

BIBLICAL STUDIES (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. 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
Ph.D. Core Courses		
BIBL 900	Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation	3
NBST 910	Uses of the Old Testament in the New Testament ¹	3
RTCH 900	Research Methods	3
RTCH 901	Teaching in Higher Education	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		
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BIBL 993	Readings in Biblical Theology and Comprehensive Examination ³	

Choose six hours from the following:

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	

New Testament

NGRK 997	Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	
NGRK 997	Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	
NGRK 997	Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	
NBST 993	Readings in New Testament and Comprehensive Examination ³	

Choose six hours from the following:

NBST 900	Reading Seminar in Early Judaism and the Greco-Roman World	
NBST 935	Theology of Paul	
NBST 950	Special Topics in the New Testament	
NBST 968	Current Biblical and Theological Issues	
NBST 997	Seminar in New Testament	

Code	Title	Hours
NGRK 997	Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	

Old Testament

OTCL 997	Seminar in Old Testament Language	
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OBST 993	Readings in Old Testament and Comprehensive Examination ³	

Choose six hours from the following:

OBST 900	Reading Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture	
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	

Total Hours **18**

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

² Must be a 900 level course.

³ Once the student completes 15 hours of the Major Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Major Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination 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

Elective		
Elective		
Elective		

Minor Area of Focus Directed Research & Comprehensive Examination ²

Total Hours **12**

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.

² Once the student completes 9 hours of the Minor Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Minor Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination course

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

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

Course	Title	Hours
Minor Area of Focus Elective ³		3
Hours		6
Eighth Semester		
DISS 987	Dissertation Proposal and Research I	5
Hours		5
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.