

<u>LANGUAGE COMPETENCY</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
German Examination		_____	_____
French or Latin Examination		_____	_____
<u>RESEARCH COMPETENCY (3 hours)</u>			
RTCH 900 Research Methods & Teaching in Christian Higher Ed.	3	_____	_____
<u>THEOLOGY & APOLOGETICS COURSES (21 hours)</u>			
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	_____	_____
<u>ELECTIVE COURSES (18 hours)¹</u>			
<i>Choose six 900-level electives from the following disciplines: APOL, CHHI, NBST, OBST & THEO</i>			
_____	3	_____	_____
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<u>COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS</u>			
Theology		_____	_____
Apologetics		_____	_____
Cognate Field		_____	_____
<u>DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)³</u>			
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	_____	_____
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

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

Program Offered in Online Format

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Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

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 650 or higher and OTCL 525 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

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 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>	
Elective ²	3	DISS 987	<u>5</u>
Elective ²	<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

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