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The primary purpose of advanced academic studies leading to the Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree is to provide teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical and theological studies for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—primarily its institutions of higher learning (colleges, seminaries, universities) around the world. This academic degree meets the need of individuals in areas of the world where a ThD is the preferred academic degree. The normal doctorate in religion is the PhD.

The ThD program is offered in two fields of study with areas of emphasis as listed below.

Biblical Studies

Archaeology and History

Exegesis and Theology

Languages and Literature

Theological Studies

Historical Theology

Systematic Theology

A minimum of two academic years of formal course work or not fewer than four semesters of full-time study at 12 credits per semester is required. This ordinarily amounts to a minimum of 48 credits of formal course work, 24 credits of which must consist of seminars, directed study, and reading courses. The student chooses a field of study and within that field an area of emphasis to which at least one-half (24 credits) of the course work is devoted. The student also chooses a supporting area, normally in another field, to which at least one-fourth (12 credits) of the course work is devoted. Of the remaining 12 credits of course work, 3 are used in GSEM854, 3 in GSEM920, and 3 in GSEM860. Students with recognized experience as college/graduate-level teachers may devote the latter 3 credits (together with the other remaining 3 credits) to the area of emphasis or to the supporting area.

Ad Re e e

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements listed in the Graduate Programs Admission section of the bulletin, p. 44, and in the Seminary Admission Requirements, p. 301. Admission to the ThD in religion program is granted by the PhD-ThD Committee to applicants who also have the following qualifications:

- Applicants must hold an MDiv degree or its equivalent from an approved seminary or university. For students holding the

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GSEM510 (3)

An interdisciplinary study of the process by which God communicates with human beings and of sound methods for interpreting and understanding the Scripture and applying its message.

GSEM525 (1)

Surveys the Bible's content and history as reflected in the requirements for the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test and equips the student to improve the biblical literacy of the local parish.

GSEM528 (2-3)

Health promotion and Adventist lifestyle, with primary focus on the influence of diet on the development of chronic diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer.

GSEM530 (2-3)

A study of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries with special emphasis on the books of Leviticus, Daniel, Hebrews, and Revelation. Team taught by members of various departments.

GSEM532 (2)

GSEM30 (2-3)