



Doctor of Philosophy

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The **Doctor of Philosophy** program is designed for those who are capable of doing research at the highest level, with a view to becoming scholars and educational leaders in various fields of Christian ministry. The program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree has two divisions: Biblical Studies and Theological Studies. PhD students enter the program either at Stage 1 or Stage 2. Please see the PhD program section of this catalog for more information. Stage 1 students complete courses outlined in that section of the catalog. The courses listed in this section of the catalog are for Stage 2 of the PhD program.

PhD in Biblical Studies (Stage 2)

In addition to the Biblical Studies core of 9 hours listed below, each student must take 6–23 hours of coursework and 3 hours of dissertation research in a particular concentration: either Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, or Bible Exposition.

Students in the Old Testament Studies and New Testament Studies concentrations have 9–17 hours of electives and must take at least one course in each of the other departments in the Biblical Studies division. An Old Testament student, for example, is required to take one doctoral course from the New Testament Studies department and one course from the Bible Exposition department. The remaining elective hours are open and should be taken in consultation with the student's departmental advisor.

Students in the Bible Exposition concentration must complete the designated 23 hours of departmental courses (please see the PhD program section of this catalog for details). Course substitutions are available with departmental approval.

With approval of the director, EML5230/WM5410 Theological Education in Intercultural Contexts may be credited to the PhD program.

Required Courses

BS8101 Old Testament Backgrounds

Allen and OT Department

A critical investigation of historical, literary, religious, and cultural backgrounds pertaining to the interpretation of the Old Testament. *3 hours.*

BS8102 New Testament Backgrounds

NT Department, Allen, Allman, Taylor

A critical investigation of historical, literary, religious, and cultural backgrounds pertaining to the interpretation of the New Testament. *2 hours.*

BS8103 Hermeneutics*Hoff*

A study of hermeneutics, including its history, with emphasis on recent trends and applications. This will include issues such as the impact of presuppositions on interpretation, the dynamics of dual authorship, the question of where meaning resides, the effect of differences in genre on interpretation, as well as considerations of the reality of the progress of revelation and its application to today's world. The seminar involves a mixture of discussion of theory and discussion of texts. *3 hours.*

BS8104 Research Procedures*Taylor*

This course is designed to guide the student in the use of library materials, computerized databases, and bibliographic resources, as well as research strategies, dissertation topic selection, and familiarization with form and style for dissertations. *1 hour.*

Old Testament Studies Concentration

The purpose of the Old Testament Studies concentration is to prepare students for a ministry based on scholarly research in the text of the Old Testament. The program integrates the study of biblical Hebrew exegesis, historical Hebrew grammar, Old Testament backgrounds, Old Testament criticism, and biblical theology.

In addition to 9 hours of divisional courses, an Old Testament concentration requires 14 hours of Old Testament courses, 3 hours of dissertation research in Old Testament Studies, and 9 hours of electives.

Before the end of the first term in the PhD program, students with an Old Testament Studies concentration must pass a reading proficiency exam demonstrating competence in Hebrew grammar and syntax and the ability to translate Hebrew prose literature. Remedial instruction to prepare for this exam will be provided by the department, but no credit will be given for such instruction.

Required Courses

OT8101 Old Testament Criticism*Taylor*

An introductory study of Old Testament criticism, including theories on the text and its composition, modern methods of textual analysis, canonicity, and the history, theory, and practice of Old Testament criticism. *2 hours.*

OT8102 Historical Hebrew Grammar*Taylor*

An inductive and deductive study of biblical Hebrew from the perspective of its historical development within the Semitic family of languages. *Prerequisite:* Successful completion of the Hebrew proficiency exam. *3 hours.*

OT8103 Advanced Old Testament Biblical Theology*Johnston*

A critical appraisal of the major studies dealing with Old Testament theology and the development of a self-consistent, comprehensive, and integrative biblical theology. *3 hours.*

OT8104 Exegesis in the Torah**Johnston*

An exegetical, critical, and literary study of selected passages in the Torah, designed to enhance an appreciation and comprehension of the literature and an understanding of how it contributes to the overall purpose and message of the Old Testament. *3 hours.*

OT8105 Exegesis in the Prophets**Chisholm*

An exegetical, critical, and literary study of selected passages in the Prophets, designed to enhance an appreciation and comprehension of the literature and an understanding of how it contributes to the overall purpose and message of the Old Testament. *3 hours.*

