LIBERTY UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Apologetics (Ph.D.)
2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

FOUNDATION COURSES (18 hours)[1]		Hrs	Sem	Grade
APOL 701	Ministry Foundations for Applied Apologetics	3		
APOL 702	Philosophical Foundations for Applied Apologetics	3		
APOL 815	Dissertation Concept Dev. for Applied Apologetics	3		
RTCH 710	Teaching Methods	3		
RTCH 805	Research Methods[2]	3		
THEO 706	Theological Foundations	3		

SPECIALIZED RESEARCH COURSES (18 hours)				
APOL 845	Applied Apologetics Literature Review I	3		
APOL 846	Applied Apologetics Literature Review II	3		
APOL 847	Applied Apologetics Topical Research I	3		
APOL 848	Applied Apologetics Topical Research II	3		
APOL 849	Applied Apologetics Dissertation Presentation I	3		
APOL 850	Applied Apologetics Dissertation Presentation II[3]	3		

DISSERTATION WRITING & DEFENSE COURSES (15 hours)				
APOL 987	Dissertation Writing in Applied Apologetics I	5		
APOL 988	Dissertation Writing in Applied Apologetics II	5		
APOL 989	Dissertation Writing in Applied Apologetics III[4]	5		
APOL 990	Dissertation Defense for Applied Apologetics[5]	0		
	TOTAL HOURS	**51**		

Graduation Requirements
Complete 51 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
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

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1]All Foundations Courses must be completed to be eligible to enroll in Specialized Research or Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses.
[2]RTCH 805 must be taken the first term of the first semester in the program.
[3]APOL 850 must be passed prior to enrollment in Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses. A Faculty Dissertation Supervisor will be paired with the PhD candidate for the Dissertation and Defense courses.
[4]APOL 989 may be repeated up to four times
[5]APOL 990 may not registered for without the Dissertation Supervisor's written authorization.

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
RTCH 805 (B Term)[1]		3	APOL 701 (B Term)		3
THEO 706 (D Term)		3	APOL 702 (D Term)		3
	Total	6		Total	6

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
RTCH 710 (B Term)		3	APOL 845 (B Term)		3
APOL 815 (D Term)		3	APOL 846 (D Term)		3
	Total	6		Total	6

Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
APOL 847 (B Term)		3	APOL 849 (B Term)		3
APOL 848 (D Term)		3	APOL 850 (D Term)		3
	Total	6		Total	6

Seventh Semester			Eighth Semester		
APOL 987 (A Term)		5	APOL 988 (A Term)		5
	Total	5		Total	5

Ninth Semester			Tenth Semester		
APOL 989 (A Term)[2]		5	APOL 990		0
	Total	5		Total	0

Notes
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[2]APOL 989 may be repeated up to four times