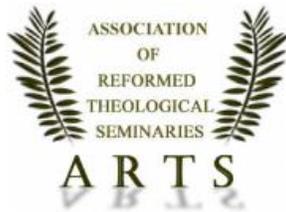




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Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
for the
Doctor of Ministry Degree

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ADMISSIONS

This catalog describes the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min) Degree as delineated and defined through the academic program of Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano (SRL Seminary). The D.Min degree awarded through SRL is for ecclesiastical, not secular, purposes. This catalogue does not, in any way, constitute a contract between the SRL Seminary and its students on either a collective or individual basis. This catalog represents the attempt to set forth the best academic, financial, and program information at the time of its publication. Any modifications affecting courses, curriculum, tuition, fees, and any other charges, are possible after publication of this catalog. SRL does not assume a contractual obligation with students for and by the contents of this catalog.

ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

SRL Seminary was established to prepare faithful men for pastoral ministry and to train individuals for effective Gospel ministry through teaching (2 Timothy 2:2). History and the distinctives of SRL are available on the SRL website. (www.srlseminary.org) Applicants for admission will be considered based on the following qualifications and criteria:

The Applicant shall ...

1. Possess a Master's degree earned from a reputable school representing at least 60 credit hours of academic study, or its equivalent. An official transcript for this degree must be submitted with the Application.
2. Complete all the required information on the Application Form for the D.Min Program.
3. Pay the application fee of \$30.00 USD or its equivalent in Colombian Pesos (COP) at current market value. This fee must be paid at the time the application is submitted.
4. Be a member in "Good Standing" of a Bible-believing, New Testament local church where personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a requirement for membership.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from the Senior Pastor of that local church, attesting to good behavior, qualifications to receive Bible training for ministry, and confirming that the candidate has the academic ability to pursue an academic program of studies that will lead to the D.Min degree. (If the applicant is the Senior Pastor, then the letter of recommendation should come from another church official.)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The applicant should take the following steps:

1. Carefully read this catalog and obtain an admissions application for the SRL D.Min Program.
2. Complete the application and send it to the Registrar's Office along with all the necessary attachments and fees, including:
 - a. Official Transcript of the Master's Degree
 - b. Personal Resume
 - c. Curriculum Vitae, Statement of Faith, and Proposal of Dissertation (contained within the same document)
 - d. Three Letters of Recommendation, one from the Senior Pastor
 - e. Application Research Paper (see #3 below)
 - f. \$30.00 USD (or its equivalent in COP)
3. Since the SRL D.Min Program is heavily dependent on writing, the applicant is also required to produce a research quality paper (Application Research Paper) demonstrating ability to research and write at the Doctoral level. The content of this paper is described elsewhere in this catalog.
4. Upon receipt of these materials, the Registrar's Office and a review board will process the application and notify the individual by email of admission status and whether any further information might be required.
5. The student will comply with any additional information as requested by the Registrar.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

The Registrar's Office will consider each application and will send the prospective student notification of its decision by email. To accept the applicant for admission, the review board must be convinced that the applicant is in compliance with the standards of SRL Seminary and is a serious student of the Bible. No decision can be rendered until all information has been received. The applicant is responsible to complete the application process in a timely manner and to ensure that all requirements, forms, Application Research Paper, and fees are delivered to the seminary.

APPLICATION RESEARCH PAPER

The D.Min Program at SRL Seminary will require the student to produce research writing at the highest level. This writing will include research papers associated with the coursework and culminate with a Doctoral Dissertation. To ensure that the applicant has the academic ability to produce research papers, a sample Application Research Paper is required with the application.

This Application Research Paper is described below. Throughout the paper, the student must demonstrate his commitment to Reformed Theology.

