

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies (Ph.D.)

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

<u>LANGUAGE COMPETENCY</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
German Examination		_____	_____
FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH COURSES (6 hours)			
RTCH 900 Research Methods	3	_____	_____
RTCH 901 Teaching in Higher Education	3	_____	_____
BIBLICAL STUDIES CORE COURSES (12 hours)			
BIBL 900 Hermeneutics & History of Interpretation	3	_____	_____
NBST 900 Reading Seminar in Early Judaism & the Greco-Roman World	3	_____	_____
NBST 910 Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament ¹	3	_____	_____
OBST 900 Reading Seminar in Ancient Near Eastern History & Culture	3	_____	_____
MAJOR AREA OF FOCUS COURSES (15 hours)²			
<i>Biblical Theology</i>			
BIBL ____ Bible Elective ³	3	_____	_____
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<i>Choose 6 hours from the following courses:</i>			
BIBL 910 Old Testament Theology	3	_____	_____
BIBL 915 New Testament Theology	3	_____	_____
BIBL 925 Theology of the Gospel	3	_____	_____
BIBL 968 Current Biblical & Theological Issues	3	_____	_____
BIBL 996 Special Topics in Biblical Theology	3	_____	_____
BIBL 997 Seminar in Biblical Theology	3	_____	_____
<i>New Testament</i>			
NGRK 997 Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	3	_____	_____
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<i>Choose 6 hours from the following courses:</i>			
NBST 935 Theology of Paul	3	_____	_____
NBST 950 Special Topics in the New Testament	3	_____	_____
NBST 968 Current Biblical & Theological Issues	3	_____	_____
NBST 997 Seminar in New Testament	3	_____	_____
NGRK 997 Reading Seminar in New Testament Greek Literature	3	_____	_____
<i>Old Testament</i>			
OTCL 997 Reading Seminar in Old Testament Hebrew Literature	3	_____	_____
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<i>Choose 6 hours from the following courses:</i>			
OBST 922 Theology of the Torah	3	_____	_____
OBST 950 Special Topics in the Old Testament	3	_____	_____
OBST 968 Current Biblical & Theological Issues	3	_____	_____
OBST 997 Seminar in Old Testament	3	_____	_____
OTCL 997 Reading Seminar in Old Testament Hebrew Literature	3	_____	_____
MINOR AREA OF FOCUS COURSES (9 hours)			
<i>Choose 9 hours from one of the Areas of Focus listed in the Major Area of Focus section⁴</i>			
_____	3	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____
_____	3	_____	_____
COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS			
Biblical Studies Core	0	_____	_____
Major Area of Focus	0	_____	_____
Minor Area of Focus	0	_____	_____
DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)⁵			
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 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 Resident Format

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Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met
¹NBST 910 is Crosslisted with OBST 910, and OBST 910 may also fulfill this requirement.
²Choose one Major Area of Focus from the following: Biblical Theology, New Testament, or Old Testament. Please see corresponding requirements above.
³Must be a 900 level course.
⁴Choose one Minor Area of Focus from the following: Biblical Theology, New Testament, or Old Testament. Minor Area of Focus must be different from the Major Area of Focus.
⁵Once 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

Effective: Catalog Term 2023-40

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	NBST 910 ¹	3
BIBL 900	<u>3</u>	OBST 900	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
NBST 900	3	Major Area of Focus Elective ²	3
Major Area of Focus Elective ²	<u>3</u>	Major Area of Focus Elective ²	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
Major Area of Focus Elective ²	3	Minor Area of Focus Elective ³	3
Minor Area of Focus Elective ³	<u>3</u>	RTCH 901	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
<u>Seventh Semester</u>		<u>Eighth Semester</u>	
Major Area of Focus Elective ²	3	DISS 987	<u>5</u>
Minor Area of Focus Elective ³	<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		

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²Refer to Degree Completion Plan for Major Area of Focus requirements.

³Refer to Degree Completion Plan for Minor Area of Focus requirements.