

Alternative Diploma/Transcript Petition

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Student Number	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Degree	School		
Graduation Date (actual or anticipated)			
Please explain in detail why you believe you should be permitted to receive a diploma and/or transcripts with the alternate heading Fuller Graduate Schools. Attach your explanation , along with any supporting documentation, to this form. Submit the form to the Registrar's Office for processing.			
understand that, if this petition is approved, I will be eligible to receive a diploma and/or transcript, at my request, with the alternative name Fuller Graduate Schools instead of Fuller Theological Seminary. If I matriculated before the School of Intercultural Studies and the School of Theology merged to form the School of Mission and Theology, this would include the using the previous name of the school as well as the overarching institutional name.			
 I understand that I have received or will receive the standard Fuller Theological Seminary diploma, and that in order to receive the alternative diploma as well I must request it and pay the fee currently in effect for this additional service. 			
 I understand that each time I request a transcript, if I want Fuller to provide the alternative transcript, I must specifically request the alternative transcript, or Fuller will send the standard Fuller Theological Seminary transcript by default. 			
 I understand that this does not change any course titles or degree nomenclature, but only the name of the institution granting the degree printed on the requested documents. 			
 I understand that Fuller Theological Seminary is not obligated to identify itself as Fuller Graduate Schools in any way except by providing these documents at my request. For example, the Fuller website, the catalog, etc. all bear the name of Fuller Theological Seminary and the catalog explains the policy regarding alternative transcripts and diplomas; email messages may contain the name Fuller Theological Seminary, and the telephone is answered with the name Fuller Theological Seminary. I understand and agree that Fuller Theological Seminary shall not be liable for any consequence(s) arising from its 			
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Signature of Student			Date
ACTION OF THE FACULTY			
APPROVED	DENIED	DATE _	
COMMENTS			
Signature of the Dean			Date
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Policy for the Petitioning of Alternative Diplomas & Transcripts

In some circumstances, a diploma or transcript from a theological seminary may cause significant difficulties in the places where our alumni/ae are working or seek to work. To resolve this problem, Fuller Theological Seminary has taken legal steps to allow it also to identify itself as:

Fuller Graduate Schools: School of Mission and Theology

School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy

If you matriculated *before* the School of Intercultural Studies and the School of Theology merged to form the School of Mission and Theology, this would include the using the previous name of the individual school as well as the overarching institutional name.

Fuller Theological Seminary remains the true, legal name of the institution.

Criteria: Permission to receive an alternative diploma and/or transcript with the heading Fuller Graduate Schools may be granted for the following reasons:

- Physical safety. Students who are living and working in areas that are known to be hostile to
 Christians or to religious institutions may be granted an alternative diploma and/or transcript.
 Previous incidents of harassment of Christians, physical danger, or governments and cultures
 known to be hostile would be examples of contexts that may justify the alternative documents.
- **Restriction of professional status**. Students who are unable to pursue professional status because their documents come from a Christian seminary may be allowed to receive the alternative documents. For example, students who wish to teach in universities in Brazil may need the alternative documents, as Brazil does not recognize doctoral diplomas and transcripts from seminaries.

Petition Process: Any student may submit a petition to receive a diploma and/or transcript with the Fuller Graduate Schools heading. On the petition, students will indicate why they believe that the use of the alternative name would be appropriate for their situation. Petition forms are available from the Registrar's Office website (www.fuller.edu/registrar/forms) and in the following offices:

- Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy: From the academic advisors in the Marriage and Family and Clinical Psychology departments
- Mission & Theology: From the offices of the director of doctoral programs (CATS, CMR, English and Korean DMin Offices, the director of Korean studies programs, the Call Discernment/Academic Advising office, and the various Regional Campus Advising offices

All petitions are subject to the review and approval of the faculty of the respective school.

Services and Procedures: If the petition is approved, it allows you to request transcripts with the Fuller Graduate Schools heading, and to request a diploma with that heading.

- Each time a transcript is requested, you must specifically request the FGS format if that is the
 transcript you want to be sent. Otherwise, the standard Fuller Theological Seminary transcript will
 be sent. The fees for transcript service are the same in either case. We cannot produce electronic
 FGS transcripts; all FGS transcripts will be printed hard copies.
- Everyone will receive the standard Fuller Theological Seminary diploma. If you desire the
 alternative FGS format as well, you must submit a request to the Registrar's Office and pay the
 fee currently in effect.
- Students who have been approved for the alternative documents may also submit their master's thesis or doctoral dissertation with the alternative name on the title page and throughout.