The Application Research Paper must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be at least 15 pages in length using a 12-point font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on all sides.
- b. Include a Title Page (not part of the 15 pages).
- c. Discuss the Topic: *How the Doctrines of Grace and the Five Solas of the Reformation Brought Reform to the Church and Changed the World.*
- d. Include citation of at least 5 outside sources using a minimum of 10 footnotes (or endnotes).
- e. Include a Bibliography of all cited sources, in proper citation format (not part of the 15 pages).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The administration and faculty of SRL Seminary will monitor student academic progress throughout the program. Individual counseling at regular intervals will supply further stimulation for advancement. Periodic examinations, term papers, class reports, and other such measures will help to estimate the student's progress and achievement. Grade records are maintained by the Registrar's Office and may be furnished to the student for self-evaluation at the student's request. Students are encouraged to discuss both academic and personal issues with their professors and Academic Advisor at other times, as needed.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Once the student has successfully completed the coursework for the D.Min Degree, he will be assigned an Academic Advisor. The Academic Advisor will work closely with the student to develop the theme toward the completion of the Dissertation that would be deemed acceptable for presentation and/or publication. The completion of Dissertation usually takes one year.

THE DISSERTATION PROCESS

The Dissertation is the culmination of the D.Min Program. The process is described below.

Step 1: The student will meet with his advisor to discuss the theme of the Dissertation and refine the topic that will be the focus of the writing.

Step 2: Once the theme has been selected and refined, the subject of the paper will be presented to the Academic Dean for approval. Once approved, the writing process begins.

Step 3: A full outline of the paper will be constructed. This outline is a detailed account of the paper. It should include full sentence statements of what will be included in the paper. The Dissertation Outline typically is 10-20 pages in length.

Step 4: Once the outline is approved by the Academic Advisor and the Academic Dean, the student will then create a list of outside resources that will be cited throughout the paper to prove the proposition. There should be a minimum of 10 cited resources, including books, articles, and surveys.

Step 5: The student may be asked by the Academic Advisor or the Academic Dean to conduct instructional tutorials with certain experts on the subject he is writing. This will enable the student to gather additional information that will be helpful to the completion of the Dissertation.

Step 6. The Dissertation will include an Introduction that explains the subject and the purpose or Proposition to be defended. The Body of the paper will follow the outline created in Step 3. The Conclusion will summarize how the Proposition set forth in the Introduction has been proven.

Step 7: The First Draft will be presented to the Academic Advisor. He will work with the student to improve writing style, content, and citation of references.

Step 8: The Second Draft will be presented to the Academic Advisor for additional counsel on the scholarly value of the researched content and superior writing that will qualify it to be an acceptable and commendable Dissertation.

Step 9: The Final Draft of the paper will be written and presented to the Academic Advisor for approval. Once the Academic Advisor approves the Final Draft, the paper will be presented to the Dissertation Committee for final approval. The Dissertation Committee will consist of 3 or 4 Professors from the Faculty of SRL Seminary including the Academic Dean and the student's Academic Advisor. The student will be present at the final evaluation and may be asked questions regarding the content of the paper. This is called the Defense of the Dissertation.

Step 10: Once the paper has been approved by the Dissertation Committee, the student will present an outline describing how the Dissertation will be used to develop a course for undergraduate students in SRL Seminary and/or other Christian institutions of higher learning.

AWARDING OF DEGREE

Once these 10 Steps have been successfully completed the student will be awarded a Doctor of Ministry Degree by SRL Seminary. Academic degrees are conferred at the SRL Graduation Ceremony.

SPIRITUAL QUALIFICATIONS

Each applicant shall give a testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Daily deportment should manifest integrity of a Christian character that aligns with the teachings of the Christian life found throughout the Holy Scriptures.

The references supplied by the applicant should address the candidate's manifest commitment to live the example given by Jesus Christ and to minister as a servant of Jesus Christ, regardless of vocation.

TUITION AND FEES

The cost for the entire SRL Doctoral Program is \$3,000.00 USD. Individual courses are \$150.00 USD. Scheduled payments can be arranged with the Registrar's Office on a per-course basis. However, before graduation and the granting of the degree, the entire Tuition amount must be paid in full.

Payment can be made through the SRL website at:

www.srlseminario.org/pago_plataforma_virtual/

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

SRL Seminary is a school of religious instruction. Post-Graduate students working toward the D.Min degree will be involved in academic coursework specifically designed to equip for church ministry, such as preaching and pastoral care, as well teaching at the seminary level.

The curriculum emphasizes spiritual development. Through the lens of understanding of the Bible and Sacred Scriptures, the D.Min degree program focuses on ministry philosophy and pastoral practice. The goal of the program is to prepare men for effective pastoral ministry and teaching at the seminary level. In tandem with the intense studies of the Sacred Scriptures, the D.Min degree program is designed to develop instruction skills which will be useful for the preparation of future, Gospel-committed professors for SRL Seminary.

