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- The Yearbook is divided into 13 parts.
- Part 1, 2 and 3 of the Yearbook contain general information applicable to all students. Make sure that you understand all provisions in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook that are applicable to you.
- Part 4 to 13 of the Yearbook are the faculty Yearbook parts.

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Availability of the Yearbook parts

- The electronic versions of the Yearbook parts are available at www.su.ac.za/yearbooks.
- Parts 1 to 12 are available in both English and Afrikaans. Military Science (Part 13) is only available in English.

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How to use this Yearbook Part

This section gives you guidelines for finding particular information in the different chapters in this Yearbook Part. Consult the table of contents for the page numbers of the chapters referred to below.

1. How to locate information

1.1 Prospective undergraduate students

- The General Information chapter contains information about:
 - communication with the Faculty and University, which includes an explanation of the concepts "application number" and "student number", as well as relevant contact details where you can refer important enquiries to;
 - Language at the University; and
 - the degree programmes that you can enrol for and the qualifications that you can obtain, as well as enrolment management, student representation and other important provisions of the Faculty.
- The Undergraduate Programmes chapter contains information about:
 - the minimum admission requirements and information on the selection process for the various study programmes;
 - the Faculty's undergraduate study programmes; and
 - the subjects and modules that must be taken per academic year for the different study programmes, with choices where applicable.
- The Subjects, Modules and Module Contents chapter contains:
 - an explanation of subjects as opposed to modules;
 - an explanation of the different digits used for the numbering of modules in the Undergraduate Programmes chapter; and
 - definitions of prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisite modules.
- An alphabetical list of undergraduate subjects is available in the back of this Yearbook Part.

1.2 Prospective postgraduate students

- The General Information chapter contains information about:
 - communication with the Faculty and the University, which includes an explanation of the concepts "application number" and "student number", as well as relevant contact details where you can refer important enquiries to; and
 - Language at the University; and
 - Other important provisions of the Faculty, including student representation.
- The Postgraduate Programmes chapter contains information about:
 - the Faculty's postgraduate study programmes;
 - the minimum admission requirements for the various study programmes;
 - specific closing dates for applications, and other relevant information, for example selection for admission; and
 - the subjects and modules that must be taken per academic year for the different study programmes, with choices where applicable.

1.3 Registered undergraduate students

- The General Information chapter contains information about:
 - communication with the Faculty and the University with relevant contact details where you can refer important enquiries to;
 - Language at the University; and
 - Other important provisions of the Faculty, including the granting of Dean's Concession Assessments to final-year students.
- The Undergraduate Programmes chapter contains information about:
 - the Faculty's undergraduate study programmes; and
 - the subjects and modules that must be taken per academic year for the different study programmes, with choices where applicable.

- The Subjects, Modules and Module Contents chapter contains:
 - an explanation of subjects as opposed to modules;
 - an explanation of the different digits used for the numbering of modules in the Undergraduate Programmes chapter;
 - the abbreviations and definitions used for the teaching loads of individual modules;
 - an indication at each module of what its teaching load is;
 - definitions of prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisite modules, as well as an indication at each module of which of the requisites apply to it, if any; and
 - the aims, content and outcomes of each individual module.
- An alphabetical list of undergraduate subjects is available in the back of this Yearbook Part.

1.4 Registered postgraduate students

- The Postgraduate Programmes chapter contains information about:
 - the Faculty's postgraduate study programmes; and
 - the subjects and modules that must be taken per academic year for the different study programmes, with choices where applicable.

General Information

1. History and function of the Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University is an ecumenical faculty which provides academic training in Christian theology according to different confessional convictions and church traditions. The Faculty (established in 1963) developed out of the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC), which was founded in 1859. It is an open faculty which also trains ministers and youth workers, per agreement, for the following denominations:

- Dutch Reformed Church (DRC)
- Uniting Reformed Church (URC) in Southern Africa
- Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA)
- Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)
- Volkskerk
- United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa

The Faculty of Theology is one of the smallest faculties at the University. It is, however, a hospitable, energetic and creative faculty in which scientific theology is practised with integrity.

The academic programmes on offer have Christian Reformed theology as point of departure. It offers undergraduate students a wide range of options with regards to teaching and research. The Faculty's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes make provision for a broad spectrum of students from various communities, churches and countries.

2. How to communicate with the Faculty

2.1 Contact details of the Faculty of Theology

Direct specific enquiries related to the Faculty to the following address:

Faculty of Theology
Stellenbosch University
Private Bag X1
MATIELAND
7602

2.2 Physical address and contact details of the Dean's office

Dean's physical address

Room 1024
Faculty of Theology
171 Dorp Street
Stellenbosch

Contact persons and details

Staff	Telephone number	E-mail address
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Dean Prof RW Nel	021 808 3254	mariekeb@sun.ac.za
Dean's office Ms M Brand	021 808 2142	mariekeb@sun.ac.za
Faculty administrator Mr S Cornelissen	021 808 9111	shirle@sun.ac.za
Faculty manager Ms E Benjamin	021 808 9041	ebenjamin@sun.ac.za

For more information on the Faculty of Theology, visit us at www.su.ac.za/en/faculties/theology.

