

Comprehensive Examinations

- Students are required to pass five comprehensive examinations within a four-week period designated by the PhD-ThD Committee. Four of these examinations are set in the student’s field of study with components from both departments and the fifth is in the cognate area.
- The regular course requirements of 48 credits or more must be completed before the student can sit for comprehensive examinations.
- The comprehensive examinations determine a student’s proficiency in the field of study and in the cognate area of study, familiarity with pertinent literature, and skills in criticism and analysis.
- Students are expected to demonstrate greater proficiency in their field of study than in their cognate area.
- When students make formal application to take the comprehensive examinations, they are thereby also applying for advanced standing in their field of study.

Whenever an alternative number of credits is designated for a given course, a hyphen (e.g., “2–3 credits”) indicates that the student may choose the number of credits within the designated amount (corresponding work is assigned by the teacher); the word “or” (e.g., “2 or 3 credits”) indicates that in any given term the course is available for one of the amounts of credit (but not both). Courses may be increased or decreased by 1 credit in extension schools at the discretion of the dean.

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. Also available through the Seminary Distance Learning Center as a 3-credit course.

GSEM511 (3)

Daniel and Revelation
 Survey of Daniel and Revelation, laying basic exegetical and hermeneutical foundations for proper use of these books in preaching and evangelism. Must have met the beginning level Greek and Hebrew requirements.

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