As a current MCS or MDiv student, do I have to change to the new MA, Theo Studies or MDiv program requirements?

No, you automatically remain under the current MCS or MDiv program requirements. However, you may choose to change to the new MA, Theo Studies or MDiv program requirements. There is no option to complete a combination of the current and new program requirements.

Do I have to change to the new MA program requirements to receive a degree with the new name of MA, Theo Studies?

No, you may complete the MCS program requirements in effect when you were admitted and then when you apply for graduation, you may choose to receive a degree certificate with the MCS degree name or the new MA degree name.

How do I decide between the current program requirements and the new ones?

For most current students, there is no advantage to changing to the new program requirements. See below for the main differences between the current and new program requirements. You can also compare the current program worksheet with the new one, to see how your credits fit and what is still outstanding. Current program worksheets can be found on our website under Current Students, Academic Advising; new program worksheets are under Current Students, Academic Catalogue, Program Requirements and Policies.

What are some of the main differences between the current MCS program and the MA, Theo Studies?

- The MA, Theo Studies has a “no concentration” option.
- There is no Christianity and Culture concentration in the new program.
- Three of the concentrations in the MA, Theo Studies have slightly different names i.e. Church History is changing to History of Christianity, Theology to Doctrinal Theology, and Missions to World Christianity.
- The concentrations in Christianity, Church, and Culture have an additional final project option: a 6 credit integrative project.
- Among the core requirements, there are changes to the History and Theology requirements, as well as a new course requirement which in most concentrations is a choice between: Soul of Ministry and two new courses, Gospel and Culture, and Community, Formation, and Mission.

How do I notify the college that I want to change to the new MA, Theo Studies program requirements?

You need to complete and submit a Program Change Form, and your transcript will indicate that you are admitted to the MA, Theo Studies program.

What are some of the main differences between the current MDiv program and the new one?

- The new program requires two years of Supervised Ministry.
- The new program has the same number of electives, but with fewer restrictions i.e. there are 15 completely free electives rather than 9.
The theology requirement is condensed into two courses, THEO I and II, and Pastoral Care and Pastoral Ethics have been combined into one course. There is also a new required course, Gospel and Culture.

Several required courses have been modified and renamed, though they will fulfill requirements of the current program i.e. Christian Education and Equipping will no longer be offered as an on-campus course; instead, the new course requirement is Missional Leadership. Another example of this is the course, Empowering the Church for Re-Evangelization, which has been changed to Missional Church.

How do I notify the college that I want to change to the new MDiv program requirements?

You do this by sending an e-mail to academic.advising@regent-college.edu.

If I stay in the current MDiv program, how do I fulfill courses that are no longer offered on-campus?

- Christian Education and Equipping can be fulfilled by taking the Distance Education (DE) version or by taking Missional Leadership on-campus.
- Empowering the Church is only available by DE in the upcoming academic year. In future years, this requirement can be met with the on-campus course Missional Church.
- If you have not taken Pastoral Care or Pastoral Ethics, then you can take the new combined course, Pastoral Care and Ethics, plus an additional free elective. If you’ve already taken Pastoral Care, but not Pastoral Ethics or Basic Christian Ethics, then you can take the former by DE, take Intro to Christian Ethics on-campus, or take the new course Pastoral Care and Ethics on-campus. If you’ve completed the Ethics course requirement, but not Pastoral Care, then you need to take Pastoral Care and Ethics on-campus.

If I stay under the current MCS or MDiv program requirements, how do I complete the Theology requirement?

- If your current program gives you an option of Theology A, B, C, or the overview, then you will still have the option of completing any of those by DE or one of Theology I, II, or the overview on-campus.
- If your current program requires all of Theology A – C, and you have not completed any, then you may complete Theology I and II, plus a 3 credit Theology elective.
- If you require all of A-C, and have started on them, you have the option of completing the outstanding course(s) by DE, or depending on which of A-C you have done, you will still need to complete THEO I, THEO II, and/or a 3 credit Theology elective.
- If you have already taken at least 2 of A, B, or C, and want to switch to the new program requirements for the MA in Doctrinal or Spiritual Theology, you will not have to take THEO I or II. If you’ve only taken one of A, B, or C, then depending on which of these you’ve taken, you will still need to take either THEO I or II.

Who do I contact if I need further help and information?

You may send an e-mail to academic.advising@regent-college.edu.