OT8106 Exegesis in the Writings**Chisholm*

An exegetical, critical, and literary study of passages in hymnic, apocalyptic, and wisdom literature designed to enhance an appreciation and comprehension of the literature and an understanding of how it contributes to the overall purpose and message of the Old Testament. *3 hours.*

OT8108 Old Testament Dissertation*The Department*

Independent research and writing of a dissertation on an approved topic pertaining to Old Testament studies, under the supervision of three faculty advisors. *3 hours.*

OT8109 Old Testament Dissertation Continuation*The Department*

The dissertation continuation course is required of all students writing a dissertation who are beyond one year in the dissertation process. Students must register for this course each fall and spring until completion of the dissertation. *1 hour.*

Elective Courses

OT8210 Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls*Taylor*

An introduction to the historical, archaeological, and linguistic backgrounds of the Qumran materials, with attention given to the analysis of selections from 1QIsa^a. Emphasis is on the relevance of the scrolls to textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible and the contribution of the scrolls to the study of historical Hebrew grammar. *3 hours.*

OT8220 Introduction to Akkadian*Webster*

An introduction to the basic grammar of Akkadian, with reading from texts relevant to the study of the Old Testament. *3 hours.*

OT8225 Readings in Akkadian*Webster*

A course devoted to the reading and analysis of selected Akkadian legal and mythological texts. The significance of Akkadian literature for the study of the Old Testament will be emphasized. *Prerequisite:* OT8220 Introduction to Akkadian. *2 hours.*

OT8230 Introduction to Ugaritic*The Department*

An introduction to Ugaritic grammar, with reading and analysis of selected poetic texts that have special bearing on the literature and thought of Old Testament Israel. *3 hours.*

**Select any two courses from these three courses*

OT8235 Northwest Semitic Inscriptions

Taylor

Translation and analysis of Aramaic, Hebrew, Phoenician, and other Northwest Semitic inscriptions, with emphasis on their contribution to Old Testament studies. *3 hours.*

OT8240 Introduction to the Aramaic Targums

Taylor

An introduction to the grammar and syntax of targumic Aramaic, with selected readings from the major Aramaic Targums. Attention is given to targumic translation techniques and the relevance of targumic studies to Old and New Testament research.

Prerequisite: OT5325 Biblical Aramaic or OT8265 Biblical Aramaic. 3 hours.

OT8245 Introduction to Syriac

Taylor

An introduction to the grammar and syntax of classical Syriac, with readings from both biblical and extrabiblical Syriac texts. Particular attention is given to the value of a working knowledge of Syriac for Old and New Testament studies. *Prerequisite: OT5325 Biblical Aramaic or OT8265 Biblical Aramaic. 3 hours.*

OT8250 Readings in Syriac Literature

Taylor

Practice in reading various Syriac texts, with particular attention given to the Syriac Peshitta. Emphasis is on developing a working knowledge of Syriac and an understanding of its application to biblical studies. *Prerequisite: OT8245 Introduction to Syriac. 3 hours.*

OT8255 Introduction to Coptic

Taylor

A study of the basic principles of phonology, morphology, and syntax for the Sahidic dialect of the Coptic language. The course will provide experience in translation and analysis of selected Coptic texts, introduction to the major scholarly tools available for Coptic research, and discussion of the relevance of Coptic studies for biblical and theological research. *3 hours.*

OT8260 Seminar on Ancient Near Eastern Literature

Johnston, Webster

A seminar introducing the various genres of ancient Near Eastern literature in their cultural setting, with application to understanding Old Testament literature and theology. *3 hours.*

OT8265 Biblical Aramaic

Taylor

A study of the basic principles of phonology, morphology, and syntax of biblical Aramaic. Translation and analysis of the Aramaic portions of Ezra and Daniel are accompanied by discussion of the relevance of Aramaic studies to Old and New Testament research. *3 hours.*

Directed Studies

OT8901 Teaching the Old Testament

The Department

A student internship, supervised by a departmental professor, in which the philosophy and practice of teaching and writing and the details of class preparation, examination, and grading are discussed. As part of the internship, students are expected to teach at least one session in an approved educational context under supervision of the professor. This course is intended to provide a mentoring relationship to help the student prepare for teaching Old Testament courses at the college or seminary level. *2 hours.*

OT8902 Independent Doctoral Study in the Old Testament

The Department

Independent research on an approved topic within the scope of the department with a thesis required. Credit is allowed proportionate to the work but not to exceed 4 credit hours. *1-4 hours.*

New Testament Studies Concentration

The purpose of the New Testament Studies concentration is to equip students to do scholarly research and exegesis in the New Testament. The program of study is designed to develop expertise in evaluating and employing New Testament background resources, interpretive and critical methods, and biblical theologies of the New Testament.

