



"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words."
Romans 8:26

ACADEMIC ADVISING NEWSLETTER FALL 2024

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES!

PURPOSE

Whether you're pursuing an Associate Degree, a Bachelor's Degree at Luther Rice, or planning to transfer to another school, the Associate of Arts in General Studies offers a robust online education from a biblical worldview.

For high school graduates and their parents, this program addresses a common concern: finding an education that aligns with Christian values, especially in general studies. You'll receive a biblically-based education in subjects like Physical Science, Critical Thinking, Philosophy, World Literature, US History, American Government, Economics, and more.

The program is designed to give students a broad foundation across various disciplines, including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. It allows you to explore your interests, build a strong academic base, and prepare you to be lifelong learners and ambassadors for Jesus Christ. It's ideal for those undecided on a specific major, seeking an Associate Degree in General Studies, or planning to transfer for a bachelor's degree in a major not offered at Luther Rice.

Luther Rice College and Seminary is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). By choosing Luther Rice, you are assured of a quality education rooted in rigorous academic standards and a steadfast commitment to God's Word.

QUICK FACTS

- Accredited with SACSCOC, TRACS, and ABHE

- 60 credit hour undergraduate program

- 97% of graduates reported that a Luther Rice education improved the quality of their ministry service

- Transfer in up to 45 credit hours

- Available 100% online or through a combination of online and on-campus classes

- Tuition \$410 per credit hour online courses

For more information, please click the link below:

<https://www.lutherrice.edu/degree-programs/associate-of-arts-in-general-studies>

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AVAILABLE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Take advantage of our 100% online degree programs (no residency required) or a combination of both online and on-campus classes offered in Metro Atlanta.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Certificates:

Apologetics
Biblical Counseling
Biblical Studies
Pastoral Ministry
Theology

Graduate Certificates:

Apologetics
Biblical Counseling
Biblical Studies
Organizational Leadership
Pastoral Ministry
Theology
Biblical Greek
Biblical Hebrew
Church Revitalization (*Coming in Spring 2025!*)

Not-For-Credit:

Apologetics
Biblical Studies
Theology

Undergraduate Programs

Associate of Arts in General Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Minor in Biblical Counseling
Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Minor in Christian Worldview
Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Minor in Ministry

Undergraduate Ministry in the Market Place

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in Biblical Counseling

Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Apologetics
Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling
Master of Arts in Christian Studies
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Arts in Ministry

Master of Divinity

Master of Divinity (81-hour programs)
Master of Divinity (90-hour programs)

Doctoral Programs

MA to DMIN Bridge
Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Christian Scripture
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Organizational Leadership

Pastor Bootcamp

Undergraduate Pastor Bootcamp
Graduate Pastor Bootcamp

Please visit *Luther Rice College & Seminary* link to view all degree programs at:
<https://www.lutherrice.edu/degree-programs/pastor-bootcamp.cms>



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

PURPOSE

The Luther Rice Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Scripture (Ph.D.) is one of the most efficient (in terms of credit hours) and affordable Ph.D. in Christian Scripture programs of its kind in the nation. Most importantly, you can trust Luther Rice and our commitment to the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God.

The program is designed to train students in the rigor and skills necessary to become competent scholars in the areas of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Biblical Theology. The program is structured to equip an individual with the highest levels of scholarship and performance in a broad range of contexts including but not limited to pastoral ministry, teaching, research, and writing.

- The program may be completed 100% online with both asynchronous and synchronous elements or in combination with on-campus classes.

This interdisciplinary program provides students with opportunities to engage in scholarship, to conduct research, and to develop professional competencies related to:

- Scholarly enhancement of pastoral ministries
- Ability to perform high level research and writing
- Ability to engage the Christian Scripture and its significance for culture
- Development of research and critical thinking skills necessary in any setting

Students will acquire the skills necessary to be better readers and teachers of the Christian Scripture. These skills include advanced exegetical skills related to the Hebrew and Greek canons of both the Old and New Testaments and an emphasis on methodologies related to biblical interpretation and biblical theology. These elements are meant to introduce the individual to the variety of approaches of moving from exegesis to theology.

