

DIVINITY (M.DIV.) - LEADERSHIP

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
Program Courses		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone Internship	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
GICE 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 502 or HOMI 602	Teaching in Christian Contexts Preaching to Change Lives	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
NGRK 515	New Testament Bible Study Tools	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
OTCL 515	Old Testament Bible Study Tools	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
THEO 523	Issues in Christian Theology	3
Total Hours		63

¹ SEMI 505 is required to be taken within the first semester for all students.

Code	Title	Hours
Leadership Cognate		
LEAD Elective ¹		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose a 500-600 level LEAD course not already required by the degree.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 72 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 Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
NBST 515	New Testament Orientation I	3
RTCH 500	Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation ¹	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 520	New Testament Orientation II	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
NGRK 505 or NGRK 520	Greek Language Tools or Beginning Greek I	3
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
OTCL 505 or OTCL 520	Hebrew Language Tools or Beginning Hebrew I	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
OBST 515	Old Testament Orientation I	3
GLST 650		3
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
HOMI 500 or HOMI 601	Preparation of the Sermon or Foundations of Expository Teaching and Preaching	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone or Internship	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
LEAD 520 or LEAD 635	The Life of Leaders or Theology of Pastoral Ministry	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
Hours		12
Fifth Semester		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
LEAD 610	Team Leadership and Conflict Resolution	3
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
LEAD 620	Mission, Vision, and Strategic Planning	3

Course	Title	Hours
LEAD 625	Preventing Ministry Failure	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
THEO 650	Public Theology	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		75

¹ RTCH 500 is required to be taken within the first two semesters for all students.