COURSE MODULES

The standard module consists of a Bible course taught over a period of one or two weeks. These modules will be taught at SRL Seminary or Online. During these modules, the students are required to attend all the lectures and take appropriate notes of the lectures. Absences will be approved only in the case of extreme emergency. Unexcused absences will be penalized by failing the course.

The D.Min degree program consists of 20 courses of study. These courses are described elsewhere in this catalog.

GRADING SCALE

A	100-93 Superior Work
B	92-85 Above Average Work
C	84-76 Average Work
D	75-70 Below Average Work
F	69-0 Failure

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

SRL Seminary uses the 4.0 system of tracking academic achievement. Points are awarded using the following scale:

4 points for	A-grade work
3 points for	B-grade work
2 points for	C-grade work
1 point for	D-grade work
0 points for	F-grade work

Grade point averages are determined by averaging the points earned per credit hour.

Students in the SRL D.Min Program are required to maintain a B average at all times (3.00). Failure to maintain this grade point average will result in the student retaking any course where the grade of B was not earned.

ACADEMIC STATUS, PROBATION AND APPEALS

The student must maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better in the D.Min program. Any student failing to maintain the required GPA will be placed on academic probation. He will have two opportunities to achieve the required grade point average by retaking courses where a grade lower than a B was earned.

If after two additional attempts there is no satisfactory progress, the student will be suspended. The student has the right to appeal his suspension to the Academic Review Committee. After one suspension, the student may re-apply for admission into the D.Min Program.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Doctor of Ministry Degree

The Doctor of Ministry Degree is designed for those who desire to enhance their Gospel ministry or pastoral ministry or teach at the seminary level. The Doctoral degree awarded through SRL is for ecclesiastical, not secular, purposes. A Master's Degree from a generally recognized seminary, college, or university, with a minimum GPA of 2.50, is required. The Doctor of Ministry degree program requires the completion of graduate courses in Systematic Theology, Biblical Theology, Historical Studies, Ministry Studies, and Pastoral Theology.

If the applicant's Master's Degree is not in Biblical Studies, then additional coursework in Bible will be required. Upon acceptance, the student will be informed of the additional courses required to complete their Doctor of Ministry Degree.

The student must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in the Doctoral Degree program. All the courses must be completed in four years. An additional year will be used to complete the Dissertation. The main objective of the coursework and research of the SRL Doctoral program is that every student will attain: a general knowledge of the Bible, a core understanding of Biblical theology, a commitment to the Doctrines of Grace and the Five Solas of the Reformation, and a focus on Biblical hermeneutics.

Doctoral students are expected to come to SRL with an excellent grasp of methods of research and writing, as well as the necessary skills in clarity of communication.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Successful completion of 20 of the following courses are required for the SRL Doctoral Degree program. Each course will consist of Lectures, a Reading Assignment, and a Writing Assignment. SRL Seminary reserves the right to make appropriate changes in the curriculum, and, if necessary, withdraw or replace scheduled courses.

Introduction to Hermeneutics

A utilization of the normal, consistent, literal system of interpretation. A study of the principles and practices essential to biblical interpretation with an emphasis on the conservative grammatical-historical-contextual method. A conservative evangelical hermeneutic will be presented including a refutation of other views. Special attention will also be given to the interpretation of the various literary genres of Scripture including poetry, narrative, apocalypse, and epistolary literature and their use in preaching.

General Introduction to the Bible

A careful study of the historic progressive self-revelation by God of Himself and His redemptive plan, stressing the Old Testament foundation for Biblical doctrines and the New Testament changes. Current issues in textual criticism will be discussed.

Christian Philosophy and Apologetics

A study of the philosophical and theological issues relative to Christian apologetics within the context of worldviews. Major attention is given to the relationship between faith and reason, the value of theistic arguments, Christian certainty, and the character of revelation, along with the development of an apologetic methodology.

Introduction to Old Testament Biblical Theology

A careful study of the historic progressive self-revelation by God of Himself and His redemptive plan, stressing the Old Testament foundation for Biblical doctrines, beginning with Genesis through Deuteronomy and continuing with the Prophets and Wisdom literature.

