As many of you know, Southern Seminary was one of the pioneers in the development of doctoral degrees among seminaries. Over a century ago, the seminary became one of the first free-standing institutions to offer a recognized Ph.D. In the late 19th century, American higher education was beginning to standardize the Ph.D. as the highest academic degree in North America. It retains that status today, and I am extremely proud of the fact that Southern Seminary was one of the institutions that led in the development of this important academic milestone. We now have many other doctoral degrees to accompany it.

When I arrived at Southern Seminary as a student, I would often visit the library and look at the massive line of doctoral dissertations that were then available in a special section of shelves. From time to time I would take down one of these dissertations written by illustrious pastors and scholars such as W. A. Criswell, Herschel Hobbs, and so many others. Then, a few years later, I embarked on my own doctoral program at Southern Seminary. I knew that I was joining a very long line of consecrated scholarship. I felt then, as I feel now, the weight and glory of that tradition.

As a doctoral student, I knew that I had entered into a tradition and that behind me stood a long line of Christian scholars. Now, I am unspeakably encouraged to know that I am followed by a line of deeply committed, highly convictional, and academically gifted pastors and scholars.

My prayer is that the doctoral program will be for you a consummate exercise of the stewardship of your gifts and a priceless opportunity for your development as a Christian in the service of Christ’s church.

Always remember that the doctoral program at Southern Seminary was intended for just this purpose — to provide a first-rank core of Christian pastors and scholars for the church.

R. ALBERT MOHLER JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Welcome from Michael Wilder

MICHAEL S. WILDER
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR
DOCTORAL STUDIES, THE SOUTHERN
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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outhern Seminary’s educational journey began in the mind of four men who were committed to biblical and theological fidelity. In 1859, the vision of an institution that would be committed to the Scriptures and to the training of more effective ministers of the gospel was launched. In 1892, the seminary initiated its doctoral programs with the same commitments. For over 120 years, we have been devoting ourselves to training men and women who will serve faithfully in the church, on the mission field and in the academy. This devotion is rooted in the desire to see God’s fame increase as equipped ministers take the gospel to the nations. We invite you to join us in this passion and become a part of the learning community at Southern as you prepare yourself for the journey that lies ahead. Whether you are seeking to become an expert-practitioner, a scholar-practitioner, or a scholar-researcher, Southern offers a variety of doctoral programs to meet your objectives. I encourage you to explore the pages of this booklet and determine what the next step will be in your preparation for more faithful kingdom service.

AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY WE TRAIN:

• Expert-practitioners seeking to become better equipped in their ministry skills;

• Scholar-practitioners who desire to examine a specific area of interest more deeply through research while applying their findings to real-life ministry; and

• Scholar-researchers wanting to advance their research competencies and be prepared for a life of teaching, research, and service in the academy or the church.
Our core values

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
Southern Seminary’s doctoral programs exist to provide the highest level of scholarship and academic training possible — in service to the church and the advancement of the Great Commission. This academic pursuit is grounded in its biblical and theological fidelity and conducted in a confessional context.

**RELATIONALLY DRIVEN**
Scholarship is best produced in community. At Southern, this community is made up of professors and students who eagerly seek to learn from one another and spur each other on in the faith.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
It is the desire of the faculty to see each student grow intellectually, skillfully, and spiritually during their academic endeavor.

**INFLUENTIAL PUBLICATION**
Southern Seminary professors are at the forefront of evangelical scholarship, and a part of doctoral studies at Southern involves learning to contribute to scholarly discussion through publication. Our doctoral programs are intentionally designed to encourage ongoing publication among both faculty and students.

**GLOBAL FOCUS**
Theological education is a global endeavor. Southern expects that its professors and graduates will seek to make disciples of every tribe and tongue through cross-cultural teaching and missionary endeavors.