2.3 Departmental and other useful contact details in the Faculty

Faculty of Theology	Telephone number	E-mail address
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Church Secretary, Curatorium URCSA	021 808 9214	nphil@sun.ac.za
Department Old and New Testament	021 808 3626	em4@sun.ac.za
Department Practical Theology and Missiology	021 808 3577	janicem@sun.ac.za
Department Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	021 808 3576	wriek@sun.ac.za
DRC and URCSA Seminarium	021 808 9138	toerusting@sun.ac.za
Ekklesia	021 808 2827	gfortuin@sun.ac.za
Library: Theology	021 808 3252	kwe_bib@sun.ac.za
Network for African Congregational Theology (NetACT)	021 808 3260	ldhansen@sun.ac.za
Synod Minister for Theological Training, DRC	021 882 9923 x222	marnush@kaapkerk.co.za
Unit for Religion and Development Research (URDR)	None	nbowers@sun.ac.za

2.4 Contact details of the Theological Student Society

You are automatically a member of the Theological Student Society if you are registered as a student in the Faculty of Theology. This society is managed by the Theological Student Committee (TSC).

Contact details

The Chairperson: Theological Student Committee
Faculty of Theology
Stellenbosch University
171 Dorp Street
Stellenbosch 7600

E-mail: tsktsc@sun.ac.za
Telephone: 021 808 3255

3. How to communicate with the University

3.1 Prospective students

- The University allocates an application number to you (for example APP/1234567) when you apply to study at the University.
- The application number is a unique number to identify you and to simplify future communication with the University regarding all your programme applications in a given year.
- Use your application number every time you communicate with the University.

3.2 Current or former Stellenbosch University students

- The University allocates a student number to you when you are admitted to a programme and register at the University.
- The student number is a unique number to identify you and to simplify future communication with the University.
- Use your student number every time you communicate with the University.

3.3 Contact details for enquiries about your studies, bursaries and loans, and residence placements

E-mail: info@sun.ac.za

Telephone: 021 808 9111

Visit Stellenbosch University's website at www.su.ac.za.

3.3.1 Useful telephone numbers

Units on campus	Telephone number
Bursaries (Postgraduate candidates)	021 808 4208
Bursaries and Loans (Undergraduate candidates)	021 808 9111
Campus Health Services	021 808 3496 / 3494
Centre for Student Counselling and Development	021 808 3894
Examinations	021 808 9111
Postgraduate Office	021 808 9436
Stellenbosch University International	021 808 2565
Stellenbosch University Library	021 808 4385 / 4883
Student Fees	021 808 4519
SU Campus Security (emergencies)	021 808 2333

For divisions not listed above, contact the Stellenbosch University Contact Centre at telephone 021 808 9111, send a fax to 021 808 3822 or e-mail info@sun.ac.za.

4. Language at the University

Stellenbosch University (SU) is committed to engagement with knowledge in a diverse society and through the Language Policy aims to increase equitable access to SU for all students and staff. Multilingualism is promoted as an important differentiating characteristic of SU. Afrikaans, English and isiXhosa are used in academic, administrative, professional and social contexts. Pedagogically sound teaching and learning are facilitated by means of Afrikaans and English.

More information concerning language at SU is available on the website www.su.ac.za/language.

5. Qualifications offered in the Faculty of Theology

The programmes offered equip students for the ministry of various denominations. The denominations that have a training agreement with the University are members of a Church Liaison Council. The Faculty consults with this Liaison Council when determining the nature and content of the programmes.

You can obtain the following qualifications, with the minimum years of study indicated, in the Faculty of Theology:

Qualification	Abbreviation of Qualification	Minimum years of study
Bachelor of Theology - Focus area General (Ancient languages optional) - Focus area Youth Work <i>Take note:</i> Students graduate with a BTh with the option to specialise in Youth Work. The Faculty of Theology will, on request, issue a declaration stating that students have specialised in Youth Work.	BTh	3 years
Bachelor of Theology Focus area Part-time	BTh	4 years
Bachelor of Divinity Ancient languages compulsory	BDiv	4 years
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology	PGDip (Theology)	1 year
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry	PGDip (Theology) (Christian Ministry)	1 year
Master of Divinity	MDiv	1 year
Master of Theology	MTh	1 year
Master of Philosophy in Religion and Culture , preceded by: Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with a focus on Religion and Culture)	MPhil in Religion and Culture	1 year
	PGDip (Theology)	1 year
Doctor of Philosophy	PhD	2 years

6. Undergraduate enrolment management

Meeting the minimum admission requirements of a specific programme does not guarantee that you will be admitted to that programme. A limited number of places are available, and enrolments are strategically managed.

