

Frequently Asked Questions

Joint Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in History and Hermeneutics: Mission Studies
Concentration with Boston University

How do I apply for the joint Ph.D. program?

You may access an application at the Admissions site of the School of Theology at www.bu.edu. Click on Admissions/Degree Programs. The application includes several preliminary requirements. You will need to:

1. Request in the application an appropriate prospective faculty advisor/dissertation supervisor from one of the two schools and request that faculty member to serve as your advisor.
2. Develop a one-page statement that answers the following questions: Why do you wish to pursue this particular degree? Have you identified a mentor at Gordon-Conwell with whom you propose to work? What do you hope to accomplish through enrolling in the joint program?

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What is the benefit of a joint program?

Students may take courses at the appropriate academic level from all faculty members at the two institutions, and have access to the libraries, specialized centers and research facilities of both schools.

When will the program begin?

Each Fall semester.

How much will the program cost?

Students will be charged BU's School of Theology current tuition rates.

Can I apply for financial aid? Yes. Please see BU's School of Theology for details.

Which school will give me my diploma?

Boston University is the degree-granting institution.

Will the Gordon-Conwell name also be on my diploma?

No.

How many courses are required?

Twelve. At least four must be taken from each institution. For further details, please see the Boston University School of Theology Admissions website.

For More Information:

<http://www.bu.edu/sth/admissions/application-process/>

<http://www.bu.edu/sth/academics/degrees/track1/phd-mission-studies/>