

BACHELOR OF ARTS HONORS PROGRAM
Criteria for the 6-credit Thesis

The honors program is considered ideal preparation for those students planning to continue their education at the graduate level. Students who successfully complete the requirements for the honors program will have this accomplishment noted on their transcripts and on their degrees.

Before writing a thesis, a research proposal must be developed by the student and approved by the dean of the Undergraduate School of Bible and Theology. Students must choose a thesis topic that is relevant to their major area of study. Possible areas of study include Bible and Theology, Religious Education, Church Ministries, Missions, or Core Education. Please contact your local enrollment office for additional instructions.

Guidelines:

1. In addition to writing a thesis, students enrolling in an honors program are required to complete the five courses shown below and **maintain a cumulative grade average (CGA) of 85%** for all coursework attempted. If the program is well planned, the student should not need to complete extra credits to fulfill these requirements.

BIB4113 New Testament Greek I
BIB4123 New Testament Greek II
4803 Directed Reading (3 credits) *or* BIB4034 Hebrew I
4803 Directed Reading (3 credits) *or* BIB4044 Hebrew II
4956 Thesis (6 credits)

An alpha code prefix designating the area of study will precede the *Directed Reading* course number. For example, the course number for a Directed Reading in the area of Bible would be *BIB4803*. One or both required readings may be replaced with the study of *Hebrew I* and/or *Hebrew II*. Since these are four-credit courses any extra credit earned may be subtracted from the elective requirements of the Bible or General Electives divisions.

2. Students must be within six credits of completing all coursework required by the degree program before submitting their thesis proposal. Once the thesis proposal is approved students will have 12 months to submit the final copy of the thesis.
3. Students must submit a proposal to the dean of the Undergraduate School of Bible & Theology, or his designate, for approval.
4. The proposal must include the following components:
 - a. Problem statement. The introduction should clearly state the significance of the study to the field of existing literature, and the problem, sub-problems, and hypotheses to be researched.
 - b. Literature Review. Provide proof that sufficient research materials such as library resources and other sources in the subject area will be available.
 - c. Methodology. Outline the methodology to be used in the development of the thesis.
5. The length of the final thesis should be from 30 to 40 pages, or 7,500 to 10,000 words
6. The writing of the thesis should be done according to the criteria outlined in *The Global University Form & Style Guide*.
7. Upon completion of the thesis, copies should be sent to the mentor and to the dean of the Undergraduate School of Bible & Theology.