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. The minimum number of credit hours required to complete the ThM is 24 (see the Academic Catalogue online for details at www.regent-college.edu/current-students/academic-catalogue). The ThM 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. Depending on your objectives, you can choose between two tracks: a thesis track and a major paper track. Admission to the ThM program requires a minimum GPA of 3.3.

The **thesis track** requires a minimum GPA of 3.5. Twelve program credits are allocated to the writing of the thesis, nine credits to seminar courses and three credits to an elective course.

The **major paper track** requires a minimum GPA of 3.3. Three program credits are allocated to the writing of the major paper, nine credits to seminar courses and twelve credits to elective courses.

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 study. 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.

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 study. 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.

All documents should be submitted to the Admissions Office.
Master of Theology (ThM) Degree Program
Application for Admission: Current Students

Name: _____________________________________________ ______________________________________

Last Name            First name(s)

Phone #: __________________________________ E-mail:  ________________________________________

Student ID#: _______________________________ Current Program: ________________________________

Qualifying master’s degree (if not from Regent College): ____________________________________________

Date degree was conferred: ________________ Conferring institution: ________________________________

Desired ThM start term: _____________________ Anticipated completion term: _________________________

Anticipated ThM track: (circle one)   thesis /  major paper

Please tell us your goals beyond the ThM: ____________________________________________________________

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Please tell us your proposed area of research: ______________________________________________________

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Sample paper details:

Professor: _____________________________________ Course: ____________________________________

Nature of assignment: ____________________________  __________________________________________

Grade assigned: ________________________________

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: _______________________________
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.