Introduction to New Testament Biblical Theology

A study of the books of the New Testament, giving attention to questions of authorship, date, origin, destination, purpose, literary characteristics, content, and problem areas. The Doctrines of Grace will be addressed.

Exposition of Romans

An analytical study of the book of Romans with special emphasis on the plan on God's plan of salvation. Justification, Sanctification, Glorification and other key theological terms will be explained.

Exposition of Ephesians

An analytical study of the book of Ephesians with special emphasis on the doctrines of the church and the practical Christian life.

Exposition of the Pastoral Epistles

An analytical study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, with special emphasis on the responsibilities and problems of the pastor.

Exposition of The Epistles of John

An analytical study of 1, 2, and 3 John, with special emphasis on the assurance of salvation and practical theological issues.

Reformed Theology I

Study of the biblical teaching concerning Doctrine of the Bible and the Doctrine of God. Emphasis throughout is on the practical application of the teachings of the Bible to the Christian life.

Reformed Theology II

Study of the biblical teaching concerning the Doctrine of Sin, and the Doctrine of Man. Emphasis throughout is on the practical application of the teachings of the Bible to the Christian life.

Reformed Theology III

Study of the biblical teaching concerning the Doctrine of Christ and the Doctrine of Salvation. Emphasis throughout is on the practical application of the teachings of the Bible to the Christian life. Particular attention is given to the Doctrines of Grace.

Reformed Theology IV

Study of the biblical teaching concerning The Doctrine of the Church and the Doctrine of Future Things. Emphasis throughout is on the practical application of the teachings of the Bible to the Christian life.

Reformed Theology V

Study of the biblical teaching concerning the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Doctrine of Angels. Emphasis throughout is on the practical application of the teachings of the Bible to the Christian life.

Contemporary Theological Issues

Critical evaluation of significant contemporary theological systems including Roman Catholicism, Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Liberation and Process Theology, Fundamentalism, Evangelicalism, New Age, Feminism, and Neo-Pentecostalism.

History of the Reformation

An overview of the history of these doctrines and a review of the various historical issues with consideration of major Biblical texts dealing with this subject. Historical concepts such as Arminianism and Calvinism are tested in light of the text. This course also presents a panoramic view of the different movements that emerged from the schism of the Protestant Reformation from the year 1517 until the peace of Westphalia in 1648. At the same time, the lives of the most important figures of that period will be studied.

This course will solidify the student's understanding of God's sovereignty and man's responsibility.

Study Tools in Greek and Hebrew

The Doctor of Ministry Degree does not require courses in Greek and Hebrew. However, a working knowledge of the Biblical Languages is essential to good Bible Study. This course will outline the use of a variety of resources to enable the student contact with the original languages.

Expository Preaching

This course offers practical tools for sermon preparation. At the same time, it presents the biblical foundations, nature, form and content of expository preaching.

Theological Research Seminary I

This first seminar trains the doctoral student in the process of preparing the research work and responds to concerns, difficulties and challenges. At the same time, this seminar offers technical tools for the handing over of the first draft of the thesis.

Theological Research Seminary II

This seminar provides information for gathering, dialoguing and reflecting on the current experience, and suggests practical ways to face the challenges and phases of research. At the same time, it offers tools and techniques for the handing over of the second and third draft of the thesis.

Degree Work

This is the written study on the original research carried out by the doctoral student to obtain the degree of Doctor of Ministry.

Additional Courses may be required after review of the applicant's transcript of his Master's Degree.

FACULTY

One of the most powerful benefits of the SRL Seminary Doctor of Ministry program is the high quality of the professors who travel all around the world in order to teach SRL students. These highly accomplished professors and scholars bring a wealth of experience and information which is not normally found in many institutions of higher learning. They hold various positions in churches and Christian organizations, serving as administrators, faculty, pastors, authors, and other areas of leadership. Their contribution to SRL Seminary shows their commitment to Christian ministry and the educational needs of fellow believers.

The students who study under these professors receive the great benefit of their expertise as they are taught and mentored by these exceptional instructors. This wonderful benefit would not be possible in a traditional system of higher education.