

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 철학박사과정

● Introduction (English Program)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Theology is a three-year program primarily aimed at developing quality scholars who can serve effectively in higher education institutions, particularly within missional contexts. The program emphasizes independent research, preparing graduates to make significant contributions to a specialized field of theological studies. The program is organized into four sub-areas: Biblical Studies, Historical/Theological Studies, Intercultural Studies, and Educational Studies.

Program Duration	3 years	Maximum Duration of Study	5 years
Graduate Credits	23 credits and 5 units of Guided Research (English Program)		
Maximum Academic Load per Semester	Total 10 credits (up to 2 additional credits are allowed with an extra fee)		
Area/Language	<p>English Program, specialized in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biblical Studies• Historical/Theological Studies• Intercultural Studies• Educational Studies		
Class Schedules	Monday to Friday, 9:00~18:00, 2~3 days per week		
Graduate Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pass 23 credits and 5 units of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0.2. Pass the Oral Comprehensive Exam3. Pass the Dissertation and Oral Defense		
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ PhD candidates who do not submit their dissertation within 3 years must pay the dissertation-semester fee from the 4th year.▪ PhD students who are not graduates of TTGU (MDiv or ThM) must take GI8000 Research and Writing Seminar (ThM) on a Pass/No Pass basis during their first semester. For Educational Studies Area, students may have to take CC1102 Research and Writing (MA) at the discretion of the department chair.▪ See TTGU PhD Handbook for more details.		

7-A. PhD specialized in Biblical Studies

► Curriculum

Interdisciplinary Core (IC): Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3 credits)	
Guided Research I~IV: see below (1 unit each, total 4 units)	
Graduate Research V: Proposal Writing (1 unit)	
Graduate Colloquium I~V (P/NP)	
Dissertation Guide I~IV (5 credits each, total 20 credits)	
Dissertation (P/NP)	Total 23 credits and 5 units
* Possible Courses as Guided Research I~IV (3 credit-hour class = 1 unit)	
Concentration in Old Testament	Concentration in New Testament
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OT Backgrounds*</i> • <i>History of OT Interpretation and Criticism*</i> • Pentateuch (Genesis–Deuteronomy) • Historical Books (Joshua–Esther) • Prophetic Literature (Jeremiah–Malachi) • Poetry/Wisdom Literature (Job–Song) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NT Backgrounds*</i> • <i>History of NT Interpretation and Criticism*</i> • Gospels (Matthew –John) • Acts • Epistles (Romans–Jude) • Revelation
<i>* PhD students Only, not opened to MDiv students</i>	

►► Three-Year Schedule

1st Year	
1. First Semester (3 hrs) + [2 units] Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3) Guided Research I [1] Guided Research II [1] Graduate Colloquium I [0]* * Proposal Draft Due (Aug)	2. Second Semester [3 units] Guided Research III [1] Guided Research IV [1] Guided Research V: Proposal Writing [1] Graduate Colloquium II [0]* * Proposal Hearing (Dec) * Oral Comp Exam (Feb)
2nd Year	
3. Third Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide I (5)* Graduate Colloquium III [0]* * Chapters 1, 2 Due	4. Fourth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide II (5)* Graduate Colloquium IV [0]* * Chapters 3, 4 Due
3rd Year	
5. Fifth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide III (5) Graduate Colloquium V [0]* * Chapter 5 (or final chapter) Due * Dissertation Draft Due (Aug)	6. Sixth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide IV (5) * Dissertation Final Draft and Defense (Sept)
PhD Dissertation	

* The colloquium meeting is to be held two weeks before the following semester begins.

7-B. PhD specialized in Historical/Theological Studies

► Curriculum

Interdisciplinary Core (IC): Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3 credits)

Guided Research I~IV: see below (1 unit each, total 4 units)

Graduate Research V: Proposal Writing (1 unit)

Graduate Colloquium I~V (P/NP)

Dissertation Guide I~IV (5 credits each, total 20 credits)

Dissertation (P/NP)

Total 23 credits and 5 units

* Possible Courses as Guided Research I~IV (3 credit-hour class = 1 unit)

Concentration in Church History

- Seminar on Early Christianity
- Readings on Augustine
- Readings on Chrysostom
- Seminar on Medieval Christianity
- History, Theology and Practice of Monasticism
- Seminar on the Reformation
- Readings on Martin Luther
- Piety in John Calvin
- Church and State in the Reformers
- Post-Reformation History
- Seminar on Modern Christianity
- Puritan Theology and Piety
- History of Christian Creeds and Confessions
- History of Modern Revival Movements
- History of Modern Missions

Concentration in Systematic Theology

- Prolegomena
- Doctrine of God / The Trinity
- Christology
- Pneumatology
- Anthropology
- Soteriology
- Eschatology
- Greek / Latin Patristic Theology
- Reformation Theology
- Puritan Theology
- Evangelicalism
- Modern and Postmodern Theology
- Theology of Religions
- Contextual Theology
- Advanced Christian Philosophy

