valid international passport. The passport must be valid for a longer period than the visa (i.e. 6 months beyond the expiry date of the visa). **IBTS is not responsible for costs involved in the issuing of a new passport if the above procedure is not followed.**
- Criminal history record :
from the Czech Republic. It is possible to obtain this at a Czech Embassy/Consulate
- from your home country translated into Czech – Please remember that the translation must be notarised and done by a professional translator. Be sure to follow the correct legal procedure in your country:

*Remember that **the translation of the criminal record must usually include an apostille or super legalisation. For more information contact the Czech Embassy.***

- Three-passport size photos for each person (e.g. student, spouse, all children)
- Full – time students must take out health insurance before they arrive which is valid in the Czech Republic. It must cover the whole period of their studies.
- Marriage certificate translated into Czech, if applicable
- Birth certificates for all the family members (student, spouse and children)

Documents provided by IBTS:

- Confirmation that the student has been accepted to the Magister Programme
- Confirmation that the student has been accepted as a full time IBTS student and during the studies will stay on the IBTS campus
- IBTS business record

The Czech Embassy/Consulate will charge a certain fee for the entire visa procedure.

NOTE: Please keep in mind that the requirements for a visa might vary from one country to another. We strongly advise you to first consult the Czech Embassy in your country about the requirements before beginning the process of applying. This process needs to be started well in advance of your coming to the Czech Republic.

We would like to be kept informed of the progress being made with regard to the visa application.

If you would need any additional information or help when applying for visa, please contact the Administrator Ms Kateřina Krnáčová, Krnacova@ibts.eu.

INFORMATION REGARDING OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR A SHORT-TERM VISIT TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

As a part-time foreign student you will need an official invitation letter to enter the Czech Republic, provided by IBTS. To be able to provide you with this document we need some personal information from you as follows below.

Those students who have to apply for a short-term visa to enter the Czech Republic must go to the Czech Embassy/Consulate in their own country and hand over the official IBTS and Foreign Police invitation documents. Both of these documents will be provided by IBTS beforehand.

NOTE: Please keep in mind that the requirements for a visa might vary from one country to another. We strongly advise you to first consult the Czech Embassy in your country about the requirements before beginning the process of applying. This process requires to be started in advance of your coming to the Czech Republic.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Formal name (as entered in your passport):

First name

Date of birth (day, month, year)

Citizenship

Permanent address

Mailing address

Country code

Passport no

Date of expiry of your passport

Telephone/Fax no

E-mail

Please remember that you must have a valid international passport, which must be valid for a longer period than the visa period (i.e. 6 months beyond the expiry date of the visa).

Please keep in mind that we must be informed immediately if there are any changes in your personal details, such as name, passport no., address, etc. If you do not provide the above information on time, IBTS will not be responsible for any costs involved in the issuing of a new invitation letter.

Part – time students must take out health insurance before they arrive, which is valid in the Czech Republic. It must cover the full period of their stay.

If you would need any additional information or help on obtaining an official invitation letter please contact the Administrator Ms Kateřina Krnáčová, Krnacova@ibts.eu.

MAGISTER IN THEOLOGY STUDENT RATES

Academic Year 2009/2010

BOARDING: (per day)

Half Board Rate: 540,-CZK

Full Board Rate: 600,-CZK

TUITION for the Magister of Theology is:

200 000,-Kč for two years full-time,
190 000,-Kč for up to five years part-time.

Auditing Tuition will be charged 10 000,-CZK per week which includes right to attend all classes offered (so at least 30 contact hours in the week), receive handouts, workbooks books issued to participants etc.

The Seminary reserves the right to adjust these rates as necessary.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete the following for (student's name).

Sponsor's Name and Address:

Sponsor's name:	
Street and number:	
Postal code and city:	
Country:	
Telephone/e-mail:	

Name of Your Organisation/Ministry:

Please describe this student's probable role in ministry after completion of her/his studies:

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Please describe your (you individually or your organisation's/church's) ministerial commitment to this student:

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Date:

Signature:

Please Return to:

IBTS
Academic Registrar
Nad Habrovkou 3
164 00 Prague 6
Czech Republic