*SOUTHERN SEMINARY IS RANKED 4 OUT OF 25 ATS MEMBER SCHOOLS FOR GRADUATES SERVING ON FACULTY IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.*
Professors and research interests

**GREGG R. ALLISON**
Ecclesiology
Anthropology

**TIMOTHY K. BEOUGHER**
Evangelism
Spiritual Awakenings

**T. J. BETTS**
Ancient Near Eastern Backgrounds
Preaching the Old Testament

**DANNY R. BOWEN**
Learning Theory
Christian Formation

**GREGORY B. BREWTON**
Christian Worship
Discipleship

**THEODORE J. CABAL**
History of Philosophy
Philosophical Theology
Apologetics

**MARK T. COPPENGER**
Cultural Apologetics
Christian Aesthetics

**WILLIAM F. COOK**
The Gospel of John
Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection

**JOSEPH R. CRIDER**
Worship Leader Training
Culture, the Arts, and Worship

**ESTHER R. CROOKSHANK**
Hymnology
Ethnodoxology

**WESLEY L. FELTNER**
Pastoral Leadership
Organizational Leadership

**ANTHONY W. FOSTER**
Leadership
Higher Education

**RUSSELL T. FULLER**
Hebrew and Semitic Languages
Mascarets

**DUANE A. GARRETT**
Old Testament Theology
Joel, Amos, Genesis

**PETER J. GENTRY**
Hebrew and Greek Linguistics
The Septuagint
Textual Criticism

**ADAM W. GREENWAY**
Evangelism
Applied Apologetics

**JAMES M. HAMILTON JR.**
Biblical Theology
Daniel, Psalms, Revelation, John

**JOSEPH C. HARROD**
Spiritual Formation
Historical Spirituality
Biblical Discipleship

**MICHAEL A.G. HAYKIN**
18th-Century English Baptists
Patristic Studies

**WILLIAM D. HINARD III**
Evangelism
Church Growth

**ERIC L. JOHNSON**
Christian Psychology
Soteriology

**TIMOTHY PAUL JONES**
Family Ministry
Christian Formation

**JOHN M. KLAASSEN**
Missions
Evangelism

**KENNETH T. MAGNUSON**
Marriage and Family
Sexual and Cultural Ethics

**OREN R. MARTIN**
Biblical Theology
Eschatology

**JAMES PARKER, III**
Meta-Apologetics
Historical Evidences
Philosophical Arguments

**SHANE W. PARKER**
Pastoral Leadership
Organizational Leadership

**JONATHAN T. PENNINGTON**
Matthew and the Gospels
History of Interpretation

**THOMAS R. SCHREINER**
New Testament Theology
Pauline Theology

**HAL K. PETTEGREW**
Higher Education
Organizational Leadership

**JEREMY P. PIERRE**
Theological Anthropology
Theological Hermeneutics

**MICHAEL E. POHLMAN**
History of Preaching
Media and Communications Studies

**ROBERT L. PLUMMER**
Hermeneutics
Greek

**JONATHAN J. WILLIAMS**
Pauline Studies
Second Temple Literature

**GREGORY A. WILLS**
American Church History
Baptist History

**SHAWN D. WRIGHT**
Puritanism
Reformation

**HERSHAEL W. YORK**
Expository Preaching
Pastoral Ministry

**J. STEPHEN YUILLE**
Historical Theology
Biblical Spirituality
English Puritanism
Doctor of Ministry

THROUGH THE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE (D.MIN.), SOUTHERN SEMINARY EQUIPS LEADERS, STRENGTHENS CHURCHES, AND MAKES AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD WITH THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST. THE D.MIN. HELPS MINISTERS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR MINISTRIES AND PERSONAL LIVES.

GOALS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Students are challenged by the interaction and rigor of their seminars. This atmosphere of academic excellence causes students to grow into more competent servants of God.

MINISTRY FOCUS
The program is shaped so that students will implement what they learn into their local ministry context. A high expectation is placed on providing an education to ministry practitioners who desire to build up their churches and ministries.

RELATIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES
The cohort model allows students both to be challenged in their learning communities and to develop lasting bonds with other ministry leaders.


