



**COURSE PROGRAM STRUCTURE/STUDENT CHECKLIST**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:**  Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Religious Studies  Doctor of Theology (ThD)- Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice  Doctor of Education (EdD) – Theological Education & Training  Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Religious Management and Administration  Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) – Religious and Biblical Counseling  Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) –Biblical Studies  Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Religious Studies, Education & Philosophy  Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Religious Studies, Culture & Public Life  Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Religious Leadership & Canon Law

Students enrolled in Accelerated semesters option can complete their degree in 2 – 3 years by enrolling in 4 academic semesters during the year (Year 1 and year 2 academic requirements can be completed in 1 year – see structure below). Students enrolled in the standard semester’s option can complete their degree in 3 – 4 years or more but not more than 6 years. **Note: Most students in the accelerated semesters option complete the doctoral program in 2 ½ years.**

DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – FIRST YEAR			
Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 800	Introduction to Doctoral Studies in Religious Studies	1	
DOC 805	Research Methods – Design & Analysis	3	
DOC 810	Specialized Topic 1 in Students Area of Study	9	
DOC 830	Quantitative Research	3	
DOC 865	Specialized Topic IV in Students Area of Study	9	
<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>	

DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – SECOND YEAR			
Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 825	Qualitative Research	3	
DOC 865	Specialized Topic II in Students Area of Study	9	
DOC 835	Strategic Planning; Team Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration	3	
DOC 870	Specialized Topic III in Students Area of Study	9	
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>	

DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – Religious Studies			
Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DRS 6060	Doctoral Studies in Religious Studies	6	
DRS 6065	Advanced Religious Heritage of the West	6	
DRS 6070	Advanced Religious Ethics	6	
DRS 6075	Global Religious Ethics	6	
DRS 6080	U.S. Religion and Philosophy	6	
DRS 6085	Advanced Religion & Global Violence	6	
DRS 6086	Applied Psychology of Religion	6	
DRS 6087	Advanced Philosophy of Race	6	

DOCTORAL (ThD) PROGRAM – Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice			
Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.			
Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
REP 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice	6	
REP 6090	Approaches to the Study of Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice	6	
REP 6095	Advanced Decision Making in Religious Leadership	6	
REP 7000	Advanced Organizational Finance in Religious Management	6	
REP 7005	Advanced Partnerships in Religious Organization	6	
REP 7010	Moral Philosophy in Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice	6	
REP 7030	Conflict Resolution and Mediation in Religion, Ecology, Politics & Justice	6	

**Note:** The University encourages students to engage in their third year in a capstone learning experience: advanced seminars, clinical practice, and writing projects that call on students to use the full extent of their knowledge, skills, and methodological tools in a field to address the most interesting and complicated legal problems of today.

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – THIRD YEAR**

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 840	Teaching/Training	1	
DOC 885	Advanced Specialized Topics in the Students' area of Study	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – FOURTH YEAR**

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
DOC 845	Independent Field Study/Practicum	1	
DOC 890	Advanced Specialized Topics in the Students' area of Study	5	
DOC 000	Concept Paper	0	
DOC 895	Dissertation Proposal	3	
DOC 900	Dissertation (Final Chapters/Defense)	12	
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	

**DOCTORAL (EdD) PROGRAM – Theological Education & Training**

Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
TET 6088	Doctoral Studies in Theological Education & Training	6	
TET 6090	Advanced Leadership for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice	6	
TET 6095	Advanced Leadership Development in Religious Education	6	
TET 7000	Advanced Leadership Ethics to Attain Organizational Excellence	6	
TET 7005	Policy Development & Implementation in Theological and Religious Education	6	
TET 7010	Advanced Leadership, Law, and Finance in Religious Education	6	
TET 7030	Comprehensive Planning for TET Initiatives	6	
TET 7035	Trauma-Informed Religious Practices within Community Contexts and Conditions	6	
TET 7040	Leadership Paradigms in Religious Safety, Security, and Emergency Management	6	
TET 7045	Advanced Finance and Budgeting in Religious Education Organizations	6	

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – Religious Management & Administration**

Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.