In addition to 9 hours of divisional courses, a New Testament Studies concentration requires 6 hours of New Testament courses (NT8101 and NT8102), 3 hours of dissertation research in New Testament Studies, and 17 hours of electives, with at least one of the courses selected in Old Testament Studies and one in Bible Exposition. Electives should be chosen in consultation with the student's departmental advisor.

Required Courses

NT8101 History of New Testament Interpretation and Criticism

The Department

A critical review of the history of interpretation of the New Testament, with emphasis on contemporary issues in New Testament theology and hermeneutics. *3 hours.*

NT8102 New Testament Theology

The Department

An examination of major New Testament theologies, which is intended as a summary course for those with a New Testament Studies concentration. *Prerequisite: 10 hours completed in the PhD program or consent of the department. 3 hours.*

NT8108 New Testament Dissertation

The Department

Independent research and writing of a dissertation on an approved topic pertaining to New Testament studies, under the supervision of three faculty advisors. *3 hours.*

NT8109 New Testament Dissertation Continuation

The Department

The dissertation continuation course is required of all students writing a dissertation who are beyond one year in the dissertation process. Students must register for this course each fall and spring until completion of the dissertation. *1 hour.*

Elective Courses

NT8205 Advanced New Testament Textual Criticism

Wallace

A study of the materials, history, and praxis of New Testament textual criticism, with emphasis on examination of manuscripts and analysis of competing text-critical theories. *3 hours.*

NT8210 Seminar on the Historical Jesus*Bock*

An examination of method and approaches related to the Historical Jesus study so that the student can interact at a technical level on the topic. Particular attention will be given to the Third Quest, major recent treatments, and discussion of key events in Jesus's ministry. *3 hours.*

NT8215 The Synoptic Gospels*The Department*

A critical study of the relationships between the Synoptic Gospels, an investigation of various theories to explain the similarities and differences in the Synoptics, and an examination of the methods of source criticism. *3 hours.*

NT8220 Seminar on the Theology of Paul*Smith*

A study of the writings of Paul in the New Testament as well as a critical reading of recent literature on these writings to discover the background, nature, and distinctives of Pauline theology. *3 hours.*

NT8225 The Theology of the General Epistles*Fanning*

A study of the central theological concepts in Hebrews and the epistles of James, Peter, and Jude, based on exegesis of key passages and interaction with contemporary studies of these epistles. *3 hours.*

NT8230 Seminar on the Gospel and Epistles of John*Harris*

An examination of important theological topics and related issues in the Gospel and Epistles of John, including interaction with current critical approaches and exegesis of key passages, emphasizing the distinctive contribution of Johannine theology to the theology of the New Testament. *3 hours.*

NT8235 Seminar on Apocalyptic Genre*The Department*

An examination of apocalyptic literature in its historical-literary context, with consideration given to texts from early Judaism and the Old and New Testaments. *3 hours.*

NT8315 The Cultural Context of the New Testament*Fantin*

A study of the cultural contexts of the New Testament, utilizing ancient sources to which the student was exposed in BS8102 New Testament Backgrounds and relevant secondary sources in order to facilitate and understanding of the cultural contexts of and daily life in the first century. Topics such as honor/shame, patronage, family life, and religion will be discussed. The class will meet in conjunction with BE5315 Bible Manners and Customs. Doctoral students in the class will be required to prepare and teach on a topic during the term. *Prerequisite:* BS8102 New Testament Backgrounds. *3 hours.*

NT8320 Seminar in Ancient Sources for New Testament Study*The Department*

A continuation of the study begun in BS8102 New Testament Backgrounds of ancient sources surrounding the New Testament. Specific material may vary each time the course is taught. Students will be expected to build on their work in BS8102 New Testament Backgrounds in order to develop their skills in using the specific sources, especially as they relate to New Testament exegesis. *3 hours.*