Details about the University's selection procedures and admission requirements for undergraduate programmes are available at www.maties.com. See point 7 below for more on the Faculty's selection process for undergraduate programmes.

7. Selection process for undergraduate programmes

The following undergraduate programmes in Theology follow a selection process.

- BTh (focus areas General and Youth Work),
- BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work),
- BDiv, and
- BDiv extended curriculum programme.

Each year, a maximum of 100 students in total will be admitted to the BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv programme *added together*.

Each year, a maximum of 25 students in total will be admitted to the BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv extended curriculum programme *added together*.

Selection is based on:

- your final mark for the National Senior Certificate, and
- a motivational letter of no more than 250 words, to be submitted by you, on why you want to study theology.

8. Extended curriculum programmes

- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **at least 55%, but below 60%**, you could possibly be admitted to an extended curriculum programme, but this also depends on an interview with the Dean or his or her representative.
- The extended curriculum programme is an academic development programme. If you are selected, you will complete the **BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work)** over four years instead of the usual three. The first academic year is divided into two years, and you will receive additional foundational support. A 16-credit module is also added to the third year to enhance your development and success.

The **BDiv programme**, which usually spans four years, is presented over five years as an extended curriculum programme. You will complete the first-year modules over two years. Thereafter, the modules to complete each year are the same as for the standard BDiv programme.

- The Faculty of Theology may also use the results of the early assessment tests, taken by all first-year students, to identify first-year students already studying in the Faculty for switching over to the extended curriculum programmes. The Programme Committee of the Faculty of Theology will make a recommendation in this regard.

9. Screening for the ministry

- If you are a prospective minister of:
 - the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC); or
 - the Uniting Reformed Church (URC) in Southern Africa; or
 - the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA); or
 - the Anglican Church of Southern Africa
 who receives your training at this University, you must report to your denomination's Church Secretary at the **beginning** of your studies in order to undergo screening for the ministry.
- If you have interrupted your studies and now wish to continue with a view to entering the ministry, you must first discuss resumption of your selected programme with your denomination's Church Secretary **before** you apply for re-admission to this University.

10. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit accumulation and transfer (CAT)

- Points of departure in decision making:
 - only credits obtained from accredited South African Higher Education Institutions, or from foreign Higher Education Institutions that are regarded to be in compliance with South African accreditation requirements and standards, will be considered;
 - only credits obtained at the applicable NQF level will be considered;
 - the nature and scope of modules or qualifications offered will determine whether credits will be acknowledged;
 - matriculation exemption is a prerequisite for advanced placement in the BTh or BDiv programmes; and
 - credits obtained elsewhere or earlier will **not** count as having been obtained for both admission and advanced placement purposes.
- No less than half of the SU qualification's credits and no less than half of the final-year credits must have been obtained at SU in order to obtain a SU qualification (in accordance with statutory provisions and SU regulations), therefore:
 - if you apply for advanced placement in the (three-year) BTh programme, you may at most join BTh II; OR
 - if you apply for advanced placement in the (four-year) BDiv programme, **and** only if ancient languages are at least at a level equivalent to SU's Greek I and Hebrew I, you may at most join BDiv III.
- If you have not passed ancient languages at first-year level when you are admitted with advanced placement in the (four-year) BDiv programme, you may at most join the second year of the curriculum, and:
 - you must successfully complete both Greek I and Hebrew I during the second year of the BDiv programme before you may register for the third-year modules in Old Testament and New Testament of the BDiv programme;
 - before you have completed the required ancient language modules, however, you may register for other third-year modules, provided that you meet the prerequisites of such modules;
 - the Dean has to grant permission (in consultation with the Programme Committee chair) to you as BDiv student, to take (only) during your second year the tutorials of the Old Testament II and New Testament II modules for BTh students, and to take part in the corresponding assessments.

11. Simultaneous registration for more than one programme

If you are registered for a programme in the Faculty of Theology and want to follow an honours, master's or doctoral programme simultaneously in another faculty of Stellenbosch University, you may apply in writing to Senate for permission to do so.

12. Occasional students: Extraordinary categories of students at the Faculty of Theology

Extraordinary students in the Faculty of Theology register as occasional students.

An occasional student is a student who:

- does not wish to follow the specific programme for degree or diploma purposes; or
- does not meet the requirements for admission to the programme.

You must thus register for at least one module and pass at least one module to continue your studies as occasional student. See also "Admission as Occasional Student" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the University Yearbook.

