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To find reading works in the study of the semesters of full-time study at 12 credits per semester is required. This ordinarily amounts to a minimum of field of study and within that field an area of emphasis to which at least one-half (24 credits) of the course work is devoted. The student also chooses a supporting area, normally in another field, in which at least one-fourth (12 credits) of the course work is devoted. Of the remaining 12 credits of course work, 3 are used in GSEM854, 3 in GSEM920, and 3 in GSEM860. Students with recognized experience as college/graduate-level teachers may substitute the latter 3 credits (together with the other remaining credits) to the area of emphasis or to the supporting area.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements listed in the Graduate Programs Admission section of the bulletin, p. 47, and in the Seminary Admission Requirements, p. 295. Admission to the ThD in religion program is granted by the PhD-ThD Committee to applicants who also have the following qualifications:

- Applicants must hold an MDiv degree or its equivalent from an approved seminary or university. For students holding the MTh degree, the minimum requirement of course work may be lowered, subject to the discretion of the PhD-ThD Committee.
- Applicants must show high promise of future usefulness to church and society.
- Applicants must have

GENERAL SEMINARY

GSEM510 (3)

Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics

An interdisciplinary study of the process by which God communicates with human beings and of sound methods for interpreting and understanding the Scripture and applying its message.

GSEM525 (1)

The Bible and Biblical History

Surveys the Bible's content and history as reflected in the requirements for the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test and equips the student to improve the biblical literacy of the local parish.

GSEM528 (2-3)

Nutrition and Health Promotion

Health promotion and Adventist lifestyle, with primary focus on the influence of diet on the development of chronic diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer.

GSEM530 (2-3)

Doctrine of the Sanctuary

A study of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries with special emphasis on the books of Leviticus, Daniel, Hebrews, and Revelation. Team taught by members of various departments.

GSEM532 (2)

The Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White

Designed for students who have not had a similar course on the college level. It is a prerequisite for GSEM534, not a substitute for it.

GSEM534 (2-3)

The Writings of Ellen G. White

Orientation in methods of research in and interpretation of the writings of E. G. White. Based on personal research in her published and unpublished works. A core requirement. Prerequisite: GSEM532 or its equivalent.

GSEM539 (2-3)

Issues in Origins

A study of current creation and evolutionary models regarding the origin, age, and change of the earth and its life. Specific topics include the historical development of these models; their biblical, philosophical, and scientific foundations; and theological implications.

GSEM541 (2-3)

Spiritual Formation

Study and practice of spiritual formation designed to lead students to growth in their personal spiritual lives.

GSEM542 (2-3)

Advanced Spiritual Formation

In-depth study and practice of specific issues and activities of the spiritual life. Repeatable. Prerequisite: GSEM541.

GSEM588 (0)

InMinistry MDiv Continuation

GSEM620 (2-3)

Research Methods

An introduction to research techniques and tools. A research paper is required.

GSEM625 (3-4)

Religious Liberty Issues and Advocacy

A survey of religious liberty principles and cases from an Adventist perspective with an emphasis on the contemporary U.S. setting, including a review of major historical developments and a look at trends shaping the future.

GSEM648 (variable)

Workshop

GSEM670 (1-12)

Guided Study Tour of the Bible Lands

The principal sites of historical and archaeological interest in the countries of the Bible surrounding the eastern Mediterranean, including Egypt, Sinai, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. Weekly: 2 or 3 lectures.

GSEM678