

Barrytown College to Open Undergraduate Program at Unification Theological Seminary

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Greetings!

More than 14 years ago, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, our True Father, spoke about creating an undergraduate college at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) in Barrytown and prayed on the shores of the Hudson River many times for the future leaders who would be educated there.

Thanks to the strong leadership of our national pastor, Rev. In Jin Moon, and her deep concern to embrace second-generation Unificationists and guide them to aim for excellence, this dream of establishing an undergraduate college in Barrytown is rushing towards fulfillment, with a scheduled opening in the fall of this year.



The grounds of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) include treasured natural environments.

Founded in 1975, Unification Theological Seminary in 1986 was approved to offer accredited Master of Religious Education and Master of Divinity degrees and has since then been approved to offer a Masters of Arts in Religious Studies and a Doctor of Ministry degree as well.

Barrytown College on the Hudson (BCH) will offer rigorous academic study in a spiritually enriching environment in which students can dive into their interests and passions and discover their unique abilities to serve the world.



Barrytown College includes accommodations that can eventually house about 225 students.

The Bachelor of Arts degree will feature a Leadership and Management concentration for all students, a student orientation that emphasizes healthy relationships and marriage preparation, a World Religions and Philosophy major, which includes core courses such as “The Examined Life” and “Great Minds of East and West,” and minors in Media Arts, Business and Human Development/Family Studies. Based on the level of student interest and approval by the New York Education Department, these minors will be expanded into majors by the third year. We will also establish partnerships with nearby colleges offering majors not offered at BCH.

Students at BCH will participate in a wide range of extracurricular projects: clubs and organizations, athletics, internships, advocacy projects, study abroad, work study, service learning projects, as well as a Capstone Project that culminates in the student’s senior year and that can serve as a launching pad for a future career, or advanced studies. We hope to have 30 students or more enroll in the undergraduate program for the first year and for that number to expand in the following years, eventually reaching UTS’s Main Building and Massena House maximum capacity of approximately 250 students.



Young Unificationists have enjoyed the UTS grounds in the recent years for church workshops, summer camps, sporting events and recreation.

The main building in Barrytown is in the process of receiving a long-overdue “makeover.” Renovations

include building a new campus entrance, which will be a new visitor's center added to the East Wing near the soccer field and new pathways linking the East and West wings, among numerous other changes.

The costs to attend BCH will be those of a lower-priced private college: \$24,000 for tuition and \$8,600 for room, board and fees. Unificationists who are accepted will be awarded a \$12,000 scholarship and a refund if they have made an initial deposit at another college. Federal loans, work study and grants, which average \$15,500 for students from low- and middle-income families, will also be available. Applicants residing in New York state will also have access to New York Tuition Assistance Program funding.



Dr. Stephen Butley Murray, Dean of Barrytown College

Several prospective Unificationist students have said they are excited to see our church develop a college with high academic standards at which they can openly pursue their lives of faith. The number of classes we offer may initially be limited compared to other colleges, but in terms of quality of the faculty and courses, we intend to be in the same league as that of the best.

One of the two new faculty hired to support the undergraduate program is the Dean of Barrytown College, Dr. Stephen Butley Murray, who earned his B.A. in philosophy and religion from Bucknell University, a M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School, and a M.Phil. and Ph.D. in systematic theology from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. The second new faculty is Dr. Donna Ferrantello, who will serve as Professor of English Literature. Dr. Ferrantello, a Fulbright Specialist scholar, earned her B.A. in Psychology at the University of Connecticut and a Doctorate in Theology at Drew University. Additional faculty will be hired over the next few years, as the number of students who enroll increases.



Dr. Donna Ferrantello, to-be professor of English Literature

Join us at Barrytown College and learn how to apply your faith to real life, make deep friendships that will last a lifetime and become the man or woman that God meant you to be.

Sincerely,

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*The New York State Education Department is reviewing UTS' proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree program, to be tentatively called Barrytown College on the Hudson (BCH). BCH will not be accepting student applications for the 2012-2013 school year until approval is received from the New York State Education Department and accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. However, prospective students are encouraged to fill out a pre-application that can be found here: **student questionnaire***

Barrytown College

Prospective Student Questionnaire

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M.I.: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Education:

Current School: _____
Current Year: _____ Anticipated Graduation/Transfer Date: _____
GPA: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____
Class Rank : Top 5% Top 25% Top 50% Other

I intend to go to graduate school: _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unsure

Career:

Career of interest (please write out current ideas or areas if known):

Follow - Up:

I would be interested in receiving more information about:

_____ Freshmen entry for Fall 2012
_____ Transfer entry for Fall 2012
_____ Freshmen/Transfer entry for Fall 2013

I would like to be contacted with more information regarding Barrytown College (check all that apply):

_____ Via text message
_____ Via email
_____ Via phone
_____ Via mail
_____ Please do not contact me

Questions:

Are there any outings or programs you would like to see added to Barrytown College? (specific sports, trips, etc.)?

What are your first impressions of Barrytown College?

Do you have any questions or comments about the college?

** For those concerned about privacy: Barrytown College is the sole owner of the information collected on this form. We take every precaution to protect your information.*