

SBTS Dissertation Format Changes

Beginning Fall 2011, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will implement several changes to its current formatting requirements for dissertations, thesis, and projects. We hope that these changes are advantageous to students and ease the creation of properly formatted documents. The changes are as follows:

1. **Blank pages should NOT be included at the front and back of dissertations, theses, or projects.** Blank pages were necessary when copies of dissertations were printed and bound, but electronic submission renders this requirement obsolete.
2. In the past, dissertations, theses, and projects had left margins set at 1.5 inches and right margins set at 1 inch. **Now, left and right margins should each be 1.25 inches.** Top and bottom margins will continue to be 1 inch for standard text pages. Spacing for titles at the top of pages will remain the same.
3. **All page numbers for all sections of dissertations, theses, and projects should now be centered at 0.7 inch from the bottom of the page.**
4. There is now a requirement for Greek and Hebrew fonts in theses, dissertations, and projects. **Students should now use the [SBL Greek](#) and [SBL Hebrew](#) fonts for expressing Greek and Hebrew characters.** These fonts are freely available for download from the Society of Biblical Literature's website (<http://www.sbl-site.org/educational/biblicalfonts.aspx>). This website also includes a great deal of information about using biblical language fonts.
5. Professional doctoral projects should now include a copyright page identical to the one used in dissertations. This page should include the following text, [formatted appropriately](#):

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