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Dissertation Secretary with the signed approval page is no later than Wednesday, days before graduation.

Strict adherence to this deadline is essential or graduation is postponed.

For more detailed guidelines and scheduling see the PhD in Religion Handbook. A copy may be accessed online at www.andrews.edu/SEM/Articles/PhD/PhD-Handbook.pdf.

THD: DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

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The primary purpose of advanced academic studies leading to the Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree is to provide teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical and theological studies for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—primarily its institutions of higher learning (colleges, seminaries, universities) around the world. This academic degree meets the need of individuals in areas of the world where a ThD is the preferred academic degree. The normal doctorate in religion is the PhD.

The ThD program is offered in two fields of study with areas of emphasis as listed below.

Biblical Studies

Archaeology and History

Exegesis and Theology

Languages and Literature

Theological Studies

Historical Theology

Systematic Theology

One who holds a Doctor of Theology degree should possess the following competencies:

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A minimum of two academic years of formal course work or not fewer than four semesters of full-time study at credits per semester is required. This ordinarily amounts to a minimum of credits of formal course work, credits of which must consist of seminars, directed study and reading courses. The student chooses a field of study and within that field an area of emphasis to which at least one-half (credits) of the course work is devoted. The student also chooses a supporting area, normally in another field, to which at least one-fourth (credits) of the course work is devoted. Of the remaining credits of course work, three are used in GSEM and three in GSEM .

Admission Requirements

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