

WINNING LIFE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (WINNING LIFE PRAYER MINISTRY)

Doctoral Dissertation

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Applicability

This policy applies to all candidates pursuing all doctoral programs including Doctor of Ministry (D.MIN), Doctor of Theology (TH.D), Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies (PH. D), and Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Leadership (PH.D).

Policy

A dissertation is the highest degree of academic scholarly work: It usually seeks to test a hypothesis after academic research with the intension to add to the scholarly literature in the area of study. Its purpose is to demonstrate the candidate's competence in research methodology in developing and/or testing of a theory. As such, it requires the candidate to dig into the original source and work within a specific theory, developed by either the candidate or an existing one.

The sole purpose of a dissertation is for the academic world. It is not designated for public consumption. It usually avoids mundane interest and terminology. It represents the best of the candidate's intellectual dexterity, academic discipline, and scholarly impetus in the final stage of his or her graduate study. The candidate must rewrite his dissertation if he desires to publish it for public readership. Writing a book for public readership in lieu of a dissertation is forbidden in scholarly work.

Furthermore, candidates pursuing master's programs shall be required to write a minimum of a- 60-page thesis in an interest area. Faculty shall supervise the candidate in the thesis development until it is approved by the Seminary.