MINISTRY 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		
Specialized Research Courses		
CHMN 705	Ministry Essentials [1]	3
CHMN 846	Ministry Studies Literature Review	3
CHMN 847	Ministry Studies Topical Research	3
CHMN 848	Ministry Studies Dissertation Research I	3
CHMN 849	Ministry Studies Dissertation Research II [2]	3
RTCH 805	Research Methods	3
THEO 706	Theological Foundations	3
Dissertation Writing & Defense Courses		
CHMN 987	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies I	5
CHMN 988	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies II	5
CHMN 989	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies III [3]	5
CHMN 990	Dissertation Defense for Ministry Studies [4]	0
Total Hours		**36**

1. CHMN 705 must be taken the first term of the first semester of the program.
2. CHMN 849 must be passed prior to enrollment in Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses. A Faculty Dissertation Supervisor will be paired with the PhD candidate for the Dissertation and Defense Courses.
3. CHMN 989 may be repeated up to four times.
4. Registration in CHMN 990 requires written authorization from the Dissertation Supervisor.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 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 a 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 Online Format

Course Sequence

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
CHMN 705	Ministry Essentials [1]	3
RTCH 805	Research Methods	3
THEO 706	Theological Foundations	3
	Hours	**9**
Second Semester		
CHMN 846	Ministry Studies Literature Review	3
CHMN 847	Ministry Studies Topical Research	3
	Hours	**6**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
CHMN 848	Ministry Studies Dissertation Research I	3
CHMN 849	Ministry Studies Dissertation Research II	3
	Hours	**6**
Fourth Semester		
CHMN 987	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies I	5
	Hours	**5**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
CHMN 988	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies II	5
	Hours	**5**
Sixth Semester		
CHMN 989	Dissertation Writing in Ministry Studies III	5
	Hours	**5**
Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
CHMN 990	Dissertation Defense for Ministry Studies	0
	Hours	**0**
	Total Hours	**36**

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