Directed Studies

NT8901 Teaching the New Testament*The Department*

A student internship, supervised by a departmental professor, in which the philosophy and practice of teaching and writing and the details of class preparation, examination, and grading are discussed. As part of the internship, students are expected to teach at least one session in an approved educational context under supervision of the professor. This course is intended to provide a mentoring relationship to help the student prepare for teaching New Testament courses at the college or seminary level. *2 hours.*

NT8902 Independent Doctoral Study in the New Testament*The Department*

Independent research on an approved topic within the scope of the department, with a thesis required. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours. *1-4 hours.*

Bible Exposition Concentration

The purpose of the Bible Exposition concentration is to help students acquire a thorough knowledge of Bible content and related fields, and to equip them for a lifetime of scholarly biblical research and exposition. The program of study is designed to develop expertise in applying hermeneutical principles to Scripture, in studying the Bible synthetically and analytically, and in researching and evaluating historical, geographical, and cultural backgrounds of the Scriptures.

In addition to 9 hours of divisional courses, a Bible Exposition concentration requires 23 hours of Bible Exposition courses and 3 hours of dissertation research in Bible Exposition. Please see the PhD program section for a detailed listing of the Bible Exposition concentration course requirements.

Required Courses

BE8101 Argument of Old Testament Books*Klingler*

An independent study in which the student prepares a detailed analytical outline of each of the Old Testament books, with a summary of the argument of each book and a brief survey of its historical setting. *Enrollment requires consent of the professor. 3 hours.*

BE8102 Argument of New Testament Books*Baylis*

An independent study in which the student prepares a detailed analytical outline of each of the New Testament books, with a summary of the argument of each book and a brief survey of its historical setting. *Enrollment requires consent of the professor. 2 hours.*

BE8108 Bible Exposition Dissertation*The Department*

Independent research and writing of a dissertation on an approved topic pertaining to Bible Exposition studies, under the supervision of three faculty advisors. *3 hours.*

BE8109 Bible Exposition Dissertation Continuation

The Department

The dissertation continuation course is required of all students writing a dissertation who are beyond one year in the dissertation process. Students must register for this course each fall and spring until completion of the dissertation. *1 hour.*

Elective Courses

BE8206 Seminar on Torah and the Former Prophets

Allen

A study of the Books of Genesis through Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings, with emphasis on historical, geographical, and archaeological issues, interpretive issues, and biblical theology issues, including covenant and prophetic interpretations. *3 hours.*

BE8211 Seminar on the Latter Prophets

Bramer

A study of the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the 12 minor prophets, with emphasis on historical and cultural setting, genre, the prophets' use of the biblical covenants, and messianic prophecy. *3 hours.*

BE8216 Seminar on the Writings

Allen, Allman

A study of Psalms, the Wisdom books (Job and Proverbs), the Megilloth (Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther), Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles, and Daniel, with emphasis on historical and geographical settings, poetic traditions in the ancient Near East and use in the Hebrew Bible, genre and its relation to hermeneutical issues, and messianic prophecy. *3 hours.*

BE8221 Seminar on the Gospels and Acts

Baylis

A study of the four Gospels and Acts, with emphasis on genre and selected biblical issues such as the kingdom, the gospel message, transitional issues, and eschatology. *3 hours.*

BE8226 Seminar on the Pauline Epistles

Baylis

A study of Romans through Philemon, with emphasis on historical backgrounds, the role of culture in interpretation, theological themes, and application. *3 hours.*

BE8231 Seminar on the General Epistles and Revelation

Hitchcock

A study of Hebrews through Revelation, with emphasis on authorship, purpose, genre, interpretative problems, and prophecy. *3 hours.*

Directed Studies

BE8901 Teaching Bible Exposition

The Department

A student internship, supervised by a departmental professor, in which the philosophy and practice of teaching and writing and the details of class preparation, examination, and grading are discussed. As part of the internship, students are expected to teach at least one session in an approved educational context under supervision of the professor. This course is intended to provide a mentoring relationship to help the student prepare for teaching Bible Exposition courses at the college or seminary level. *2 hours.*

BE8902 Independent Doctoral Study in Bible Exposition

The Department

Independent research on an approved topic within the scope of the department, with a thesis required. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours. *1-4 hours.*

PhD in Theological Studies (Stage 2)

This program requires 35 hours of coursework, including 19 hours of required courses, 3 hours of dissertation research in Theological Studies, and 13 hours of electives taken in consultation with the student's departmental advisor.

