

Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies - Old Testament

The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Biblical Studies with degree concentrations in the Old Testament or the New Testament is to equip students for academic teaching, research, and for producing scholarly, creative writing in the fields of Old Testament and New Testament. They will take a comprehensive examination and write a dissertation, both of which will reflect the area of concentration. The program is specifically oriented toward preparing students to teach Bible and biblical languages in universities, seminaries, theological schools, and colleges; to teach in related academic fields at the college level; to become a specialist in scholarly biblical teaching in one's ministerial practice; and to produce scholarly writing. This Biblical Studies program should equip students with the aptitude necessary to bring critical skills to the biblical text; to analyze, interpret, and explain the text; and to express insights and conclusions in scholarly writing. Most of the required courses in the PhD in Biblical Studies address areas such as biblical archaeology, the world of the Bible, theology, doctrine, critical interpretation of the Bible, ethics, linguistics, etymology, the authority of the Bible, exegesis, and the origin and history of the Scriptures. These core courses provide students with essential research tools and assess the methods of critical scholarship. The Old and New Testament textual courses in this program will use the latest Hebrew or Greek editions of the Old and New Testaments. The other courses deal directly with the writing of the dissertation.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses

	Sem. Hrs.
FD 9300 Research in Biblical Doctrine	3
FD 9305 Research Analysis of the Origin and History of the Bible	3
FD 9312 Research Methods of Old Testament Criticism	3
FD 9350 Historical and Archaeological Research of the Old Testament	3
FD 9353 Biblical Etymology and Exegesis	3
TH 9315 Biblical Ethics	3
TH 9318 Research in Old Testament Theology	3
Total Required Hours	21

Elective Courses

OT Textual Course	18
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PhD Level Elective Course	
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Qualifying Examination

FD 9051 Qualifying Examination for Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies	0
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Dissertation Modules Examination

RB 9391 Research Dissertation in Biblical Studies Module I	12
RB 9392 Research Dissertation in Biblical Studies Module II	
RB 9393 Research Dissertation in Biblical Studies Module III	
RB 9394 Research Dissertation in Biblical Studies Module IV	

Total Hours for Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies - Old Testament 51

The primary goal of this Old Testament concentration is the development of a comprehensive knowledge of the Old Testament and related subjects. This Old Testament emphasis encompasses a study of ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, History and Religion (with an emphasis on Israel and its neighbors), Old Testament Theology, and textual courses with *Biblica Hebraica Stuttgartensia* as the primary source.

It is possible to complete the program in four years; however, the completion time will depend on factors such as the number of leveling courses needed, the pace at which courses are taken, the student's working knowledge in the required languages, and the time necessary to research and write the dissertation.



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Application with Fee
- Official transcript showing an earned 3.0 GPA graduate degree in a related field from a regionally or selected nationally accredited institution.
- Writing Sample
- Interview of the Applicant



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