

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

The Bible and Theology specialization is a program within the Theological Studies degree designed to prepare professional and lay ministers especially in the areas of biblical knowledge and theological understanding.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program the student will be expected to:

1. demonstrate a thorough knowledge of biblical content and theological understanding.
2. be prepared to pursue terminal and other advanced degrees.
3. continue matriculation until degree is completed.

Prerequisites

1. All students must have THE 2233 Pentecostal Doctrine and History or its equivalent at an undergraduate level.
2. Those students who have not taken THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics or its equivalent at an undergraduate level must take THE 5413 Systematic Theology I as part of their graduate program.
3. Those who have not taken REL 1153 New Testament Literature and REL 1163 Old Testament Literature or their equivalent at an undergraduate level must take BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds as a part of their graduate program.
4. Those who have not taken BIB 3483 Hermeneutics or its equivalent at the undergraduate level must take BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics as part of their graduate program.
5. Those who have not taken CMN 3353 Church Administrative Leadership or its equivalent must take PTH 5213 Church Administration as part of their graduate program.

Thesis Option

Thesis option is especially designed for and usually limited to students who plan to continue their graduate work in a Ph.D. doctoral program after completing their MA. In this option, the student takes two 3-hour courses of Thesis in the Elective Component of the degree plan. These two courses must be taken in two consecutive regular semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall, not available in Summer). This option must be approved by the Graduate Chair of Theological Studies during the semester prior to the student's first semester of thesis.

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PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 24 hours

PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry

PTH 5513 Pastoral Care

THE 5113 Research Literature and Technology

9 hours from the following courses:

BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics

BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds

BIB 5213 Studies in the Lucan Writings

BIB 5223 Unity of the Bible

BIB 5313 Studies in the Historical Books

BIB 5323 Studies in the Prophets

BIB 5413 Studies in the Pauline Epistles

6 hours from the following courses:

THE 5123 Issues in Contemporary Theology

THE 5213 Spiritual Dynamics in Ministry

THE 5223 Christian Worldview in a Pluralistic Society

THE 5313 Biblical Theology: New Testament

THE 5323 Biblical Theology: Old Testament

THE 5413 Systematic Theology I

THE 5423 Systematic Theology II

THE 5513 Reformation Theology

ELECTIVES COMPONENT: 12 hours

Non-Thesis Option:

12 graduate hours of electives from BIB/CFM/ICS/PTH/THE and/or COU/EDU/PSY by

Graduate Chair approval for the respective programs.

Thesis Option: Thesis is reserved for students planning to pursue a Ph.D. *(Students completing both sections of the 3 hour thesis would not be required to take the Graduate Comprehensive Exam.)*

BIB/THE 5913 Thesis (two sections required)

6 graduate hours of electives from BIB/CFM/ICS/PTH/THE and/or COU/EDU/PSY by

Graduate Chair approval for the respective programs.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 36