What is a thesis?

A 2 or 3 credit independent research paper on an approved topic under the supervision of two faculty advisors which satisfies the integrative research component of the ThM degree.

- Read the Student Handbook section 1.25-26: www.dts.edu/students/studenthandbook.
- Begin the process early - see academic department and readers for specific due dates.
- Students have 3 contiguous (ex. Fall, Spring, Summer) semesters to complete a thesis. The thesis may be finished during Fall, Spring, or Summer. You may accelerate your plan with the approval of your readers.
- You will automatically be registered for a 1 credit-hour thesis continuation course for up to 1 (2 hour thesis) or 2 (3 hour thesis) additional semesters if you are unable to complete the thesis in the allotted time. The general and technology fee will be charged as well. At the end of this extension period your professor will assign a grade assessing any completed work.
- Thesis Length
  - 2 credit thesis = 12,000 words maximum.
  - 3 credit thesis = 17,000 words maximum.
  - Length does not include bibliography or title page, but does include footnotes.
- Use proper Turabian formatting (see Turabian, latest edition, available in the DTS Book Center and the DTS Turabian Supplement). Before turning in the final approved draft of the thesis the student must submit it to the library for style and format review. Submit two final copies in a thesis box (available in the DTS Book Center) to the Registrar’s Office (2nd floor, Walvoord Student Center).
- Required for entry to the DTS PhD program.

Campus Net
Subject Approval Form
Thesis Syllabus Sample
Thesis Grade Sheet
TREN Agreement
Thesis Routing Form

Library Website
Library.dts.edu
Thesis Template
DTS Turabian Supplement

Where do I find?

Thesis Timeline

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