Course No.	Course	Credit(s)	Grade
RMA 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religious Management & Administration	6	
RMA 6090	Advanced Biblical Leadership and Management	6	
RMA 6095	Advanced Leadership in Church Management & Administration	6	
RMA 7000	Advanced Organizational Project Management	6	
RMA 7005	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	6	
RMA 7010	Advanced Human Resources Management in Religious Organizations	6	
RMA 7030	Innovation Leadership in Religious Organizations	6	
RMA 7035	Strategic Operations and Logistics in Religious Management and Administration	6	

<b>DOCTORAL (D.Min) PROGRAM – Religious &amp; Biblical Counseling</b>			
<b>Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
RBC 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religious and Biblical Counseling	6	
RBC 6090	Cross Cultural Experience	6	
RBC 6095	Advanced Biblical View Fundamentals	6	
RBC 7000	Advanced Old Testament Backgrounds	6	
RBC 7005	Advanced New Testament Backgrounds	6	
RBC 7010	Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas	6	
RBC 7030	Theological Basis for Biblical Counseling	6	
RBC 7035	Biblical Counseling and Religious Ethics	6	
RBC 7040	Research and Writing for Religious Disciplines	6	

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – Religious Studies, Education &amp; Philosophy</b>			
<b>Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
REP 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religious Studies, Education & Philosophy	6	
REP 6090	Apologetics and Cultural Engagement	6	
REP 6095	Advanced Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	6	
REP 7000	Advanced Old Testament Theology	6	
REP 7005	Advanced New Testament Theology	6	
REP 7010	Leadership, Law, and Finance in Religious Studies, Education & Philosophy	6	
REP 7030	Advanced Methods and Issues in Religious Studies	6	
REP 7035	Fundamentals of Religious Education & Philosophy	6	
REP 7040	Structure of Human Cultures in Religious Studies, Education & Philosophy	6	

RMA 7040	Advanced Ethical and Legal Topic in Business Organizations	6	
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<b>DOCTORAL (D.Min) PROGRAM –Biblical Studies</b>			
<b>Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
DBS 6088	Doctoral Studies in Biblical Studies	6	
DBS 6090	Biblical Theology	6	
DBS 6095	Philosophy of Biblical Studies	6	
DBS 7000	Advanced Methodical of Scriptures	6	
DBS 7005	Advanced International Religion	6	
DBS 7010	Principles of Biblical Studies	6	
DBS 7030	Advanced Psychology in Biblical Studies	6	
DBS 7035	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	6	
DBS 7040	Advanced Composition & Rhetoric	6	

<b>DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – Religious Studies, Culture &amp; Public Life</b>			
<b>Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.</b>			
<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
RSC 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religious Studies, Culture & Public Life	6	
RSC 6090	Intercultural Communication	6	
RSC 6095	Race & Religion	6	
RSC 7000	Religion in America	6	
RSC 7005	Advanced International Religion	6	
RSC 7010	New Religious Movements and Cultures	6	
RSC 7030	Advanced Teaching of the Bible	6	
RSC 7035	Religion, Politics, and Public Life	6	
RSC 7040	Critical Thinking Strategies in Religious Studies	6	

**DOCTORAL (PHD) PROGRAM – Religious Leadership & Canon Law**

Third year Students may elect to take any of the courses below or take additional courses from the courses listed below. Interested students should confer with their mentors before making such decision.

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit(s)</b>	<b>Grade</b>
RLC 6088	Doctoral Studies in Religious Leadership & Canon Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 6090	Introduction to Canon Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 6095	Leadership Development in Religious Leadership & Canon Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7000	Advanced Constitutional Law in Canon Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7005	Policy Development & Implementation in Religious Leadership and Canon Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7010	Philosophy and Theology of Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7030	Advanced Matrimonial Jurisprudence	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7035	Advanced Procedural Law	<b>6</b>	
RLC 7040	Protection of Rights in Administrative Life of the Religious Organization	<b>6</b>	