KEVIN EZELL
PRESIDENT, NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD; D.MIN. PASTORAL STUDIES, SOUTHERN SEMINARY

“LOOKING BACK ON THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT I EXPERIENCED, MY D.MIN. DEGREE HAS PROVEN TO BE THE ONE WHERE I RECEIVED THE MOST PRACTICAL PASTORAL TRAINING. I AM FOREVER INDEBTED TO THE PROFESSORS WHO POUR ED THEIR LIVES INTO MINE AND HELPED ME BECOME A STRONGER LEADER AND PASTOR.”

CURRICULUM

TOTAL OF 32 HOURS
Can be completed in 36 months

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EXPERT-PRACTITIONER

TOM ELLIFF
FORMER PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD; D.MIN. EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH, SOUTHERN SEMINARY


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Doctor of Educational Ministry

THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY DEGREE (D.ED.MIN.) IS TO EQUIP PERSONS COMMITTED TO CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FOR A HIGH LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF EDUCATION AND DISCIPLING MINISTRIES, CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, CHURCH GROWTH, AND MISSIONS ADMINISTRATION.

GOALS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Students will develop their skills as leaders in the local church, academia, or other ministry contexts.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS
Students will hone their skills in educationally driven ministries.

COMPETENT RESEARCH
Students will develop competency in research geared toward their ministry context.

THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY PROGRAM AT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IS A GREAT BLEND OF BEING ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING YET PRACTICALLY FOCUSED FOR A MINISTRY SETTING. ONE OF THE PROGRAM’S STRENGTHS IS ITS COMMITMENT TO BEING BIBLICALLY AND THEOLOGICALLY SOUND IN EVERY AREA OF MINISTRY. THE GENUINE LOVE FOR CHRIST SHOWN BY THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS CREATES AN ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY OF LEARNING.

JONATHAN GEUKGEUZIAN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH MINISTRIES CHAIR, SCHOOL OF DIVINITY, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY; D.ED.MIN. LEADERSHIP, SOUTHERN SEMINARY

CURRICULUM
TOTAL OF 46 HOURS
Can be completed in 36 months

- Foundational seminars: 16 hours
- Contextualized writing seminars: 8 hours
- Educational seminars: 12 hours
- Ministry research project: 8 hours
- Project methodology: 1 hour
- Intro to doctoral research and writing: 1 hour

“DEGREES
DOCTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY (D.ED.MIN)
CONCENTRATIONS
APPLIED APOLOGETICS
APPLIED THEOLOGY
BIBLICAL COUNSELING
BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY
BLACK CHURCH LEADERSHIP
CHRISTIAN ETHICS
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
CHURCH REVITALIZATION
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
FAMILY MINISTRY
GLOBAL MISSIONS
LEADERSHIP

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Doctor of Missiology

The Doctor of Missiology program (D.Miss.) serves missionaries, practitioners, teachers, and administrators by providing advanced formal education, guided reading in pertinent missiological literature, field experience, mentoring, and supervision. Strong cohort-based study combined with a variety of research and practice emphases allow students to combine academic excellence with ministry application.

Goals

Missionary Scholar
Students will demonstrate a mastery of the philosophical, historical, biblical, and anthropological disciplines rooted in a graduate-level understanding of the missiological disciplines.

Missions Practitioner
Students will demonstrate the capacity to serve as church planters; missions pastors; traditional and non-traditional missionaries through classroom, research, and practical experience; and will be able to teach pastors in national and international settings.

Problem Solver
Students will apply ethnographic research and missiological principles to identify effective strategies for reaching and teaching peoples of other worldviews in culturally appropriate ways.

CURRICULUM

TOTAL OF 58 HOURS
Can be completed in 36 months

Guided mentorship ..................................................... 6 hours
Dissertation writing and defense ................................. 6 hours
Foundational seminars ........................................... 48 hours

Coursework Covers Topics Such As:
- 98500 Theology of Christian Missions
- 98510 History of Christian Missions
- 98520 Missionary Sending & Care
- 98530 Missional Leadership
- 98540 Missions Strategies
- 98550 World Religions & Christian Mission
- 98560 Cultural Anthropology & Christian Witness
- 98570 D.Miss. Guided Mentorship

DEGREES

Doctor of Missiology (D.Miss.)
Program Emphases
- Intercultural Evangelism and Church Planting
- Sending Church
- Islamic Studies
- Theological Education

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Kevin T. Baggett
Megacity Strategist for the International Mission Board; D.Miss., Southern Seminary

"The Doctor of Missiology program at Southern Seminary provided a path for me to follow God’s leading in pursuit of doctoral studies while continuing to serve on the mission field. Not only was I challenged academically, but I was also given the opportunity to study under professors with meaningful backgrounds in missions as well as with colleagues from around the globe. I am thankful to God and Southern Seminary for this experience, and I believe this degree better equips me to make disciples in one of the world’s largest cities."

