BIBLE & THEOLOGY (M.A.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
Core Courses		
APOL 505	Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age	3
BIBL 500	Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation [1]	3
BIBL 505	Language Tools [1]	3
NBST 501	The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus	3
or NBST 502	New Testament Letters for the Church	
OBST 501	Torah and Story in the Old Testament	3
or OBST 502	Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church	
THEO 505	Theological Foundations	3
THEO 540	Issues in Systematic Theology	3
THEO 600	Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church	3
Elective Courses		
Elective [2,3]		3
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Total Hours		**36**

[1] Foundational courses are required to be taken within the first semester.
[2] Choose any 500-600 level course.
[3] A student who desires to pursue the thesis track must consult the program director regarding course sequencing and thesis development within the first semester. The student must take RTCH 680, THES 689, and THES 690 in order. Students should also begin RTCH 680 in the first semester. If a student is not ready for enrollment in THES 690 after completing THES 689, as determined by the program director, the student may be required to repeat THES 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in THES 690.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident Format

Course Sequence

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
BIBL 500	Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation [1]	3
BIBL 505	Language Tools [1]	3
THEO 505	Theological Foundations	3
Elective [2,3]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
APOL 505	Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age	3
NBST 501 or NBST 502	The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus or New Testament Letters for the Church	3
THEO 540	Issues in Systematic Theology	3
Elective [2,3]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
OBST 501 or OBST 502	Torah and Story in the Old Testament or Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church	3
THEO 600	Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church	3
Elective [2,3]		3
Elective [2,3]		3
	Hours	**12**
	Total Hours	**36**

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