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<u>2nd Year</u>	
3. Third Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide I (5)* Graduate Colloquium III [0]* * Chapters 1, 2 Due	4. Fourth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide II (5)* Graduate Colloquium IV [0]* * Chapters 3, 4 Due
<u>3rd Year</u>	
5. Fifth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide III (5) Graduate Colloquium V [0]* * Chapter 5 (or final chapter) Due * Dissertation Draft Due (Aug)	6. Sixth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide IV (5) * Dissertation Final Draft and Defense (Sept)
<u>PhD Dissertation</u>	

7- C. PhD specialized in Intercultural Studies

► Curriculum

Interdisciplinary Core (IC): Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3 credits)
Guided Research I~IV: see below (1 unit each, total 4 units)
Graduate Research V: Proposal Writing (1 unit)
Graduate Colloquium I~V (P/NP)
Dissertation Guide I~IV (5 credits each, total 20 credits)
Dissertation (P/NP)
Total 23 credits and 5 units
* Guided Research Courses I~IV (3 credit-hour class = 1 unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Missionary Movements in Texts• History of Mission and World Christianity• Theologizing in Mission• Islamic Studies

►► Three-Year Schedule - Literature-Based Methodology

1st Year	
1. First Semester (3 hrs) + [2 units] Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3) Guided Research I [1] Guided Research II [1] Graduate Colloquium I [0]* * Proposal Draft Due (Aug)	2. Second Semester [3 units] Guided Research III [1] Guided Research IV [1] Guided Research V: Proposal Writing [1] Graduate Colloquium II [0]* * Proposal Hearing (Dec) * Oral Comp Exam (Feb)
2nd Year	
3. Third Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide I (5)* Graduate Colloquium III [0]* * Chapters 1, 2 Due	4. Fourth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide II (5)* Graduate Colloquium IV [0]* * Chapters 3, 4 Due
3rd Year	
5. Fifth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide III (5) Graduate Colloquium V [0]* * Chapter 5 (or final chapter) Due * Dissertation Draft Due (Aug)	6. Sixth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide IV (5) * Dissertation Final Draft and Defense (Sept)
PhD Dissertation	

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►► Three-Year Schedule -Social Scientific Methodology

1st Year	
1. First Semester (3 hrs) + [2 units] Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3) Guided Research I [1] Guided Research II [1] Graduate Colloquium I [0]*	2. Second Semester [3 units] Guided Research III [1] Guided Research IV [1] Guided Research V [1] Graduate Colloquium II [0]* * Oral Comp Exam (Feb)
2nd Year	
3. Third Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide I (5)* Graduate Colloquium III [0]* * Chapter 2 Due (draft)	4. Fourth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide II (5)* Graduate Colloquium IV [0]* * Chapters 1, 3 Due (draft, before proposal)
3rd Year	
5. Fifth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide III (5) Graduate Colloquium V [0]* * Proposal Draft Due (Mar) * Proposal Hearing (Mar) * Chapters 3 (after proposal, finalized), 4, 5 (draft) due	6. Sixth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide IV (5) * Dissertation Draft Due (Oct) * Dissertation Final Draft (Oct) * Defense (Nov)

* The colloquium meeting is to be held two weeks before the following semester begins.

7- D. PhD specialized in Educational Studies

► Curriculum

Interdisciplinary Core (IC): Foundations of Evangelical Theology (3 credits)
Guided Research I~V: see below (1 unit each, 5 units)
Graduate Colloquium I~V (P/NP)
Dissertation Guide I~IV (5 credits each, total 20 credits)
Dissertation (P/NP)
<u>Total 23 credits and 5 units</u>
* Guided Research Courses I~IV (3 credit-hour class = 1 unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundational Issues in Educational Studies• Contemporary Issues in Educational Studies• Quantitative Research Methods• Qualitative Research Methods• Guided Research for PhD Dissertation

►► Three-Year Schedule

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<u>2nd Year</u>	
3. Third Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide I (5)* Graduate Colloquium III [0]* * Chapter 2 Due (draft)	4. Fourth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide II (5)* Graduate Colloquium IV [0]* * Chapters 1, 3 Due (draft, before proposal)
<u>3rd Year</u>	
5. Fifth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide III (5) Graduate Colloquium V [0]* * Proposal Draft Due (Mar) * Proposal Hearing (Mar) * Chapters 3 (after proposal, finalized), 4, 5 (draft) due	6. Sixth Semester (5 hrs) Dissertation Guide IV (5) * Dissertation Draft Due (Oct) * Dissertation Final Draft (Oct) * Defense (Nov)
<u>PhD Dissertation</u>	

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