QUICK FACTS

- Accredited with SACSCOC, TRACS, and ABHE
- 58-hour doctoral degree program
- Tuition is \$450 per credit hour
- The degree can be completed 100% online or in combination with on-campus classes
- Currently 1 core course requires a one-week-long module (attend online via Zoom or on-campus)
- 97% of graduates reported that a Luther Rice education improved the quality of their ministry experience

For more information, please click the link below:

<https://www.lutherrice.edu/degree-programs/phd%20in%20christian%20scriptures.cms>

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM AAO

I am blessed with an incredible earthly father. He is a godly husband and parent, and by the grace of God, he has pastored faithfully at the same church for nearly two decades. In addition, his work experience prior to ministry- landscaping, construction, and auto mechanics, among other things- has made him somewhat of a jack of all trades. He is an individual with whom it is difficult to compare myself, for I do not possess a shred of the wisdom and the knowledge that he has compiled over the course of his life.

My dad often speaks of a “book” that he is writing for my siblings and me. This book is quite mysterious; I have never seen it physically, nor have I witnessed the writing process. While he is quite cryptic about the specifics of his work, he has been quite clear about its purpose. He writes his book in anticipation of a time in which he will no longer be present with us on this earth. Yes, it is eerie to think of a day in which I will have to say goodbye to my dad and face this world without his guiding presence, but I trust in God’s faithfulness to his promise of salvation for all who believe. My father believes in Christ, and like all believers, he longs for the day when his faith will be sight. Because death is so firm a reality, he has endeavored to compile all of his knowledge and wisdom into a book that we can consult for instruction in that scary and uncertain time. Some of this knowledge is practical, such as his tips on carpentry, gardening, etc. Much of it, I imagine, will be counsel regarding matters of faith, ministry, marriage, and family. I am so grateful to have such solid, biblical counsel preserved for my instruction; I know that it will encourage me to move forward in life.

In Romans 15:4, the apostle Paul writes, “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Paul makes an important point about the Old Testament here that, I hope, will encourage you not only in your studies here at Luther Rice but also in your ministry.

He indicates that the Scriptures were not merely relevant to their original audience. The context of that original audience is a vital aspect of biblical hermeneutics in understanding authorial intent for the “there and then.” However, when reading the Scriptures, Paul makes clear that they also serve a purpose for the “here and now” in the life of the believer. Namely, they serve to instruct us. When we read and study God’s Word, we are consulting God’s revelation concerning himself. Scripture witnesses to God’s character and his redemptive work. As Paul writes to Timothy in 2 Tim. 3:15-17, the Scriptures are able to “give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus,” and they are sufficient to make the man of God “adequate, equipped for every good work.” The Word of God is to be our authoritative instruction in matters pertaining to faith and godliness, and Luther Rice holds firm to this conviction.

What was the purpose of this instruction? “So that through perseverance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” As we persevere in the faith by God’s grace, the Word both encourages us to endure and fuels our hope in the eternal glory that awaits us. If you are committed to teaching the Bible, how important, then, is it to do so in a manner that is faithful? How necessary a task is it to be trained to rightly handle biblical texts?

Your choice to pursue a deeper knowledge of the Bible was a good one!

Do not give up on your studies. Press onward in seeking the Lord in the Scriptures. As a herald of the truth, God can use you to proclaim the hope and the assurance that his people need!

I am grateful to have my dad’s knowledge preserved for me, but I am far more grateful that my omniscient Heavenly Father, who is altogether wise, has preserved his Word for me to instruct me and to encourage me in the hope of Jesus Christ.



COMPLETE MULTIPLE HEBREW CLASSES IN ONE SEMESTER!

Luther Rice is excited to announce a brand-new opportunity for students looking to study Old Testament Hebrew!

