

BIBLICAL STUDIES (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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 |
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| Language Competency | | |
| German Examination | | |
| Total Hours | | 0 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Foundational Research Courses | | |
| RTCH 900 | Research Methods | 3 |
| RTCH 901 | Teaching in Higher Education | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 6 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Biblical Studies Core Courses | | |
| BIBL 900 | Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation | 3 |
| NBST 900 | Reading Seminar in Early Judaism and the Greco-Roman World | 3 |
| NBST 910 | Uses of the Old Testament in the New Testament ¹ | 3 |
| OBST 900 | Reading Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 12 |

¹ NBST 910 is Cross-listed with OBST 910 and OBST 910 may also fulfill this requirement

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| Major Area of Focus Courses ¹ | | |
| <i>Biblical Theology</i> | | |
| Bible Elective ² | | 3 |
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| Choose six hours from the following: | | 6 |
| BIBL 910 | Old Testament Theology | |
| BIBL 915 | New Testament Theology | |
| BIBL 925 | Theology of the Gospel | |
| BIBL 968 | Current Biblical and Theological Issues | |
| BIBL 996 | Special Topics in Biblical Theology | |
| BIBL 997 | Seminar in Biblical Theology | |
| <i>New Testament</i> | | |
| NGRK 997 | Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature | 3 |
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| Choose six hours from the following: | | 6 |
| NBST 935 | Theology of Paul | |
| NBST 950 | Special Topics in the New Testament | |

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| NBST 968 | Current Biblical and Theological Issues | |
| NBST 997 | Seminar in New Testament | |
| NGRK 997 | Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature | |

Old Testament

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| OTCL 997 | Seminar in Old Testament Language | 3 |
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| Choose six hours from the following: | | 6 |
| OBST 922 | The Theology of the Torah | |
| OBST 950 | Special Topics in the Old Testament | |
| OBST 968 | Current Biblical and Theological Issues | |
| OBST 997 | Seminar in Old Testament | |
| OTCL 997 | Seminar in Old Testament Language | |

¹ Choose one Major Area of Focus from the following: Biblical Theology, New Testament, or Old Testament.

² Must be a 900 level course.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|-------|----------|
| Minor Area of Focus Courses | | |
| Choose nine hours from one of the Areas of Focus listed in the Major Area of Focus section ¹ | | 9 |
| Elective | | |
| Elective | | |
| Elective | | |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

¹ Choose one Minor Area of Focus from the following: Biblical Studies, New Testament, or Old Testament. Minor Area of Focus must be different from the Major Area of Focus.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Comprehensive Examinations | | |
| Biblical Studies Core | | |
| Major Area of Focus | | |
| Minor Area of Focus | | |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Dissertation Courses ¹ | | |
| DISS 987 | Dissertation Proposal and Research I | 5 |
| DISS 988 | Dissertation Proposal and Research II | 5 |
| DISS 989 | Dissertation Proposal and Research III | 5 |
| DISS 990 | Dissertation Defense | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

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
- Successful completion of the Research Language Competencies
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Exams
- 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

| Course | Title | Hours |
|---|---|----------|
| First Semester | | |
| RTCH 900 | Research Methods | 3 |
| BIBL 900 | Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Second Semester | | |
| NBST 910 | Uses of the Old Testament in the New Testament ¹ | 3 |
| OBST 900 | Reading Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Third Semester | | |
| NBST 900 | Reading Seminar in Early Judaism and the Greco-Roman World | 3 |
| Major Area of Focus Elective ² | | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Fourth Semester | | |
| Major Area of Focus Elective ² | | 3 |
| Major Area of Focus Elective ² | | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Fifth Semester | | |
| Major Area of Focus Elective ² | | 3 |
| Minor Area of Focus Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Sixth Semester | | |
| Minor Area of Focus Elective ³ | | 3 |
| RTCH 901 | Teaching in Higher Education | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Seventh Semester | | |
| Major Area of Focus Elective ² | | 3 |
| Minor Area of Focus Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Eighth Semester | | |
| DISS 987 | Dissertation Proposal and Research I | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |

| Course | Title | Hours |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Ninth Semester | | |
| DISS 988 | Dissertation Proposal and Research II | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Tenth Semester | | |
| DISS 989 | Dissertation Proposal and Research III | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Eleventh Semester | | |
| DISS 990 | Dissertation Defense | 0 |
| Hours | | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 57 |

¹ NBST 910 is cross-listed with OBST 910, and OBST 910 may also fulfill this requirement.

² Refer to Degree Completion Plan for Major Area of Focus requirements.

³ Refer to Degree Completion Plan for Minor Area of Focus requirements.