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Doctor of Education

THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM (ED.D.) IS TO EQUIP MEN AND WOMEN TO SERVE AS LEADERS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND IN THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.

GOALS

PRACTITIONER SCHOLAR
Students will demonstrate a mastery of the educational disciplines rooted in a graduate-level understanding of the theological disciplines.

SERVANT LEADER
Students will demonstrate the capacity to serve the church, the academy, and the world through leadership and teaching.

PROBLEM SOLVER
Students will apply educational research to solve complex social and organizational problems.

ERIC GEIGER
VICE PRESIDENT, LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES; ED.D., SOUTHERN SEMINARY

“SO MUCH OF MY MINISTRY OVER THE LAST DECADE CAN BE TRACED BACK TO MY DOCTORAL STUDIES AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY. I DEVELOPED TRUST AND RESPECT FOR THE MEN I SERVE UNDER NOW, DR. RAINER AND DR. WAGGONER. AND BY GOD’S GRACE, MY DISSERTATION BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR MY FIRST BOOK, SIMPLE CHURCH. THE LEARNING AND THE COMMUNITY WAS RICH, AND THE LORD USED MY TIME AT SOUTHERN TO DEVELOP IN ME A DEEPER LOVE FOR THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AND A GREATER SENSE OF AWE FOR HIS WORD.”

CURRICULUM
TOTAL OF 60 HOURS
Can be completed in 30 months

Graduate research seminar ........................................... 2 hours
Foundational year: four seminars .................................. 24 hours
Advanced research year: four seminars ......................... 24 hours
Thesis: thesis research, writing, and thesis defense .......... 10 hours

COURSEWORK COVERS TOPICS SUCH AS:
- 92000 Theological Foundations for Educational Research
- 92010 Empirical Foundations for Educational Research
- 92020 Methodological Foundations for Education and Administration
- 92030 Theological Foundations for Leadership
- 92040 Social and Organizational Change
- 92050 Human Development and Christian Formation
- 92060 Critical Reflection and Research Evaluation
- 92070 Mentorship and Guided Research
Master of Theology

THE MINISTRY TH.M. is designed for students interested in furthering their M.Div. studies but who are not necessarily planning to do advanced studies beyond the Th.M. degree. The Ministry Th.M. coursework is designed to cover broader categories of study than the Research Th.M. or Ph.D., enabling the student to round out their M.Div. education in preparation for ministry.

SCHOLAR-RESEARCHER   |

DEGREES  |

Master of Theology  |

(MTH M) Ministry Concentrations  |

Biblical Theology and Exegesis  |

Missions and Evangelism  |

Philosophy, Worldview, and Apologetics  |

Practical Theology  |

Theological and Historical Studies  |

Master of Theology  |

(MTH M) Research Concentrations  |

Biblical Studies  |

Biblical Theology  |

Church History  |

Missions and Evangelism  |

New Testament  |

Old Testament  |

Philosophy, Worldview, and Apologetics  |

Practical Theology  |

Systematic Theology  |

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CURRICULUM  TOTAL OF 24 HOURS  Can be completed in 18 months

Graduate research seminar  2 hours

Foundations for theological studies  2 hours

5 Th.M. master’s-level electives  20 hours

“AN ADDITIONAL YEAR’S WORTH OF IN-DEPTH STUDY HELPED ME DISCERN THAT FURTHER STUDY WAS IN MY FUTURE. WHETHER YOU ARE A PASTOR, A RECENT GRADUATE, A HOPEFUL ACADEMIC, OR SOMETHING IN BETWEEN, SOUTHERN’S TH.M. PROGRAM IS A GREAT WAY TO DIG YOUR WELL JUST A BIT DEEPER.”

