

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Theology and Apologetics (Ph.D.)

2016-2017 Degree Completion Plan

LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

German Examination

French or Latin Examination

Hrs

Semester

Grade

RESEARCH COMPETENCY (3 hours)

RTCH 900 Research Methods & Teaching in Christian Higher Ed.

3

THEOLOGY & APOLOGETICS COURSES (27 hours)

APOL 910 Apologetic Method

3

APOL 920 Miracles

3

THEO 900 Seminar in Theological Method

3

THEO 904 Bibliology

3

Choose five 900 level APOL or THEO courses:

3

3

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3

ELECTIVE COURSES (18 hours)¹

Choose six 900 level electives from the following disciplines for which prerequisites have been met:

APOL, CHHI, NBST, OBST & THEO

3

3

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3

3

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

Theology & Apologetics

Cognate Field

DISSERTATION COURSES (9 hours)³

DISS 989 Dissertation Proposal & Research⁴

3

DISS 989 Dissertation Proposal & Research⁴

3

DISS 990 Dissertation Defense

3

TOTAL HOURS 57

Graduation Requirements

57 total hours

A minimum of 42 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 15 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree

3.0 GPA

No grades lower than a 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

Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office at the beginning of the final semester

Notes

¹Students are encouraged to choose one discipline for all six seminars.

Disciplines include: Apologetics (APOL), Biblical Studies² (NBST, OBST), Church History (CHHI) and Theology (THEO).

²A Biblical Studies discipline requires 6 hours of NGRK 605 or higher and OTCL 620 or higher or their equivalents.

³Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

⁴DISS 989 must be taken a minimum of two times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in DISS 990 after completing the second enrollment in DISS 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat DISS 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in DISS 990.

DISSERTATION PROCESS

Mentor Assigned: _____
Reader Assigned: _____
Reader Assigned: _____
Topic Approved Date: _____
Title: _____
Dissertation Defense Date: _____
Dissertation Approved: _____

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
RTCH 900	3	APOL 920	3
APOL 910	<u>3</u>	THEO 900	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
THEO 904	3	APOL/THEO Elective ¹	3
Elective ²	<u>3</u>	Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
APOL/THEO Elective ¹	3	APOL/THEO Elective ¹	3
Elective ²	<u>3</u>	Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Seventh Semester</u>		<u>Eighth Semester</u>	
APOL/THEO Elective ¹	3	APOL/THEO Elective ¹	3
Elective ²	<u>3</u>	Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Ninth Semester</u>		<u>Tenth Semester</u>	
DISS 989 ³	<u>3</u>	DISS 989 ³	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
<u>Eleventh Semester</u>			
DISS 990	<u>3</u>		
Total	3		

Notes

¹Must be a 900 level course

²Choose a 900 level elective from the following disciplines for which prerequisites have been met: APOL, CHHI, NBST, OBST & THEO.

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