

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE OR THEOLOGY

Reformed Theological Seminary Atlanta Campus

The Certificate curriculum consists of thirty semester hours. All required courses, along with the amount of free electives needed to attain thirty credit hours, must be completed. Courses in the core curriculum are offered at least once every two years and need not be taken in the order listed.

Core Curriculum (Bible)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
4ST502	Introduction to Pastoral & Theological Studies	3
4ST510	Systematic Theology 1: Scripture, Theology	3
4ST514	Systematic Theology 2: Anthropology, Christology	2
4ST520	Systematic Theology 3: Soteriology, Eschatology	3
4ST524	Systematic Theology 4: Ecclesiology, Sacraments	2
4NT508	Gospels	3
4NT520	Pauline Epistles	3
4OT508	Genesis to Joshua	3
4OT516	Isaiah to Malachi	3
	Total Core Curriculum Course Hours	25
	Free Electives	5
	Total Hours	30

Core Curriculum (Theology)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
4ST502	Introduction to Pastoral & Theological Studies	3
4ST504	History of Philosophy & Christian Thought	3
4ST510	Systematic Theology 1: Scripture, Theology	3
4ST514	Systematic Theology 2: Anthropology, Christology	2
4ST520	Systematic Theology 3: Soteriology, Eschatology	3
4ST524	Systematic Theology 4: Ecclesiology, Sacraments	2
4ST528	Pastoral & Social Ethics	3
4ST530	Apologetics	2
	Total Core Curriculum Course Hours	21
	Free Electives	9
	Total Hours	30

For Whom is the Certificate Designed?

The flexibility of RTS' certificate programs enables many purposes to be served.

- ❖ Ongoing continuing education typically is required of teachers and other professionals. RTS' certificate programs provide stimulating master's-level courses that equip Christian teachers to be clearer thinkers and communicators, while studying in a supportive environment.
- ❖ Some students just want to take seminary classes, but do not necessarily want to enter a degree program. Our Certificate programs permit students to explore graduate theological studies, and after completing the equivalent of approximately one year of course work, have "something to show" for their efforts.
- ❖ Organizations – such as some missionary agencies – want their workers to receive seminary-level Bible and theological training, even though a master's degree is not always required. A Certificate in Bible or Theology from RTS/Atlanta can be an ideal way for students, including missionaries on furlough, to meet mission agency requirements, without committing time to fulfill all requirements for a master's degree.

Which Courses May I Take?

- ❖ Certificate students have the privilege of taking the same courses as our degree-seeking students.

An RTS/Atlanta Certificate in Bible or in Theology consists of:

- ❖ 30 semester hours of courses (both required and electives);
- ❖ taken for credit;
- ❖ normally all taken in residence from the campus from which the student plans to receive the certificate.

Will RTS Maintain an Official Record of My Studies?

Grades earned for Certificate courses shall be entered on a student's RTS transcript.

What if I Decide to Pursue a Degree instead of a Certificate?

A helpful feature of your certificate courses is that those credits that you earn in fulfillment of your certificate may later be applied toward a degree. If you eventually decide that you would like to have your certificate courses applied toward a degree, you will need to make application to, and be admitted into, a degree program. Our Admissions Office will be glad to discuss this with you!

How Does RTS/Atlanta Acknowledge the Accomplishments of Students Who Fulfill the Requirements for a Certificate?

Along with our students who have earned master's degrees, Certificate graduates are invited to participate in Commencement and their names are included in the program.

I Would Like to Start Working on an RTS/Atlanta Certificate. How Shall I Get Started?

RTS/Atlanta's Admissions Office can supply you with all the information that you need. Since Certificate courses earn graduate credit and become part of your student record, the admission process is similar to that of entering a degree program. If you have completed your undergraduate degree and believe that our Lord might be leading you to consider a Certificate in Bible or in Theology at RTS/Atlanta, we want to help you take that first step.