

**LANGUAGE COMPETENCY**

	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Grade</b>
German Examination	___	___	___

**PH.D. CORE COURSES (12 hours)**

RTCH 900	Research Methods	3	___	___
RTCH 901	Teaching in Higher Education	3	___	___
THEO 900	Seminar in Theological Method	3	___	___
THEO 903	Historical Develop. of Christian Thought	3	___	___

**MAJOR AREA OF FOCUS COURSES (15 hours)**

Choose 15 credit hours from a single area of focus. Students must also complete a directed research and comprehensive examination for their Major Area of Focus. Please refer to Comprehensive Examinations section.

***Apologetics***

APOL 920	Resurrection & Miracles	3	___	___
APOL 930	The Problem of Evil, Pain, & Suffering	3	___	___
APOL 935	Apologetics & Culture	3	___	___
APOL 940	Modern Apologetic Issues	3	___	___
APOL 950	Global Apologetics	3	___	___
APOL 997	Seminar in Apologetics	3	___	___
THEO 915	Natural Theology	3	___	___

***Biblical Theology***

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	___	___

***Christian Thought***

THEO 901	Contemp. Issues in the Doctrine of God	3	___	___
THEO 904	Bibliology	3	___	___
THEO 905	Christology in Contemporary Theo. Persp.	3	___	___
THEO 945	Sem. in Modern Theologies & Theologians	3	___	___
THEO 968	Current Issues in Theology	3	___	___
THEO 997	Seminar in Theology	3	___	___

***Public Theology***

APOL 935	Apologetics & Culture	3	___	___
BIBL 925	Theology of the Gospel	3	___	___

**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**

	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Grade</b>	
THEO 935	Christianity & Politics	3	___	___
THEO 950	Approaches to Public Theology	3	___	___
THEO 960	Christian Ethics	3	___	___
THEO 968	Current Issues in Theology	3	___	___
THEO 997	Seminar in Theology	3	___	___

**MINOR AREA OF FOCUS COURSES (9 hours)**

Choose 9 credit hours from one of the Areas of Focus listed in the Major Area of Focus section which is different from the chosen Major Area of Focus.

Students must also complete a readings and comprehensive examination for their Minor Area of Focus. Please refer to Comprehensive Examinations section.

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**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS (6 hours)**

Students must complete a research and comprehensive examination course based on their chosen Major Area of Focus<sup>1</sup>

***Apologetics***

APOL 993	Readings in Apologetics & Comp Exam	3	___	___
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***Biblical Theology***

BIBL 993	Read. in Biblical Theology & Comp Exam	3	___	___
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***Christian Thought***

THEO 993	Read. in Christian Thought & Comp Exam	3	___	___
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***Public Theology***

RLGN 993	Read. in Public Theology & Comp Exam	3	___	___
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Students must complete a research and comprehensive examination course based on their chosen Minor Area of Focus<sup>2</sup>

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**DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)<sup>2</sup>**

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**

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Once the student completes 15 hours of the Major Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Major Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination

<sup>2</sup>Once the student completes 9 hours of the Minor Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Minor Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination

<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	RTCH 901	3
THEO 903	<u>3</u>	Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
THEO 900	3	Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
Major Area of Focus Elective <sup>1</sup>	3	Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Minor Area of Focus Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Seventh Semester</u>		<u>Eighth Semester</u>	
Major Res. & Comp. Exam <sup>3</sup>	3	DISS 987	<u>5</u>
Minor Res. & Comp. Exam <sup>4</sup>	3	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>See DCP for Major Area of Focus Courses.

<sup>2</sup>See DCP for Minor Area of Focus Courses. Must be different from Major Area of Focus.

<sup>3</sup>Once the student completes 15 hours of the Major Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Major Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination

<sup>4</sup>Once the student completes 9 hours of the Minor Area of Focus, they can be registered for the Minor Area of Focus Directed Research and Comprehensive Examination