

## Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program Application for Admission: Current Students



The Master of Theology is the highest academic degree awarded by Regent College, requiring an MDiv degree, an MCS degree, or a master's degree with equivalent theological background to an MDiv, with a GPA of 3.5 for admission. The minimum number of credit hours required to complete the ThM is 30 (see the *Academic Catalogue* for details). The ThM program is thesis-based, encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to theological studies through the development of competence in theological research and writing. The ThM also serves to provide further time for students to continue focused study in a particular area of interest, and may be a useful academic supplement to a vocational degree, providing additional preparation for doctoral studies.

All documents should be submitted to the Admissions Office.

To make application to the ThM program, please submit the following:

1. A completed "Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program Application for Admission" (see attached).
2. A sample paper which best demonstrates your capacity for academic research and writing (max. 12-15 pages). This paper should represent your best effort in your planned area of concentration. In addition to this, you may also submit a paper representing your best effort more widely (though this is not required).
3. A statement of your proposed area of research. There is space provided for this on the attached application form; if you require additional space beyond that provided on the form, please attach a separate sheet. This statement will be read by faculty in your concentration area, who will use it to decide if there is someone on faculty who is willing, able, and available to supervise your topic.
4. Recommendations from two resident faculty members willing to vouch for your research and writing ability. One of these recommendations should come from a faculty member in your chosen area of concentration. Please use the "Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program Faculty Recommendation Form." Recommendations are confidential and should be submitted directly to the Admissions Office.
5. A \$25 application fee.

**Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program  
Application for Admission: Current Students**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First name(s)

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated completion term: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you wish to complete the ThM: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us your professional goals beyond the ThM: \_\_\_\_\_

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Planned concentration (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us your proposed area of research: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sample paper details:

Professor: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This application is subject to consideration by the Regent College Admissions Committee, whose recommendation is required for admission to the ThM degree program.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program  
Faculty Recommendation Form**



Note to Applicant: To apply for the Master of Theology program, you are required to have confidential recommendations from two resident faculty members willing to vouch for your research and writing ability. Faculty members are not required to supervise students whom they do not feel are adequately prepared for the task of writing a thesis. Thus, in considering a ThM thesis you should take into account your research and writing skills as well as your record of completing assignments on time.

**Section A: To be completed by the Applicant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed area of research: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section B: To be completed by the Professor**

1. Please rate the applicant's *research and writing* ability:

|poor|      |below average|      |average|      |above average|      |excellent|

2. Please rate the applicant's *personal initiative* and *ability to complete* a thesis:

|poor|      |below average|      |average|      |above average|      |excellent|

3. If the applicant's first language is NOT English, please rate his/her ability to write in English:

|poor|      |below average|      |average|      |above average|      |excellent|

4. Additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Professor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form directly to the Admissions Office. All comments will remain confidential.