

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS & TIME LIMITS
GRADUATE PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

	No later than
Pass 1 st language exam	September of 1 st year
Complete 2 semesters Core Seminar	May of 1 st year
Pass a qualifying exam in each of the four areas of religious studies	May of 1 st year

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

	No later than
Complete qualifying requirements (see above)	May of 1 st year
Pass 2 nd language exam	September of 2 nd year (Biblical Studies: May of 1 st year)
Secure Steering Committee's approval of Two-Part Proposal	October of 2 nd year

M.A. DEGREE ONLY

	No later than
Complete thesis	2 calendar years after admission to candidacy
Pass oral examination covering thesis and entire field of study	2 calendar years after admission to candidacy

FIELD REQUIREMENTS

	No later than
Complete 3 semesters field-level study	December of 3 rd year
Pass four written field exams	January of 3 rd year
Biblical Studies only: Pass 3 rd & 4 th language exams	September of 4 th year
Secure Steering Committee's approval of dissertation proposal	May of 3 rd year (Biblical Studies: September of 4 th year)
Practice teach one-semester course	May of 5 th year
Complete dissertation	5 calendar years after admission to candidacy
Pass oral examination covering dissertation and entire field of study	5 calendar years after admission to candidacy