TYLER WITTMANN

M.Div., Th.M., Southern Seminary; Ph.D. Candidate Systematic Theology, St. Mary’s College, University of St. Andrews

THE RESEARCH TH.M. is designed for students interested in pursuing further studies, most likely a Ph.D. The Research Th.M. provides the opportunity to broaden and deepen the student’s knowledge in an area of concentration and to produce a significant research paper (thesis), which will be an important step in pursuing further studies.

CURRICULUM  TOTAL OF 26 HOURS  Can be completed in 18 months

Graduate research seminar  2 hours

Foundations for theological studies  2 hours

3 Th.M. master’s-level electives  12 hours

2 Ph.D. seminars  8 hours

Thesis research  1 hour

Thesis writing  1 hour
THE COHORT TH.M. IS DESIGNED TO BE COMPLETED IN A NON-RESIDENTIAL, MODULAR FORMAT, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCESSIBLE AND RIGOROUS THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BEYOND THE M.DIV. DEGREE. STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED AS A COHORT, TAKING ALL SEMINARS TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME IN THE PROGRAM. THE ENTIRE DEGREE IS DESIGNED TO BE COMPLETED IN 30 MONTHS. WE BELIEVE THAT A COHORT-DRIVEN CURRICULUM ENHANCES THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE. FURTHER, THE CURRICULUM IS DESIGNED TO BE INTERDISCIPLINARY, COVERING THE CLASSICAL THEOLOGICAL DISCIPLINES OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES, NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES, CHURCH HISTORY, AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

CURRICULUM

TOTAL OF 25 HOURS
Can be completed in 30 months

- Foundations for theological studies: 2 hours
- Graduate research seminar: 2 hours
- Four core seminars (4 hours each): 16 hours
- Thesis proposal: 1 hour
- Thesis research I and II (1 hour each): 2 hours
- Thesis writing I and II (1 hour each): 2 hours

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MODULAR TH.M. PROGRAMS, CONTACT ADMISSIONS AT ADMISSIONS@SBTS.EDU OR 1-800-626-5525 EXT. 4200.

RACHEL TAN
TH.M., SOUTHERN SEMINARY; PH.D. CANDIDATE NEW TESTAMENT, SOUTHERN SEMINARY

“THE TH.M. PROGRAM HAS BEEN A GOOD TRANSITION AND EXCELLENT PREPARATION FOR MY CURRENT PH.D. STUDIES INTELLECTUALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND CULTURALLY. IT IS INDEED A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO STUDY GOD’S WORD IN ITS ORIGINAL LANGUAGES AND TO BE TAUGHT BY WORLD-CLASS SCHOLARS WHO LOVE GOD AND HONOR HIS WORD.”

ATHANASIUS BARDIS
D.MIN. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY, SOUTHERN SEMINARY; ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT GRACE BIBLE CHURCH (BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA)

“THE MENTORING RELATIONSHIP THAT I HAD WITH MY SUPERVISOR TRANSFORMED MY DOCTORAL WRITING INTO A MORE INTERACTIVE, JOYFUL AND FRUITFUL EXPERIENCE. WORKING CLOSELY WITH DR. WARE WAS CATALYTIC IN MAKING ME THINK WITH BETTER CLARITY, RESEARCH DEEPER, WRITE WITH MORE PRECISION, AND WORK HARDER.”

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Guided mentorship title

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Doctor of Philosophy

WITH A COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND PERSONAL MENTORING IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF CONFESIONAL SCHOLARSHIP, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) STUDENTS AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY ARE TRAINED TO ADVANCE CHRISTIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE KINGDOM MINISTRY.

GOALS

ADVANCED SCHOLARSHIP
Students have the privilege of studying under and being mentored by world-class professors at the forefront of Christian scholarship. These relationships provide a unique opportunity to engage with the current academic discussions. Coupled with the resources of one of the largest theological libraries in America, this program truly allows for advanced scholarship.