Required Courses

BS8104 Research Procedures

Taylor

This course is designed to guide the student in the use of library materials, computerized databases, and bibliographic resources, as well as research strategies, dissertation topic selection, and familiarization with form and style for dissertations. *1 hour.*

TS8101 Seminar on Hermeneutics and Historiography

The Department

A critical study of historiographical research and issues in modern hermeneutics. *3 hours.*

TS8102 Seminar on Theological Method

The Department

A critical investigation of the sources of theology (revelation, tradition, and culture) and their bearing on the work of theology today. *3 hours.*

TS8103 Seminar on Modern Theology and Theologians

The Department

A critical study of contemporary theologians and trends in theology. *3 hours.*

TS8104 Seminar on Evangelicalism

The Department

A critical study of traditions, trends, issues, and major thinkers in contemporary evangelicalism. *3 hours.*

TS8106 Seminar on the History of Doctrine

The Department

A study of the historical development of Christian doctrines from the Patristic through the Modern era. *3 hours.*

TS8107 Seminar on Theological Systems

The Department

A critical study of several standard theological systems and their construction. *3 hours.*

TS8108 Theological Studies Dissertation

The Department

Independent research and writing of a dissertation on an approved topic pertaining to theological studies, under the supervision of three faculty advisors. *3 hours.*

TS8109 Theological Studies Dissertation Continuation

The Department

The dissertation continuation course is required of all students writing a dissertation who are beyond one year in the dissertation process. Students must register for this course each fall and spring until completion of the dissertation. *1 hour.*



Elective Courses

- TS8205 Colloquium in Systematic Theology**
The Department
 A critical study of a doctrinal area such as Trinitarianism, Christology, anthropology, ecclesiology, or eschatology. Students may reenroll for credit as the topic changes. *3 hours.*
- TS8210 Colloquium in Historical Theology**
The Department
 A critical study of a selected period, figure, or theme in the history of Christian thought. Students may reenroll for credit as the topic changes. *3 hours.*
- TS8215 Seminar on the History of Biblical Interpretation**
The Department
 A study of exegetical and hermeneutical approaches to the Scriptures from the Patristic through the Modern era. *3 hours.*

Directed Studies

- TS8901 Teaching Theological Studies**
The Department
 Students pursuing ministry in teaching participate in an internship with a member of the Theological Studies department faculty, receiving instruction in course design and development, lesson planning, and pedagogy, and participating in formal teaching opportunities. *2 hours.*
- TS8902 Independent Doctoral Study in Theology**
The Department
 Independent research on an approved topic, with a thesis required. Credit is allowed proportionate to the amount of work but not to exceed 4 credit hours. *1-4 hours.*

Additional Doctoral Course

Students may select the following course as one of their free electives in either the Biblical Studies or Theological Studies division.

EML8205 Seminar on Christian Higher Education

Thames

A seminar on the status of Bible colleges, Christian liberal arts colleges, and seminaries at the beginning of the twenty-first century, with attention to administration and teaching in those schools. *2 hours.*

Noncredit Elective Courses

PD8101 Reading Theological French

The Department

This course is a noncredit course in reading theological French, designed to bring students to a level of proficiency in reading that fulfills the PhD requirement for ability in French. This is not a course in conversational French, although points concerning conversation and pronunciation occasionally will be covered as an aid to study and memorization. *2 hours.*

PD8102 Reading Theological German

Harris

This course is a noncredit course in reading theological German, designed to bring students to a level of proficiency in reading that fulfills the PhD requirements for ability in German. This is not a course in conversational German, although points concerning conversation and pronunciation occasionally will be covered as an aid to study and memorization. *2 hours.*

PD8103 Reading Theological Latin

Allman

This course is a noncredit course in reading theological Latin, designed to enable students to use resources in Latin for their research. At the discretion of the PhD Studies Committee, this course may substitute for either PD8101 Reading Theological French or PD8102 Reading Theological German if dissertation research requires a heavy use of Latin resources. *2 hours.*