

# CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (M.DIV.) - ADVANCED BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

| Code                          | Title  | Hours     |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| <b>Program Courses</b>        |  |           |
| APOL 505                      | Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age            | 3         |
| BIBL 500                      | Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation <sup>1</sup>        | 3         |
| BIBL 505                      | Language Tools <sup>1</sup>                                  | 3         |
| CHHI 500                      | The Redemptive History of the Church                         | 3         |
| DSMN 515                      | Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Formation                 | 3         |
| DSMN 525                      | The Great Commission: Evangelism and Biblical Multiplication | 3         |
| GICE 500                      | Global and Intercultural Engagement                          | 3         |
| HOMI 600                      | Exposition of the Grand Narrative of Scripture               | 3         |
| LEAD 500                      | Developing Leadership Character and Readiness                | 3         |
| LEAD 600                      | Dynamic Influence: Leading Teams for Growth and Impact       | 3         |
| NBST 501                      | The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus          | 3         |
| NBST 502                      | New Testament Letters for the Church                         | 3         |
| OBST 501                      | Torah and Story in the Old Testament                         | 3         |
| OBST 502                      | Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church  | 3         |
| PACO 505                      | Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling                 | 3         |
| SEMI 698                      | Practicum  | 3         |
| THEO 505                      | Theological Foundations                                      | 3         |
| THEO 540                      | Issues in Systematic Theology                                | 3         |
| THEO 600                      | Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church                 | 3         |
| <b>Thesis Project Courses</b> |  |           |
| RTCH 680                      | Research Methods <sup>2</sup>                                | 3         |
| THES 689                      | Thesis Project Proposal and Research <sup>2</sup>            | 3         |
| THES 690                      | Thesis Defense <sup>2</sup>                                  | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>            |  | <b>66</b> |

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| Code   | Title                           | Hours |
|--|---------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Biblical Interpretation Concentration</b> |                                 |       |
| NGRK 520                                     | Beginning Greek I <sup>1</sup>  | 3     |
| NGRK 525                                     | Beginning Greek II <sup>1</sup> | 3     |
| NGRK 620                                     | Greek Syntax                    | 3     |

| Code               | Title                            | Hours     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| NGRK 641           | Greek Exegesis                   | 3         |
| OTCL 520           | Beginning Hebrew I <sup>1</sup>  | 3         |
| OTCL 525           | Beginning Hebrew II <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
| OTCL 640           | Hebrew Syntax and Exegesis       | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b> |                                  | <b>21</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Students with a grade of 'B' or higher in undergraduate courses in biblical languages may apply for advanced placement for NGRK 520, NGRK 525, OTCL 520, and OTCL 525.

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 87 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 10 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Resident Format Course Sequence

| <b>First Year</b>      |   |              |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>First Semester</b>  |   | <b>Hours</b> |
| BIBL 500               | Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation <sup>1</sup>       | 3            |
| BIBL 505               | Language Tools <sup>1</sup>                                 | 3            |
| NGRK 520               | Beginning Greek I <sup>2</sup>                              | 3            |
| THEO 505               | Theological Foundations                                     | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>           |   | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Second Semester</b> |   |              |
| LEAD 500               | Developing Leadership Character and Readiness               | 3            |
| NBST 501               | The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus         | 3            |
| NGRK 525               | Beginning Greek II <sup>2</sup>                             | 3            |
| OBST 501               | Torah and Story in the Old Testament                        | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>           |   | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Second Year</b>     |   |              |
| <b>Third Semester</b>  |   |              |
| LEAD 600               | Dynamic Influence: Leading Teams for Growth and Impact      | 3            |
| NBST 502               | New Testament Letters for the Church                        | 3            |
| NGRK 620               | Greek Syntax  | 3            |
| OBST 502               | Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church | 3            |
| <b>Hours</b>           |   | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Fourth Semester</b> |   |              |
| APOL 505               | Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age           | 3            |
| NGRK 641               | Greek Exegesis  | 3            |

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|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| THEO 540                | Issues in Systematic Theology                                | 3         |
| <b>Hours</b>            |  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Third Year</b>       |  |           |
| <b>Fifth Semester</b>   |  |           |
| DSMN 515                | Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Formation                 | 3         |
| GICE 500                | Global and Intercultural Engagement                          | 3         |
| OTCL 520                | Beginning Hebrew I <sup>2</sup>                              | 3         |
| THEO 600                | Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church                 | 3         |
| <b>Hours</b>            |  | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Sixth Semester</b>   |  |           |
| OTCL 525                | Beginning Hebrew II <sup>2</sup>                             | 3         |
| PACO 505                | Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling                 | 3         |
| RTCH 680                | Research Methods <sup>3</sup>                                | 3         |
| <b>Hours</b>            |  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Fourth Year</b>      |  |           |
| <b>Seventh Semester</b> |  |           |
| CHHI 500                | The Redemptive History of the Church                         | 3         |
| HOMI 600                | Exposition of the Grand Narrative of Scripture               | 3         |
| OTCL 640                | Hebrew Syntax and Exegesis                                   | 3         |
| THES 689                | Thesis Project Proposal and Research <sup>3</sup>            | 3         |
| <b>Hours</b>            |  | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Eighth Semester</b>  |  |           |
| DSMN 525                | The Great Commission: Evangelism and Biblical Multiplication | 3         |
| SEMI 698                | Practicum  | 3         |
| THES 690                | Thesis Defense <sup>3</sup>                                  | 3         |
| <b>Hours</b>            |  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours</b>      |  | <b>87</b> |

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