

CALVARY UNIVERSITY  
2020-2021 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY  
PROGRAM REVIEW ASSESSMENT

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***Degree Program: Ph.D. in Bible and Theology***

***Department: Bible and Theology***

### **Calvary University Mission**

Calvary University is an independent, nondenominational institution, providing undergraduate and graduate education with prepares Christians to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview. This is accomplished by providing educational curricula and a climate that fosters the development of intellectual and spiritual maturity, leadership potential, servanthood and a sense of mission.

### **The Mission of the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology Program**

The mission of the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program is to produce outstanding exegetes of the Bible in its original languages and theologians who are able to contribute to and articulate scholarship in Biblical worldview, and who can serve both the academy and the church as researchers in the field of Biblical and theological studies, promulgating their findings through publication, education and leadership.

### **Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**

PLO 1: Analyze the Biblical text in its original languages

PLO 2: Synthesize the content and theology of each of the books of the Bible.

PLO 3: Critically evaluate scholarly opinion

PLO 4: Engage and assess diverse theological perspectives in relation to the Biblical worldview

PLO 5: Advance Biblical and theological research and education

## **Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)**

SLO 1: Students in Cohorts 2 and 3 will learn to read the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament (PLO 1)

SLO 2: Students in Cohort 1 will write a research paper that could be submitted to a theological journal for publishing (PLO 5)

SLO 3: Students in Cohorts 1 and 2 will write their dissertation proposals in the Principles of Dissertation Research class (PLO 2, 3, 4, 5)

## **Measures and Achievement Targets**

M1 (SLO 1): Students in Cohorts 2 and 3 will finish and pass their prerequisite Hebrew and Greek intensive classes

Achievement Target: 100% of students in Cohorts 2 and 3 will finish and pass their prerequisite Hebrew and Greek intensive classes

Results: 100% of Ph.D. students in Cohort 2 (6 students) completed and passed BL706 Hebrew Intensive III in Fall 2020 Cycle 2 and as a result completed all six biblical language classes (BL701, BL702, BL703, BL704, BL705, and BL706) in the prerequisite year of the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program. 100% of Ph.D. students in Cohort 3 (5 students) completed and passed the three Greek intensive classes (BL701, BL702, BL703) and one of the Hebrew intensive classes (BL704) in Fall 2020 Cycles 2, 3 and in Spring 2021 Cycles 4, 5.

M2 (SLO2): Students in Cohorts 1 and 2 will write a research paper that could be submitted to a theological journal for publishing

Achievement Target: 100% of Ph.D. students in Cohorts 1 and 2 will write a research paper that could be submitted to a theological journal for publishing

Results: 100% of students in Cohorts 1 and 2 wrote a research paper (following Turabian format) that could be submitted for publishing in the following classes: BT701 Advanced Hermeneutics and Theological Method (Cohort 1 – Spring 2020 Cycle 6; ), BT703 Exegesis in the Hebrew OT (Cohort 1 – Fall 2020 Cycle 3; Cohort 2 – Spring 2021 Cycle 5), and BT704 Exegesis in the Greek NT (Cohort 1 – Spring 2021 Cycle 4; Cohort 2 – Spring 2021 Cycle 6).

M3 (SLO 3): Students in Cohorts 1 and 2 will write their dissertation proposals in the Principles of Dissertation Research class

Achievement Target: 100% of students in Cohorts 1 and 2 will write their dissertation proposals in the BT702 Principles of Dissertation Research class

Results: 100% of students in Cohort 1 (three students) wrote their dissertation proposal for BT702 Principles of Dissertation Research class (Fall 2020 Cycle 2). 100% of Ph.D. students in Cohort 2 (six students) wrote their dissertation proposals for BT702 Principles of Dissertation Research class (Spring 2021 Cycle 4).

## Questions

### **1. How does the program's mission support the University's objectives and mission?**

The mission of Calvary University is to prepare students to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview. The mission of the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program is to produce outstanding exegetes of the Bible in its original languages and theologians who are able to contribute to and articulate scholarship in Biblical worldview, and who can serve both the academy and the church as researchers in the field of Biblical and theological studies, promulgating their findings through publication, education and leadership.

The first objective of Calvary University is that students will possess a foundational understanding of the Holy Scripture and Calvary's doctrinal statement. This objective is accomplished in the Ph.D. program as students read and study all 66 books of the Bible in five Bible classes in the second year. All students study the doctrines of the faith in the three systematic theology classes in the third year of the program.

The second objective of Calvary University is that students understand and are prepared to Biblically confront, emerging philosophies. Ph.D. students engage contemporary scholarship in their classes and learn how to think critically and analyze emerging philosophies and their views by the biblical worldview.

The third objective is that students understand the world in which they live and are able to effectively relate to others in it. Ph.D. students interact online in discussions. They are involved in doing ministry in their local churches, in the academy and on the mission field.

The fourth objective of Calvary University is that students possess abilities and skills of communication so as to be able to clearly share the truth of God. Students are expected to write theological research papers and exegetical papers in their Bible and Theology classes. Ph.D. students are challenged in the Exegesis to Exposition class to creatively communicate the authorial meaning of the Bible text to their students in the classroom and to people in their churches.

