

# LIBERTY

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
& GRADUATE SCHOOL™

Master of Arts in Religious Studies  
2010-2011 Degree Completion Plan

All course selections in this program must be pre-approved by the Program Director and by the Academic Dean of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School.

|   | <u>Hrs</u> | <u>Semester</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Approved</u> |
|---|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (9 hours)</b>                   |            |                 |              |                 |
| <b><u>Choose one Biblical Studies course:</u></b>       |            |                 |              |                 |
| NBST 500  | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| NBST 500  |            |                 |              |                 |
| NBST 521  |            |                 |              |                 |
| NBST 522  |            |                 |              |                 |
| NBST 525  |            |                 |              |                 |
| NBST 652  |            |                 |              |                 |
| OBST 590  |            |                 |              |                 |
| OBST 591  |            |                 |              |                 |
| OBST 592  |            |                 |              |                 |
| <b><u>Choose one Theological Studies course:</u></b>    |            |                 |              |                 |
| THEO 503  | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| THEO 503  |            |                 |              |                 |
| CHHI 662  |            |                 |              |                 |
| <b><u>Choose one Philosophy/Apologetics course:</u></b> |            |                 |              |                 |
| APOL 500  | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| APOL 500  |            |                 |              |                 |
| PHIL 550  |            |                 |              |                 |
| PHIL 625  |            |                 |              |                 |
| <b>AREA OF SPECIALIZATION (21 hours)</b>                |            |                 |              |                 |
| _____   | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
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| _____   | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| <b>RESEARCH &amp; THESIS PRACTICUM (6 hours)</b>        |            |                 |              |                 |
| THEO 680 <sup>1</sup>                                   | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| THEO 680 <sup>1</sup>                                   |            |                 |              |                 |
| THEO 690  | 3          | _____           | _____        | _____           |
| THEO 690  |            |                 |              |                 |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS:</b>                                     |            | <b>36</b>       |              |                 |

**Graduation Requirements:**

36 total semester hours  
 Complete 30 hours through LU  
 3.0 GPA  
 Proficiency in one foreign language for research. Proficiency demonstrated by the successful completion of 12 credit hours at the undergraduate level or 9 at the graduate level with an overall average of B, by a passing grade on a translation test, or by other documentation acceptable to the Director of Graduate Studies  
 Successful completion of comprehensive examination in area of specialization  
 Thesis required (minimum grade of B)  
 Degree must be completed within 5 years  
 Students will be required to pass the graduate writing assessment or complete GRST 500.  
 Submit Graduation Application at the beginning of the final semester

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup>Any student who is not ready for enrollment in THEO 690 after completing THEO 680 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to take THEO 689 Thesis Proposal and Research, and may be required to can be repeat THEO 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in THEO 690.

**Program Currently Offered in Resident Format Only**

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

**First Semester**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Specialization <sup>1</sup>  | 3        |
| THEO 503 or CHHI 662         | 3        |
| NBST 500, 521, 522, 525, 652 |          |
| OBST 590, 591 or 592         | <u>3</u> |
| Total                        | 9        |

**Second Semester**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Specialization <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
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| THEO 680                    | <u>3</u> |
| Total                       | 9        |

**Third Semester**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Specialization <sup>1</sup>    | 3        |
| Specialization <sup>1</sup>    | 3        |
| APOL 500, PHIL 550 or PHIL 625 | <u>3</u> |
| Total                          | 9        |

**Fourth Semester**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Specialization <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| Specialization <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| THEO 690                    | <u>3</u> |
| Total                       | 9        |

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup>The program of study may be focused entirely on one area or may be a unified program utilizing course work in several related fields. The areas of specialization are APOL, BIBL, CHHI, PHIL and THEO.