

BIBLICAL STUDIES (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. 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
Language Competency		
German Examination		
Total Hours		0

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

Code	Title	Hours
Biblical Studies Core Courses		
BIBL 900	Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation	3
NBST 900	Reading Seminar in Judaism and Greco-Roman History	3
NBST 910	Uses of the Old Testament in the New Testament ¹	3
OBST 900	Reading Seminar in the Ancient Near East	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	
NBST 968	Current Biblical and Theological Issues	

Code	Title	Hours
NBST 997	Seminar in New Testament	
NGRK 997	Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	
<i>Old Testament</i>		
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		
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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
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