
Students who desire to enter the program in the autumn semester (the normal entry point) must submit all application materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions by the preceding January 15. A few students may be allowed to enter the program in the summer, in which case the application materials must reach the Office of Graduate Admissions by the preceding November 30.

The number of students who may enter the program in a given year is limited. Rarely is one accepted who applied late. Students whose applications are late may request consideration for admission in the following year.

In addition to submitting the items listed above, all graduate students (see pp. 347-350), applying to ThD programs must also submit

- A 600-word personal statement including the applicant's perspective, the relationship of their religious beliefs to their ethical values to their responsibilities as a student and leader in the church; an indication of the applicant's goals to accomplish professionally in the future; and the topic of the dissertation if one has already been selected.
- A significant research paper (term paper) normally written during MA or MDiv studies. This paper should show the applicant's ability to carry out research and to present the results and conclusions of such work in clear, concise English and acceptable style. The topic of this paper should coincide with the area of concentration.

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in specified foreign languages by passing language proficiency examinations or by completing specified graduate level language courses at a university and earning a grade of B or above in each course in the different areas of study.

Intermediate OT Hebrew and/or Intermediate relevant modern languages in English (approved by the student's adviser and the Graduate School of the PhD-ThD Programs)

- Prerequisite: Intermediate Greek, French, and German.
- Required: CHL 5000 Ecclesiastical Latin.
- Other languages for research and/or dissertation, such as: Biblical Greek (T03.82ced Greek, Syriac, Coptic, etc.
- Up to six hours of Ecclesiastical Latin, 3+ 3= 6), or: (Ecclesiastical Latin or hours of another language) may be included in the total hours.

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done on campus and they register for 16 credits in a maximum of six semesters.

Advanced standing may be considered for students having done post-MA or post-MDiv work in an approved institution if the work is appropriate to the program, carries grades of B or above, and was taken within six years of the students' first enrollment in the PhD Program. Credits earned towards the MA and MDiv degrees are not considered for advanced standing. The director of the PhD and ThD Programs determines the appropriateness, relevance, and currency of the work considered for advanced standing and authorizes such standing. In no case is the minimum residence requirement reduced.

The student is required to finish all regular course work and take the comprehensive examinations within 5 years of his/her registration in the program, and to complete all degree requirements within ten years of initial registration. Also, students must complete the dissertation including a formal defense and subsequent revisions in five years or less from the time the comprehensive examinations are passed. The two 5-year time limits apply independently, so that shortening one does not lengthen the other.

Comprehensive Examinations and Doctoral Dissertation Student Advisory Committees

- Not later than the student's registration for GSEM854 Dissertation Proposal Seminar, the student, in consultation with the chair of the department offering the student's area of emphasis, selects a tentative dissertation topic. Then the program director, in consultation with the student and the chair of the department, appoints as the chair of the student's dissertation committee, a faculty member in agreement with the tentative topic.
- The student and chair collaborate in the selection of two other

