CUTTINGTON UNIVERSITY

**Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) in Biblical Studies**

**SCHEDULE OF COURSES**

**Overview**

Our Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies will enable the doctoral candidate to engage in overall research and study in the realm of Biblical Studies. Students will gain deeper insights into the Old and New Testaments, within the context of overall biblical scholarship. In this program the student will explore the cultural backgrounds of the Bible, the significance of the intertestamental period, as well as hermeneutical frameworks and theological developments from the early church up to the present.

Designed for persons with prior academic training in theology and ministry, this program will enrich the students understanding of Scripture, strengthen their effectiveness in ministry, and equip them with advance knowledge of the history, theology, and practical application of the Biblical teachings. The Doctor of Theology in Biblical Studies degree will give students the tools to utilize biblical theology in various contexts including church ministry, the academy, and society at large.

Here is the suggested schedule of courses for the **ThD in Biblical Studies**.

**Semester I**

* DT 701 Research Methods 1
* DT 722 OT Hermeneutics
* DT 726 Old Testament Theology

**Semester II**

* DT 703 Research Methods 2
* DT 724 NT Hermeneutics
* DT 728 Theology of the Gospels

**Semester III**

* DT 705 Transformational Leadership Within the African Context
* DM 719 African Theologies in Leadership: The Liberian Church
* DT 730 The Intertestamental Period

**Semester IV**

* DT 707 Biblical Models of Leadership
* DT 732 Bible Canonization
* DT 734 Theory & Practice of Biblical Theology

**Semester V**

* DM 733 Conflict Dynamics
* DT 736 Seminar on Biblical Exposition

**Semester VI**

* DT 798 Directed Study (with Assigned Supervisor)

**Semesters VII & VIII**

* DT 799 Dissertation Project Seminar

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Departmental/Program Requirements

**DT 701 Research Methods 1**

*This course prepares the student to conduct and evaluate social science research, utilizing various research methods. Basic issues involving formulation of research questions, research design, data collection and analysis are dealt with.*

**DT 703 Research Methods 2**

*This is an advanced research methods course focusing on qualitative and quantitative research, analyses, notations, and overall integrity in outputting a quality research work.*

**DT 705 Transformational Leadership Within the African Context**

*Exploring the struggles and successes of leadership within the African context, and how to apply best practices for effective leadership within the Church, Academy, and beyond.*

**DT 707 Biblical Models of Leadership**

*This course is a study of some of the major leaders in the bible—their challenges, successes, styles, and systems of leadership. The student will identify ways in which these various models of leadership can be applicable in our modern-day settings.*

**DM 719 African Theologies in Leadership/The Liberian Church**

*Concepts of basic expected norms of traditional African culture, idioms and thought patterns relevant to leadership (especially patriarchal attributes) are incorporated into theological teachings with emphasis on the Liberian Church. This course will provide the impetus for pupils to share African Theologies with the wider global community.*

**DM 733 Conflict Dynamics**

*The conflicts dealt with in this course will mainly be focused on issues dealing with school dynamics. Some issues will be the relationship and boundaries between boards and heads of schools, heads and church relations and heads and students’ relations.* *The course will explore ways of prevention, identification, mitigation, and resolution of conflicts. The goal is to provide tools that help leaders create and maintain healthy organizations, to enhance missional leadership and produce results.*

Core Requirements for a Concentration in BIBLICAL STUDIES

**DT 722 OT Hermeneutics**

*This course is a study of the principles, theory, methodology, and framework for the interpretation of Old Testament Scriptures. Taking into consideration various methods of interpretation, contextualization, and literary styles, this course provides tools for proper understanding and application of Old Testament Scriptures.*

**DT 724 NT Hermeneutics**

*This course is a study of the principles, theory, methodology, and framework for the interpretation of New Testament Scriptures. Taking into consideration various methods of interpretation, contextualization, and literary styles, this course provides tools for proper understanding and application of New Testament Scriptures.*

**DT 726 Old Testament Theology**

*This course is a seminar in the study of the Old Testament. Utilizing selected topics and scriptures, students will engage in a thematic exploration of the Old Testament, its major messages, and relevance in today’s society.*

**DT 728 Theology of the Gospels**

*A study of the gospels with the view of understanding the mind, moods, methods, and main messages of God, as revealed to us in the first four books of the New Testament.*

**DT 730 The Intertestamental Period**

*This course explores the developments of the Intertestamental Period—a time between the events of the protocanonical books and the New Testament. Students will take a close look at the so-called “400 Silent Years”, its historical relevance, and the significance of this period to the overall understanding of biblical theology.*

**DT 732 Bible Canonization**

*A study of the process of canonization of the Bible, the basic principles of canonicity, and how the Bible as we know it today was put together. Special emphases will be on the principles, process, and role of the Church in the determination of Holy Scriptures.*

**DT 734 Theory & Practice of Biblical Theology**

*This course is a study of the doctrines of the Bible within chronological and historical contexts, revealing the person and plans of God as it progressed through human history. Students will explore the practical applications of biblical theology in our world today.*

**DT 736 Seminar on Biblical Exposition**

*A survey of the major marks of biblical exposition, their significance for biblical preaching, effective teaching, and the maintenance of scriptural integrity in the practice of ministry.*

**DT 798 Directed Study (with Assigned Supervisor)**

*This course is part of the culminative work leading to a successful dissertation project. The supervising faculty will give guidance to students as they do preparatory and supportive work toward their final project. The final submission for this course is the student’s Dissertation Proposal, which must be approved before the student can advance to DT 799.*

**DT 799 Dissertation Project Seminar**

*This year long seminar provides students with a structured process to implement their research design, analyze results of the project, and write a dissertation. The dissertation is a culmination of the program that offers a theologically framed research design with key results and observations. The seminar concludes with a presentation and oral defense. Dissertation research can run currently with coursework. The Project Supervisor can make the determination in collaboration with the student.*