The fifth objective of Calvary University is that students cultivate personal and professional growth throughout life. The Ph.D. students interact with one another and share about their lives and ministries online in Microsoft Teams. They also are challenged to grow by participating in professional conferences such as the national Evangelical Theological Society, the Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics, and the Pre-Trib Rapture Study Group Conference.

The sixth objective of Calvary University is that students possess the ability to think critically and analytically. Students are challenged to do analysis and synthesis in all of their Bible and Theology classes. Students are challenged to validate their interpretations of the word of God in the original languages. Students do book reviews of recently published books and journal articles for their classes. Students are encouraged to write research papers that reflect their ability to think critically and analytically.

The seventh objective of Calvary University is to give students an education foundation for graduate/seminary study. The Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program is the highest level of biblical and theological education provided by Calvary University.

**2. What distinguishes the program from other similar programs of other ABHE institutions? When coordinating with the Marketing Office, what marketing recommendations would you suggest for this program?**

Calvary University offers a distinctive two discipline Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program. The program is built on the Master of Arts in Bible and Theology program (36 credit hours) at Calvary University.

The Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program is designed as a hybrid of the American model (course based with culminating research) and the European model (research based) for Ph.D. studies. In the first year students study advanced hermeneutics and exegesis along with research methods. Students are required to purchase and use electronic Bible study software (either Logos or Accordance). In the Principles of Dissertation Research class students write their dissertation proposals. Then as they take classes in the rest of the program they can do research and write papers that relate to topics and Biblical texts that relate to their dissertation topics. In the second year students synthesize the 66 books of the Bible and study their historical contexts, arguments and interpretive issues. In the third year students analyze the doctrines of the faith and debate theological issues (Arminianism vs. Calvinism; Free Grace vs. Lordship Salvation; Amillennialism vs. Premillennialism; Traditional vs. Progressive Dispensationalism). In the fourth year students will write, present and defend their dissertations.

Some theological distinctives of Calvary University are: Literal Grammatical Historical Interpretation of the Bible. Traditional Dispensationalism. Young Earth Creationism. Free Grace Theology. Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. Premillennial Second Coming of Christ.

Ph.D. students do not need to leave their current ministries to come to Calvary University in Kansas City in order to become a full time Ph.D. student. Instead the students interact with their professors and other students in class via the use of Microsoft Teams. Professors can share their Powerpoint presentations with the class as well as discuss course content with online students. The lectures are video recorded and shared in Canvas with online students who are unable to attend the class via Microsoft Teams.

**3. What steps have been taken in the past three years to enhance and grow the program?**

Dr. Gromacki (Department Chair of Bible and Theology) has promoted Calvary University in his Facebook groups with over 50,000 members (Biblical Creationism; Bible Archaeology; Bible Prophecy; Bible Preachers and Teachers).

Dr. Gromacki has posted his academic research papers and journal articles in academia.edu.

The Bible and Theology department of Calvary University hosted The Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics in September of 2019. Several Bible/Theology faculty members gave presentations on the topic of Dispensationalism, Social Justice and Race.

Dr. Gary Gromacki has presented the following papers at these academic conferences:

“The Messiah in the Torah” – presented at the Pre-Trib Study Group Conference in Dallas, Texas on December 12, 2019.

“Jesus the Logos: Creator of the Young Earth” – presented at the national Evangelical Theological Society in San Diego, CA on November 21, 2019

“A Review of the Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel” – presented at the Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics at Calvary University in Kansas City, MO on September 18, 2019.

**4. What trends have you noticed in the program student enrollment including within program concentrations over the past three years (overall enrollment as well as enrollment composition such as male/female, in-class/online)?**

Calvary University lost four Ph.D. students as a result of Covid, change in job, loss of Ph.D. professors at CU and increase in tuition in 2020-2021

15 Ph.D. students in three cohorts as of May 2021

3 Ph.D. students who are currently not taking Ph.D. classes as of May 20, 2021

5 new applicants accepted into the Ph.D. program as of May 20, 2021

**5. Perform Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threat (SWOT) analysis.**

	HELPFUL To achieving the objective	HARMFUL To achieving the objective
INTERNAL Attributes of the organization	Strengths 1.Students can take PhD classes at night after they worked a day job 2.Detailed exposition of all 66 books of the Bible	Weaknesses 1. Recent faculty turnover

	<p>3.Detailed survey of all major doctrines of the faith</p> <p>4.Doctrinal distinctives: Biblical Inerrancy. Traditional Dispensationalism. Young Earth Creationism.</p> <p>5. Use of Microsoft Teams and video recorded lectures to interact with online students on course content</p>	
<p><b>EXTERNAL</b> Attributes of the environment</p>	<p>Opportunities</p> <p>1.Calvary University needs to reach out to pastors and missionaries and encourage them to continue their formal education by pursuing the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology degree at Calvary University.</p> <p>2. Teach PhD students how to use Logos and/or Accordance (electronic Bible study software) to do Bible research</p> <p>3. Hire new Ph.D. professors (full time and adjunct)</p>	<p>Threats</p> <p>1. COVID virus</p> <p>2. Potential loss of students due to increase in costs</p>

