

Doctoral Studies – Overview

1 Available Doctoral Pathways

We currently offer two pathways:

1. 1 Major, 2 Minors, Practical Project, and 50,000-Word Dissertation.
2. 100,000-Word Dissertation.

The Chief Academic Officer will decide on an individual basis, which pathway is most suited to any given doctoral applicant.

2 Available Doctoral Modules

Module Name	Code
Major – 8 credits	
New Testament Theology	BBS7D2108
African Theology and Contextualization	BTH7D4108
Practical Theology	PTH7D5908
History of Doctrine & Church History	HIS7D6108
Missiology	MIS7D0108
Workload: core reading and 10,000-word assignment	
Minor – 6 credits	
New Testament Theology	BBS7D2106
African Theology and Contextualization	BTH7D4106
Practical Theology	PTH7D5906
History of Doctrine	HIS7D6106
Hermeneutics	BTH7D7106
Ethics	BTH7D8106
Missiology	MIS7D0106
Cross-Cultural Church Planting	MIS7D3906
Workload: core reading and 7,500-word assignment	
Core	
Practical Project (4 credits, write a report)	APT7D0104
50,000-word Dissertation (24 credits)	xxx7D9824

The Chief Academic Officer and Registrar will decide in conjunction with the allocated mentor and applicant which module combination will benefit the student most. Core Reading will depend on prior learning and proven, recognized and graded modules and is therefore fully customized to achieve maximum learning outcomes.

Students will be able to hone their research skills whilst completing the major and minor modules.

For the practical project, students have to submit a report.

Upon completion of the major and minor modules or at the start of the doctoral studies (depending on the selected pathway), students have to submit a Research Proposal Form for an original dissertation topic and its methodology.

A dissertation committee of three scholars will be assigned to the student. The student can but does not have to suggest a member, who must be suitably qualified and a proven scholar in the field of research. The final decision on accepting this person will lie with NCIU's Board of Directors.

After submitting the dissertation, the student will have to attend a physical or virtual viva, which will be focused on the research.