Progression of Studies for PhD

AT CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(FOR COHORT 2 FALL 2019 START, V.2)
2018-2019 Admission/Orientation Process

Fall 2018
Applications Accepted

November 1 CTS PhD Program Open House

December 15, 2018
Completed application due.

February 2019
PhD Committee notifies applicants of admission and matriculation

March 2019
Applicants notify the Director of the Program of their acceptance of admission and intent for Fall 2019 matriculation

July 17-19, 2019
PhD Program Orientation and Retreat led by the Director of the Program

Syllabus and preparation for August 19-23rd first class: History and Theology of African American Preaching I – 1650-1917
2019-2020 Academic Year One:
Fall Term 2019

Required Courses
August 19-23, 2019
History and Theology of African American Preaching I – 1650-1917

October 21-25, 2019
History and Theology of African American Preaching II – 1918-Present

Advisory Committee Formed
By October 15, 2019
In conjunction with student, formation of Advisory Committee
(two CTS faculty and one Affiliate Faculty member)

Advisory Committee meets annually with student to guide academic process

Advisory Committee Meets
November 15 – Student’s Annual PhD Self-Assessment due to Advisory Committee
December 1st wk. – PhD Advisory Committee meets with student
Dec 15 – Student receives written Assessment Report from Advisory Committee
2019-2020: Academic Year One: Spring Term 2020

**Required Courses**

January 27 – 31, 2020
Homiletical Theory, Rhetorical Theory, and African Amer. Preaching, I

May 4-8, 2020
Homiletical Theory, Rhetorical Theory, and African American Preaching, II

**Deadlines to Consider**

Student must complete the first requirement for one biblical language

Consider Elective Course

Plan of Study to submit to Advisory Committee in November 2020

**Summary Year One**

Four Required Courses Completed
First Self-Assessment Completed
First biblical language completed
Possibly one Elective Course completed
Develop Draft of Plan of Study to Submit to Advisory Committee in Nov. 2020
2020-2021: Academic Year Two: Fall Term 2020

Required Courses
August 24-28, 2020
Rhetoric of Torah, Prophets, and Writings and African American Preaching

October 19-23, 2020
Rhetoric of Gospels and Letters and African American Preaching

Deadlines to Consider
Student must complete the requirement for second biblical language
Consider Elective Courses and Dissertation Focused Independent Study Courses
Finalize Plan of Study to submit to Advisory Committee in November 2020

Advisory Committee Meets
November 15 – Student Annual PhD Self-Assessment & Plan of Study Due to Advisory Committee
December 1st wk. - PhD Advisory Committee meets with student
Dec. 15 – Student receives written Assessment from Advisory Committee & Approved Plan of Study
2020-2021: Academic Year Two: Spring Term 2021

Required Courses

January 25-29, 2020
Research Methods Class

March 22-26, 2020
American Women’s and Womanist Preaching

May 3-7, 2020
Contemporary Pedagogical Methods

Deadlines to Consider

Student must complete second requirement biblical language

Seminary Teaching Assistant

B+ in Research Methods class satisfies Research Assistantship

Consider Elective Courses

Summary Year Two

Five Required Courses Completed
Seminary Teaching Assistant completed
Research Assistant completed
Biblical languages completed
Plan of Study Approved by Advisory Committee
2021-2022 Academic Year Three: Fall Term 2021

Elective Course Work
- August – 1 wk
- Race, Rhetoric, and Religion
- Elective Courses
- Dissertation Focused Independent Study Courses

Deadlines to Consider
- Student requirement second biblical language completed
- Seminary Teaching Assistant
- Plan Church Teaching Assistantships

Advisory Committee Meets
- November 15 – Student’s Annual PhD Self-Assessment due to Advisory Committee
- December 1st wk. – PhD Advisory Committee meets with student
- Dec 15 – Student receives written Assessment Report from Advisory Committee
2021-2022: Academic Year Three: Spring Term 2022

Elective Course Work

- January – 1 wk
- Elective Courses
  - Dissertation Focused Independent Study Courses

Deadlines to Consider

- Church Teaching Assistantship
- Seminary Teaching Assistantship
- Research Assistantship
- Dissertation Focused Independent Study Courses

Summary Year Three

- Fourteen Courses Completed
- Biblical languages completed
- Church Teaching Assistantship
- Research Assistantship completed
- Seminary Teaching Assistant Completed
2022-2023: Year Four: Fall Term 2022

Year of Comprehensive Exam
- Study for comprehensive exams
- Enroll in Comprehensive Exams
- Comprehensive Exam Reading List

Deadlines to Consider
- Continue reading, studying, and preparation for comprehensive exams
- Enroll in Comprehensive Exams
- Advisory Committee Comprehensive Exam questions and Reading List to student

Advisory Committee Meets
- November 15 – Student’s Annual Self-Assessment to Advisory Committee
- December 1st wk – student meets with Advisory Committee
- Dec 15 – Student receives written Assessment Report from Advisory Committee
2022-2023: Year Four: Spring Term 2023

**Year of Comprehensive Exam**
- January: Take Comprehensive exams/oral exam
- May: Pass Comprehensive Exams and apply for candidacy
  - Enroll in Dissertation Research and Writing Class

**Deadlines to Consider**
- Summer: Dissertation proposal research and writing
  - Application for candidacy
  - Dissertation Proposal due Fall 2022

**Summary Year Four**
- Comprehensive Exam Completed
- Complete Dissertation Research & Writing
- Application for candidacy
- First Draft of Dissertation Proposal
2023-2024 Year Five: Fall Term 2023

Year 5 Dissertation

Dissertation research and writing
Enroll in Dissertation Research and Writing class

Deadlines to Consider

Continue Dissertation research and writing
Enroll in Dissertation Research and Writing

Advisory Committee Meets

Nov 15 – Student Self Assessment Due – Request for Candidacy & Dissertation Proposal
December 1st wk
Advisory Committee meets with Student
Dec 15 – Student receives Annual Assessment from Advisory Committee,
2023-2024 Year Five: Spring Term 2024

Year 5 Dissertation
- Dissertation research and writing
- Enroll in “Dissertation Research and Writing” class

Deadlines to Consider
- Enroll in “Dissertation Research and Writing”
- Continue Writing and Research

Year Five Summary
- PhD Candidacy Granted
- Dissertation Research & Writing Class Completed
- Dissertation Proposal Approval
- Dissertation Writing and Research Progressing
2023-2024 Year Six: Fall Term 2024

Year 6 Dissertation
- Dissertation research and writing
- Enroll in Dissertation Research and Writing class

Deadlines to Consider
- Continue Dissertation research and writing
- Enroll in Dissertation Research and Writing

Advisory Committee Meets
- Nov 15 – Student Self Assessment Due
- December 1st wk. - Advisory Committee meets with Student
- Dec 15 – Student receives written Assessment from Advisory Committee
2024-2025: Year Six Spring Term 2025

Year 6 Dissertation
- Dissertation research and writing
- Enroll in “Dissertation Research and Writing” class

Deadlines to Consider
- Dissertation research and writing
- Enroll in “Dissertation Research and Writing”
- Defend dissertation before Advisory Committee
- Successful Defense of Dissertation

Year Six Summary
- Successful Defense of Dissertation
- May 2025 Graduation
- The maximum time limit to complete the program is eight years.

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