EFFECTIVE TEACHING
In colloquia and area seminars, students not only grow as writers, they also learn to communicate and defend their research. General educational seminars are required for every Ph.D. candidate, preparing them to become lifelong teachers.

MISSIONAL SERVICE
At Southern Seminary, scholarship is done for the glory of God and the advancement of the Great Commission. In addition to preparing graduates for college or seminary teaching, the program also equips students for the pastorate and other church-related ministries.

CURRICULUM

TOTAL OF 71 HOURS

MINOR CONCENTRATION (TH.M. PHASE) 24 HOURS

Graduate research seminar 2 hours
Foundations for theological studies 2 hours
3 seminars 12 hours
2 colloquia 4 hours
Two research languages 4 hours
Research portfolio

MAJOR CONCENTRATION (PH.D. PHASE) 31 HOURS

5 seminars 20 hours
2 colloquia 4 hours
Guided reading mentorship 1 hour
Prospectus hearing 1 hour
Teaching in higher education contexts 4 hours
Comprehensive exams 1 hour

PH.D. CANDIDACY 16 HOURS

Dissertation writing and defense 16 hours

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GREGORY A. THORNBURY
PRESIDENT OF THE KING’S COLLEGE, PH.D.
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, SOUTHERN SEMINARY

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DEGREES
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) CONCENTRATIONS

APologetics and Worldview*

Biblical Counseling*

Biblical Spirituality*

Biblical Studies

Biblical Theology

Christian Ethics*

Christian Ethics with an Emphasis in Public Policy*

Christian Missions*

Christian Philosophy*

Christian Preaching*

Christian Worship*

Christianity and the Arts*

Church History and Historical Theology

Evangelism and Church Growth*

Higher Education*

Leadership*

New Testament

Old Testament

Pastoral Theology*

Systematic Theology

World Religions*

MINOR (TH.M.) CONCENTRATIONS

Biblical Theology and Exegesis

Missions and Evangelism

Philosophy, Worldview, and Apologetics

Practical Theology

Theological and Historical Studies

*AVAILABLE IN MODULAR FORMAT

SCHOLAR-RESEARCHER |
Minor concentration Th.M.

SIMILAR TO OTHER PREMIER RESEARCH INSTITU TIONS, THE PH.D. INCLUDES A MASTER’S DEGREE EN ROUTE TO COMPLETING THE PROGRAM.

The minor concentration Th.M. is not a stand-alone degree, but an essential part of our students’ training. Upon completion of the program, our students have a terminal academic degree (the Ph.D.) in their primary concentration and a Th.M. in a minor area of concentration, broadening their academic expertise.

Modular format

MANY OF OUR SOUTHERN SEMINARY PH.D. CONCENTRATIONS ARE OFFERED IN A MODULAR FORMAT, WHICH ALLOWS STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A DEGREE WITHOUT RELOCATING TO LOUISVILLE.

Modularly delivered programs offer tremendous flexibility, allowing students to earn their degree without having to leave their current place of ministry.

First, students complete course-work involving pre-seminar work by coming to campus twice per year for two weeks during winter and summer terms. After completing seminars, students take comprehensive exams that assess their learning in their areas of study. The program culminates in the research phase as students write and defend their dissertation.

“I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A PH.D. FROM SOUTHERN SEMINARY. THE ACADEMIC RIGORS WERE CHALLENGING AND DEMANDING. BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS DEGREE PROVED NOT TO BE A MERE INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE. THE STUDIES AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY PREPARED ME FOR BOTH LIFE AND MINISTRY. EVEN TO THIS DAY, YEARS LATER, I EXPERIENCE THE GREAT BENEFIT OF BEING A PH.D. STUDENT AND GRADUATE OF SOUTHERN SEMINARY.”

THOM S. RAINER
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES; PH.D. EVANGELISM, SOUTHERN SEMINARY

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- Field essay
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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**
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Ph.D.

**REQUIREMENTS**
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- GRE**
- TOEFL 95
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- Academic writing sample

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**CHRIS KOUBA**
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