

<u>LANGUAGE COMPETENCY</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
German Examination		_____	_____
<b><u>RESEARCH COMPETENCY (3 hours)</u></b>			
RTCH 900      Research Methods & Teaching in Christian Higher Ed.	3	_____	_____
<b><u>THEOLOGY &amp; APOLOGETICS COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>			
APOL 910      Apologetic Method	3	_____	_____
APOL 920      Miracles	3	_____	_____
THEO 900      Seminar in Theological Method	3	_____	_____
THEO 904      Bibliology	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose three 900-level APOL or THEO courses:</i>			
_____	3	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES (18 hours)<sup>1</sup></u></b>			
<i>Choose six 900-level electives from the following disciplines: APOL, CHHI, NBST, OBST &amp; THEO</i>			
_____	3	_____	_____
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<b><u>COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS</u></b>			
Theology		_____	_____
Apologetics		_____	_____
Cognate Field		_____	_____
<b><u>DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)<sup>3</sup></u></b>			
DISS 987      Dissertation Proposal & Research I	5	_____	_____
DISS 988      Dissertation Proposal & Research II	5	_____	_____
DISS 989      Dissertation Proposal & Research III	5	_____	_____
DISS 990      Dissertation Defense	0	_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>57</b>	

**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 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

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

**Offered in Online Format**

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**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Students are encouraged to choose one discipline for all six seminars. Disciplines include: Apologetics (APOL), 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

<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

*Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

**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 <sup>1</sup>	3
Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
APOL/THEO Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	APOL/THEO Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Seventh Semester</u>		<u>Eighth Semester</u>	
Elective <sup>2</sup>	3	DISS 987	<u>5</u>
Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Total	5
Total	6		
<u>Ninth Semester</u>		<u>Tenth Semester</u>	
DISS 988	<u>5</u>	DISS 989	<u>5</u>
Total	5	Total	5
<u>Eleventh Semester</u>			
DISS 990	<u>0</u>		
Total	0		

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Must be a 900 level course

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