BIBLICAL STUDIES (PH.D.)

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		
Foundational Courses		
RTCH 900	Research Methods [1]	3
RTCH 901	Pedagogical Foundations for Teaching	3
Core Courses		
BIBL 905	Uses of Scripture within Scripture	3
BIBL 920	Readings in Old Testament and New Testament Texts	3
BLTH 904	Scripture, Revelation, and Interpretation	3
BLTH 922	The Theology of the Torah	3
or BLTH 925	Theology of the Gospel	
Biblical Studies Elective Courses		
Biblical Studies Elective [2]		3
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Comprehensive Exam		
NBST 993	Readings in New Testament and Comprehensive Examination	3
OBST 993	Readings in Old Testament and Comprehensive Examination	3
Dissertation Courses		
DISS 986	Mentor Directed Research, Proposal, and Literature Review	3
DISS 987	Dissertation Research and Writing I	5
DISS 988	Dissertation Research and Writing II	5
DISS 989	Dissertation Research and Writing III	5
DISS 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		**57**

[1] Students should take RTCH 900 within the first year of their program of study.

[2] Students may choose from any 900 level BIBL, BLTH, NGRK, NBST, OBST, or OTCL course.

Additional Major Requirements

- Successful completion of the Research Language Competency: German Examination[1]
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Exams

[1] Students may petition and gain approval from the PhD director to use a different research language (e.g., Latin, French, Spanish) if it can be shown the relevancy of that language toward the student's dissertation project. The student must demonstrate proficiency in the requested research language.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 57 total hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than B- may be applied to the degree
- Degree must be completed within 7 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**
RTCH 900	Research Methods	3
BIBL 905	Uses of Scripture within Scripture	3
	Hours	**6**
Second Semester		
BIBL 920	Readings in Old Testament and New Testament Texts	3
Biblical Studies Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**6**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
BLTH 904	Scripture, Revelation, and Interpretation	3
Biblical Studies Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**6**
Fourth Semester		
BLTH 922 or BLTH 925	The Theology of the Torah or Theology of the Gospel	3
Biblical Studies Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**6**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
Biblical Studies Elective [1]		3
Biblical Studies Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**6**
Sixth Semester		
NBST 993	Readings in New Testament and Comprehensive Examination	3
OBST 993	Readings in Old Testament and Comprehensive Examination	3
	Hours	**6**
Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
DISS 986	Mentor Directed Research, Proposal, and Literature Review	3
RTCH 901	Pedagogical Foundations for Teaching	3
	Hours	**6**

Eighth Semester		
DISS 987	Dissertation Research and Writing I	5
	Hours	**5**
Ninth Semester		
DISS 988	Dissertation Research and Writing II	5
	Hours	**5**
Fifth Year		
Tenth Semester		
DISS 989	Dissertation Research and Writing III	5
	Hours	**5**
Eleventh Semester		
DISS 990	Dissertation Defense	0
	Hours	**0**
	Total Hours	**57**

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All applicable prerequisites must be met