

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES & CHRISTIAN THOUGHT CHECKLIST (30 s.h.) 2026-27 Academic Calendar

Program Requirements (9 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	RELS 611	3	Advanced Old Testament Exegesis		RELS 661	3	History of Christian Doctrine
	RELS 621	3	Advanced New Testament Exegesis				

Tracks

<input type="checkbox"/> Old Testament (OT)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Testament (NT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Thought (CT)
<input type="checkbox"/> Biblical Backgrounds (BB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biblical & Related Languages (BRL)	See full course list on page 2.

Thesis Track (21 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	RELS _____	3	Choose two language courses in track *		RELS 690	1	Research Design
	RELS _____	3			RELS 691	4	Thesis I
	RELS _____	3	Choose any two 600-level courses in track.		RELS 692	4	Thesis II
	RELS _____	3			*Unless already acquired prior to admission, in which case take two other courses in stream.		

Major Paper Track* (21 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	RELS _____	3	Choose any four courses in track (two language courses strongly recommended).		RELS _____	3	Choose an elective.
	RELS _____	3			RELS 690	1	Research Design
	RELS _____	3			RELS 694	5	Major Paper
	RELS _____	3			*All courses must be 600-level except for languages.		

Course Work Track* (21 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	RELS _____	3	Choose any five courses in track (two language courses are recommended).		RELS _____	3	Choose two electives.
	RELS _____	3			RELS _____	3	
	RELS _____	3			*At least four courses (12 s.h.) must be 600-level.		
	RELS _____	3					
	RELS _____	3					

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Full Course List

Course	Course Name	Track	Course	Course Name	Track
RELS 500	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	OT, NT, CT	RELS 612	Advanced Old Testament Seminar	OT, NT, CT, BB
RELS 577	New Testament Canon: Development and Theology	NT, CT	RELS 621	Advanced New Testament Exegesis	OT, NT, CT, BB
RELS 611	Advanced Old Testament Exegesis	OT, NT, CT, BB	RELS 622	Advanced New Testament Seminar	OT, NT, CT, BB
RELS 520	Dead Sea Scrolls	BB	RELS 631	The Deuteronomistic History	OT
RELS 521	Biblical and Ecclesiastical Latin	CT	RELS 632	Historical Jesus	NT
RELS 522	Biblical and Ecclesiastical Latin	CT	RELS 633	Themes of the Pentateuch	OT
RELS 523	Apocalyptic Literature	NT	RELS 634	Mark	NT
RELS 525	Pauline Theology	NT	RELS 640	Advanced Greek Readings	BRL
RELS 528	Elementary New Testament Greek	BRL, NT, BB.	RELS 641	Isaiah	OT
RELS 529	Elementary New Testament Greek	BRL, NT, BB.	RELS 642	Romans	NT
RELS 531	Readings in the Greek New Testament	BRL, NT, CT, BB	RELS 643	Psalms	OT
RELS 532	Readings in the Greek New Testament	BRL, NT, CT, BB	RELS 644	John	NT
RELS 537	Readings in the Hebrew Bible	BRL, OT, BB	RELS 645	Wisdom Literature	OT
RELS 538	Readings in the Hebrew Bible	BRL, OT, BB	RELS 647	The Dead Sea Scrolls	BB
RELS 540	Issues in Biblical Theology	OT, NT	RELS 648	Advanced Greek Studies	BRL
RELS 541	The Pentateuch	OT	RELS 649	Rabbinic Literature	BRL, BB
RELS 542	Psalms and Wisdom Literature	OT	RELS 650	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology	BB
RELS 545	Elementary Hebrew	BRL, OT, BB	RELS 652	Syriac	BRL
RELS 546	Hebrew Prophets	OT	RELS 655	Introduction to Aramaic	BRL
RELS 548	Ancient Near East and Old Testament	OT, BB	RELS 656	Readings in Aramaic	BRL
RELS 549	Old Testament Seminar	OT	RELS 658	Mishnaic and Qumranic Hebrew	BRL
RELS 551	Life and Teachings of Jesus	NT	RELS 660	Bib. Interp. in the 16th Century	CT
RELS 552	Life and Letters of Paul	NT	RELS 661	History of Christian Doctrine	CT
RELS 553	The Synoptic Gospels and Acts	NT	RELS 662	Early & Medieval Christian Thought	CT
RELS 554	The Johannine Writings	NT	RELS 663	Reformation Thought	CT
RELS 556	New Testament Seminar	NT	RELS 664	Modern Christian Thought	CT
RELS 561	History of Christianity I	CT	RELS 670	Pre-Nicene Christianity	NT, CT
RELS 562	History of Christianity II	CT	RELS 671	Development of Christian Doctrine	OT, NT, CT
RELS 565	Influential Thinkers in the Christian Tradition	CT	RELS 675	Method in Theology	NT, CT
RELS 566	The Church Fathers	CT	RELS 677	Theologies of Liberation	CT
RELS 567	The Theology of Karl Barth	CT	RELS 680	Additional Topics	OT, NT, CT, BB, BRL
RELS 575	Christianity and Culture	CT	RELS 681	Special Topics in Christian Thought	CT
RELS 576	Christian Worldviews in Historical and Cultural Context	CT			

NOTES:

- Most language courses offered are 500-level, but these can still fulfill the language requirements for the Thesis and Major Paper tracks.
- A total of 30 s.h. are required to complete this degree. Students must have a minimum overall (cumulative) GPA of 3.0, and courses for which the final grade falls below a B- are not counted towards graduation.
- [Apply for Graduation](#) by January 31 (for spring graduation), June 30 (for summer graduation) or August 31 (for fall graduation) of the year you plan to graduate in. For more information on the graduation process, please visit twu.ca/graduation.

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