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## DOCTOR OF TRIBUNAL STUDIES IN CANON LAW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### Academic requirements:

10 E-Tutorials from the Tribunal Studies Curriculum (30 credits)  
Research Methodology writing assignment  
Participation in the five-day residential Case-Based Tribunal Studies Practicum  
Doctoral thesis (6 credits)

### Thesis requirements:

The student must nominate a member of the GTF faculty in canon law to serve as Thesis Supervisor. This enables the student to receive helpful and pragmatic evaluative feedback from a member of the faculty during the development of the thesis. Questions regarding the selection of a Thesis Supervisor should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs ([academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org](mailto:academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org)).

The thesis is shaped as a written work of case-based applied research with a demonstrated familiarity with the appropriate scholarly and professional literature. The written form of the thesis must be in the style of an actual scholarly paper which may be considered suitable for publication.

The thesis must be a work of applied scholarship making a contribution to tribunal studies and canon law. It must include a table of contents and bibliography of a minimum of 20 sources, with annotations for the 10-12 key sources. The thesis must be written in 12 point Times New Roman (or comparable) font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.

When the thesis in its final form has been reviewed and approved by the student's Thesis Supervisor, it must be submitted by the student to the GTF for final review. One copy of the thesis, cover sheet, abstract, and biographical statement must be sent electronically to the Office of the Registrar ([registrar@gtfeducation.org](mailto:registrar@gtfeducation.org)) a minimum of three months prior to the intended date of defense.

### Doctoral Defense:

The doctoral defense is offered by written disputation, by videoconferencing, or onsite.

Defense date: First week in March

Eligibility deadline: December 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week of June

Eligibility deadline: March 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week of September

Eligibility deadline: June 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week in December

Eligibility deadline: September 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)