

# THEOLOGICAL 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
<b>Language Competency</b>		
German Examination		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Ph.D. Core Courses</b>		
RTCH 900	Research Methods	3
RTCH 901	Teaching in Higher Education	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theological Studies Courses</b>		
APOL 920	Resurrection and Miracles	3
THEO 900	Seminar in Theological Method	3
THEO 903	Historical Development of Christian Thought	3
THEO 945	Seminar in Modern Theologies and Theologians	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Area of Focus Courses</b>		
Choose 15 credit hours from a single area of focus:		15

## *Apologetics*

APOL 910	Apologetic Method	
APOL 930	The Problem of Evil, Pain and Suffering	
APOL 935	Apologetics and Culture	
APOL 940	Modern Apologetic Issues	
APOL 997	Seminar in Apologetics	
THEO 915	Natural Theology	

## *Biblical Theology*

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	

## *Christian Thought*

THEO 901	Contemporary Issues in the Doctrine of God	
THEO 904	Bibliology	
THEO 905	Christology in Contemporary Theological Perspective	
THEO 915	Natural Theology	
THEO 968	Current Issues in Theology	
THEO 997	Seminar in Theological Studies	

## *Public Theology*

Code	Title	Hours
APOL 935	Apologetics and Culture	
BIBL 925	Theology of the Gospel	
THEO 935	Christianity and Politics	
THEO 950	Approaches to Public Theology	
THEO 960	Christian Ethics	
THEO 968	Current Issues in Theology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Minor Area of Focus Courses</b>		
Choose 9 credit hours from one of the Areas of Focus listed in the Major Area of Focus section which is different from the chosen Major Area of Focus.		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Comprehensive Examination</b>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>First Semester</b>		
RTCH 900	Research Methods	3
THEO 903	Historical Development of Christian Thought	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
RTCH 901	Teaching in Higher Education	3
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
APOL 920	Resurrection and Miracles	3
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
THEO 900	Seminar in Theological Method	3
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		
THEO 945	Seminar in Modern Theologies and Theologians	3
Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Eighth Semester</b>		
DISS 987	Dissertation Proposal and Research I	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Ninth Semester</b>		
DISS 988	Dissertation Proposal and Research II	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Tenth Semester</b>		
DISS 989	Dissertation Proposal and Research III	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Eleventh Semester</b>		
DISS 990	Dissertation Defense	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>57</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Degree Completion Plan for Major Area of Focus courses.

<sup>2</sup> See Degree Completion Plan for Minor Area of Focus courses. Must be different from Major Area of Focus.