The benefits of studying biblical languages are undeniable. Proficiency in ancient Hebrew and Greek, the languages through which God chose to reveal the sacred texts of Scripture, is crucial to the exegetical task. In order to faithfully interpret and teach God's Word, one must first understand what he intends to communicate. Knowledge in original languages, therefore, is a profitable resource for any student of the Bible.

In addition to its practical application, credits in Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek are requirements for doctoral programs in biblical studies, such as our very own PhD in Christian Scriptures. Our PhD program requires a minimum of 9 credit hours in each language, and each class is a pre-requisite for the class that follows it. If your master's program did not include language credits, this could delay your ability to begin your doctoral studies.

For this reason, HE 5201 (Old Testament Hebrew Grammar I) and HE 5202 (Old Testament Hebrew Grammar II) have been converted into mini-term courses that will take place during the first and second halves of the Fall 2024 semester, respectively. In just one semester, you can complete both Hebrew Grammar courses!

Do you desire to understand the Old Testament on a deeper level? Have you been wanting to pursue a PhD program, but a lack of biblical language credits has been holding you back?

There is no better time to start studying biblical Hebrew!

For more information, feel free to contact the Academic Advising Office by phone at 70-484-1204 ext. 5517 or by email at AAO@lutherrice.edu!

2025 GRADUATION

Graduation Application Available Online: **August 2, 2024**

Graduation Application Deadline: **November 1, 2024**

Late Graduation Application Deadline: **February 3, 2025**

Graduation Banquet: **May 15, 2025**

Commencement Exercises: **May 16, 2025**



MASTER OF ARTS TO DOCTOR OF MINISTRY BRIDGE

Have a Master of Arts Degree and want to pursue a Doctor of Ministry? The new Luther Rice Master of Arts bridge gives you the opportunity. A total of 54 credit hours of approved master's level work will make you eligible for acceptance into the Doctor of Ministry program. Just complete the difference of 54 credit hours and the number of hours you completed in your Master of Arts degree*

For example, an applicant with a 36-hour Master of Arts degree in Bible/Theology/Ministry related fields will need to complete an additional 18 credit hours of master's level preparatory coursework at Luther Rice prior to consideration for the Doctor of Ministry.

**Master's Degrees in Bible/Theology/Ministry related fields are eligible for the bridge to 54 hours. Students with a Master's Degree in a non-Bible/Theology/Ministry related field can still shorten their path to the Doctor of Ministry by completing a 36-hour Master of Arts in Ministry at Luther Rice. To discuss your particular situation, please contact Admissions@LutherRice.edu or 770-484-1204 x 5758.*

FALL CALENDAR

August	19-23	Doctor of Ministry Module
	26-30	Doctor of Ministry Module
September	2	Fall Semester Online Full-Term Classes Begin Fall Semester Online Mini-Term I Classes Begin Late Registration for Full Term Classes (Late Fees Apply 9/2-9/8) Labor Day Holiday -- Offices Closed
	3-6	Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership Modules I & II
	3	Fall Semester On-campus Classes Begin
	8	Last Day to Drop Full Term Classes and Mini-Term I Classes with "WD"
	9-13	Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Scripture Module
	23	Recommended Date by Which to Apply for Financial Aid for Fall Mini-Term II Classes
	29	Last Day to Drop Mini-Term I Classes with "WP"
October	21	Fall Semester Online Mini-Term II Classes Begin
	27	Last Day to Drop Mini-Term II Classes with "WD" Last Day to Drop Mini-Term I Classes with "WP"
November	1	Graduation Application Deadline for May 2025
	17	Last Day to Drop Fall Classes with "WP"
	27-29	Thanksgiving Holidays - Offices Closed
December	12	Fall Semester On-campus Classes End
	15	Fall Semester Online Full-term and Mini-Term Classes End
	23-27	Christmas Holidays --- Offices Closed

