

**Minnesota Graduate School of Theology**  
**Associate School Programs**

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING A  
MASTERS THESIS**

- A. The thesis should contain 19,000 words minimum (about 75 pages), excluding the coversheet, second sheet, table of contents, or final sheet for references/bibliography.
- B. The thesis must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 inch, white stock paper, with one inch margins on top, bottom, and both sides.
- C. The thesis will be evaluated according to content, depth of research, adherence to specified subject, writing style, and footnotes, spelling, typing, etc.
- D. The thesis should be factual (not critical).
- E. The thesis coversheet should contain the following:

TO

MINNESOTA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

FROM

(Student's Name)

(Date)

(Name of thesis subject)

A THESIS PAPER SUBMITTED IN

PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THE

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE PROGRAM

- F. The thesis second sheet should contain a list of contents (table of contents).
- G. The thesis footnotes are required either per page or at the end of each chapter.
- H. A sturdy container should be used to mail the thesis to prevent damage. The item should be mailed certified/return receipt to ensure it is not lost in the postal system. If the student is attending an Associate School, the student must submit the thesis to their instructor/teacher. Within 30 days of grading, the Associate School may copy the thesis and evaluation page and must send the original thesis to MGST for the student's permanent record.

NOTE: MGST students oftentimes write 80 to 100 pages for a single thesis because of complex and lengthy subjects, such as Revelation, Soteriology, Theology (either Old or New Testament), etc., cannot be properly covered in 19,000 words. This is acceptable. The student must be informed that the thesis will not be returned so (s)he should make a copy for his/her personal records prior to submitting the original to the Associate School and/or MGST.

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### THESIS SUBJECTS FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE

The following list represents possible subjects from which to choose for the writing and research work on the Masters Degree. Other subjects may be selected in place of one of these; however, final approval from the MGST regional office is required for subjects not listed. Students may write a letter for approval of their desired subject beforehand or call (763) 560-9610.

Suggested thesis subjects include:

- Bibliology, The Doctrine of the Scriptures
- Christology, The Doctrine of Jesus Christ
- Pneumatology, The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology, The Doctrine of Man
- Hamartiology, The Doctrine of the Sin
- Soteriology, The Doctrine of Salvation
- Ecclesiology, The Doctrine of the Church
- Angelology, The Doctrine of Angels, Demons, Satan.
- Eschatology, The Doctrine of the Last Things
- Theology, The Doctrine of God, His Names, His Nature, etc.
- Missiology, The Doctrine of Biblical Missionary Ministry

Other topics could be:

- The Examination of the Ministry as Given in Paul's Epistles
- An Investigation for the need of a Reformation in the 16th Century
- An Examination of the Early Church Prior to Constantine as the Structure of That Church
- Was There a Hierarchy Prior to Constantine?
- The Difference Between Law and Gospel – Why the Law is Necessary in the Preaching to Modern Mankind.