

Immanuel Bible College & Theological Seminary

Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Degree

Degree Application Requirements:

1. The prospective candidate's application for admission must be accompanied by certified transcripts or equivalent documentation from all previous colleges and/or seminaries. **The academic documentation must give evidence that the applicant has earned the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent in theological, biblical, or ministerial studies.** The transcripts or other academic evidence should be forwarded to:

Director of Graduate Theological Studies
Immanuel Theological Seminary
P. O. Box 2667
Peachtree City, GA 30269
Fax: 770-254-0890
2. After the Office of the Director of Graduate Theological Studies has evaluated the academic evidences, a preliminary Examination and Self-Study will be sent to the applicant for completion.
3. After the Director of Graduate Theological Studies has evaluated the preliminary examination and self-study, he/she will notify the applicant of the decision:
 - a. To accept the applicant without additional requirements or
 - b. To accept the applicant with additional requirements or
 - c. To reject the applicant from entering the Graduate Program for the Doctor of Theology Degree.

Academic Requirements

1. Courses Requirement	39 hours
2. Dissertation Requirement	<u>6 hours</u>
Total Academic Requirement	45 hours

Financial Requirements

1. Application Fee (non-refundable)
2. Tuition Fee (non-refundable)
3. Graduation Fee

Pre-Dissertation Requirements

Degree Completion Requirements:

When the applicant has received acceptance as a candidate for this program, he/she must complete the academic requirements summarized below with an average grade of 2.0 or better:

1. Old Testament – 3 Courses – 9 Hours
2. New Testament – 3 Courses – 9 Hours
3. Research Methodology and Praxis – 1 course - 3 Hours
4. Biblical Language Expertise – 2 courses - 6 Hours
5. Theological Studies – 4 Courses – 12 Hours

Summarized Explanation:

1. The Old Testament and New Testament academic requirements will be established by Office of the Director of Graduate Studies on the basis of a careful evaluation of the candidate's transcripts and ministerial expertise.
2. The Research Methodology and Praxis will be determined by the Director of Graduate Studies and will be directly related to the development of the dissertation objectives.
3. The Biblical Language Expertise will demonstrate ability to use exegetic tools to determine the meaning of Greek and Hebrew texts.
4. The Theological Studies will enable the candidate to demonstrate expertise in the ministerial application of theological knowledge in a ministerial profession.

Comprehensive Examination:

The candidate will undergo a comprehensive examination to determine his/her readiness to submit this final proposal for a subject for the required dissertation. The Office of the Director of Graduate Theological Studies will assign a Graduate Faculty Advisor or will direct the candidate in the completion of the accepted dissertation subject.

Dissertation Requirements

1. The dissertation must conform to the Style Manual Requirements established by Graduate Faculty Advisor.
2. The dissertation subject, outline, and first chapter must be submitted on disk or by email to the Graduate Faculty Advisor no later than September 1st in order for the student to graduate the following May.
3. The dissertation must reach a minimum length of 50,000 words, but not more than 80,000 words.
4. The dissertation must be presented in triplicate (hardbound copies required).
5. The dissertation must be submitted to the Graduate Faculty Advisor no less than ninety (90) days before the date of the graduation.
6. The dissertation must be submitted no later than two (2) years after the candidate is approved for writing.
7. The dissertation must show evidence of adequate research as well a clear understanding of English grammar and usage rules.
8. When the Graduate Faculty Advisor notifies the candidate that his/her dissertation received approval, the student shall request, complete, and submit a Petition for Graduation Form.
9. The Petition for Graduation will receive approval after the candidate has completed all academic and financial requirements.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OBJECTIVES

Old Testament

An intensive study to achieve practical grasp of the revelation of theology and worship in the Old Testament. The candidate demonstrates understanding of biblical terminology and historical perspective, as well as the ability to relate his/her studies to current thought.

New Testament

An intensive study to achieve practical grasp of the revelation of theology and historical perspective, as well as the ability to relate his/her studies to current thought and church problems.

Theology

All in-depth study of the doctrine directed toward the student becoming grounded in the fundamentals of the Faith. The key to the study of theology is to show that Jesus Christ is the one and only Revealer of God, in nature, in humanity, in history, in science, in Scriptures, and in all Christian teachings.

Research Methodology

The candidate demonstrates ability to use the standards in research methodology and ability to apply an adequate pattern to his/her dissertation subject.

Biblical Language

1. Hebrew: The candidate demonstrates ability to use the standard English tools and lexical helps for Old Testament word studies.
2. Greek: The candidate demonstrates expertise in the following:
 - a. Greek Lexicography: The candidate demonstrates understanding and ability in general principles of lexical study.
 - b. New Testament Textual Criticism: The candidate demonstrates understanding and ability in the examination of the relative values of the critical text.
 - c. Principles of Greek Exegesis: The candidate demonstrates understanding and ability to apply exegetic principles and procedures in the study of the New Testament text.
 - d. The Greek Text: The candidate demonstrates expertise in evaluation and comparison of major New Testament versions in application to the work of the ministry.

Dissertation

The candidate demonstrates ability to produce the required manuscript with quality in content and form.

Examination

The candidate demonstrates ability to defend the intellectual content and academic form of his/her dissertation.