

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (TH.M.)

Purpose

The *Master of Theology* degree program will provide additional training beyond the Master of Divinity degree in preparation for full-time Christian service. Through course work, scholarly research, and logical and critical writing, the Th.M. will provide advanced preparation for those called to service in theological education or those planning to pursue degree programs at the doctoral level.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Select and design a scholarly research project.
- Assess alternative views of Scripture and theology.
- Synthesize a personal and biblical systematic theology.
- Defend Christian theology from a biblical perspective.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, the following requirements will govern admission into the *Master of Theology* program:

1. The applicant must have earned a Master of Divinity or its equivalent from an approved institution.
2. The applicant must have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale) in the Master of Divinity program. Applicants who do not meet this criterion may be considered for admission on Academic Caution.
3. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation.
4. School of Divinity Questionnaire/Personal Statement
5. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Thesis Requirements for Th.M. Degree

With the approval of the student's advisor and the mentor, a student may write a thesis of 10,000 words (minimum) that follows the latest edition of Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*. The project must meet all designated deadlines and receive a minimum grade of B. A graduate faculty member selected in consultation with both student and advisor will function as a mentor of the thesis and will monitor the progress during the various stages of writing (from the selection of a topic to the final draft). Both the mentor and a second reader must approve the thesis. Two copies of the approved final draft thesis must be submitted electronically to the Integrated Learning Resources Center. Three semester hours credit will be given for the thesis. The student opting to write a thesis must also include a course in research methods in the overall program.

Master's Thesis Sample Schedule*

*Schedule will vary depending on when the student starts the thesis process.

Date	Event
October 1	Approval of thesis topic by Thesis Committee.
November 1	Submission of Thesis Prospectus to Mentor and Reader(s).
December 1	Last possible day for submission of late Thesis prospectus, if the student plans to appeal for extension of the Thesis Prospectus deadline
January 15	Submission of the first draft of the Thesis
February 15	Last day for return of first draft with corrections to the student from Mentor and Reader(s).
March 15	Submission of corrected draft to Mentor and Reader(s). Include copies of initial draft with suggested corrections of them
April 1	Return of corrected draft to student.
April 30	Submission of final draft.
Early May	Final grade on Thesis due on date when grades are due.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Theology (Th.M.) - Biblical Studies (Non-Thesis)
- Theology (Th.M.) - Christian Apologetics (Non-Thesis)
- Theology (Th.M.) - Church History (Non-Thesis)
- Theology (Th.M.) - Global Studies (Non-Thesis)
- Theology (Th.M.) - Homiletics (Non-Thesis)
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Career Opportunities

- Bible instructor
- Chaplain
- Educator
- Family Pastor
- Ministry worker
- Missionary
- Pastor
- Professor
- Senior pastor
- Teaching pastor