

# THEOLOGY & APOLOGETICS (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
<b>Language Competency</b>		
German Examination		

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research Competency</b>		
RTCH 900	Research Methods	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theology &amp; Apologetics Courses</b>		
APOL 910	Apologetic Method	3
APOL 920	Resurrection and Miracles	3
THEO 900	Seminar in Theological Method	3
THEO 904	Bibliology	3
Choose nine credit hours of 900-level APOL or THEO courses		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Elective Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Choose 18 credit hours of 900-level electives from the following disciplines: APOL, BIBL, CHHI, NBST, OBST, & THEO		18
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students are encouraged to choose one discipline for all six seminars. Disciplines include: Apologetics (APOL), Bible (BIBL), Biblical Studies<sup>2</sup> (NBST, OBST), Church History (CHHI) and Theology (THEO)

<sup>2</sup> A Biblical Studies discipline requires 6 hours of NGRK 650 or higher and OTCL 525 or higher or their equivalents

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Comprehensive Examinations</b>		
Theology		
Apologetics		
Cognate Field		

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses</b> <sup>3</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>3</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

## Offered in Resident Format