13. Specific regulations of the Faculty

Besides the general examination and promotion regulations, as explained under General Regulations in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook, you must familiarise yourself with the specific regulations applicable to each programme in the Faculty of Theology.

You must also take note of the prerequisite pass (PP), prerequisite (P) and corequisite (C) requirements that apply to each module. Definitions of these prerequisites, as well as particulars on the requirements per module are in the Subjects, Modules and Module Content chapter under the module content descriptions.

14. Continuation and completion of modules and programmes

- If you meet the prerequisite, corequisite and pass prerequisite requirements applicable to a specific module, you may, subject to the class and examination timetables, continue with the subsequent year's module of the subject you have passed.
- You may apply to the Faculty administrator (who may consult with the Faculty Manager and Programme Committee chair) for a *concession* to take a maximum of 32 credits (maximally 16 credits per semester) from a previous year of study of a subject, provided that the concession:
 - does not cause any class, test, or examination timetable clashes, and
 - does not apply to more than 16 credits in the same subject.
- Should there be class, test, or examination timetable clashes, or if more than 16 credits are involved, you must take the failed module (and not the subsequent year's module).
- This provision corresponds with the provision that a student may, at any time, register for a maximum of only 32 credits per year more than the prescribed maximum number of credits for the year of study concerned.

15. Dean's Concession Assessments

15.1 Who may be admitted to DCAs

You may be considered for admission to DCAs if:

- you are a final-year student and you have not obtained all the credits needed for your qualification, after the second semester A3 period has ended (The A3 period follows directly after the second semester's A2 period, which follows directly after the lecturing period);
- the credits you must still obtain are altogether no more than 24, in at most two modules that you still need to pass;
- you obtained a final mark of at least 30 for that academic year in each of the modules you still need to pass; and
- you meet the requirements for admission to a dean's concession assessment as set out in the assessment rules of the Faculty of Theology.

DCAs will only be awarded by the dean after consultation with the chair of the academic department or departments concerned. Under no circumstances may any department grant a DCA without the Dean's approval and no lecturer may give an undertaking to a student in this matter.

15.2 How to apply for a DCA

- It is your responsibility to identify yourself as a DCA candidate and to report to the faculty administrator to obtain the necessary permission and make the necessary arrangements. The faculty administrator must verify whether you do in fact qualify for a DCA and inform the department or departments concerned and the dean of this.
- DCAs are conducted on a date and time determined by the dean, in consultation with the department or departments concerned. DCAs will never take place later than 15 February.
- Note that, when you are granted access to a DCA, the amount for DCAs given in the Student Fees part of the Yearbook (Part 3) is added to your student account.

15.3 How your final mark is determined after a DCA

- Your mark in the DCA will be used to determine your final mark for that module, as specified in the assessment rules of the module's home faculty.
- DCAs must be internally and externally moderated according to the University's "Regulation for internal and external moderation and the processing of results" and the related arrangements of the programme's home faculty or centre.
- Re-evaluation does not apply to DCAs.

16. Absence from academic activities

The Faculty of Theology applies the rules for absence from academic activities as stated in Part 1 of the Yearbook (General Rules) under the section dealing with that topic.

17. Interruption of studies

The Faculty of Theology applies the rules for interruption of studies as stated in Part 1 of the Yearbook (General Rules) under the section dealing with that topic.

18. Bursaries

If you want to apply for bursaries, consult Part 2 (Bursary and Loans) of the Yearbook for information about the bursaries available. You must contact Bursaries and Loans directly. The Faculty does not deal with bursary applications. For more information on bursaries and loans, visit: www.maties.com/bursaries-loans-and-fees.html.

19. Student representation

You are automatically a member of the Theological Student Society if you are registered as a student in the Faculty of Theology. This society is managed by the Theological Student Committee (TSC). The committee comprises an elected executive committee of nine members assisted by elected class representatives from each academic year. The TSC is affiliated with the Student Representative Council of Stellenbosch University and also has two seats on the Academic Affairs Council. Members of the TSC have seats on the Faculty Board and faculty committees, namely the Programme Committee, Transformation Committee, Social Impact Committee, Coram Deo, as well as on committees of the different teaching and learning task groups (TGLOs). The TSC manages its own finances and handles academic complaints of all students in the Faculty of Theology in collaboration with the Dean's office. The TSC is non-denominational, represents all student interests in the Faculty and coordinates student projects.

Undergraduate Programmes

1. Admission requirements

1.1 School-leaving qualifications

If you have matriculated in 2007 or earlier, you need the following for admission to the University:

- a Senior Certificate with full matriculation endorsement, or an exemption certificate of the Matriculation Board; or
- a conditional certificate of exemption from the matriculation examination issued by the Matriculation Board to candidates from foreign countries; or
- a conditional certificate of exemption from the matriculation examination issued on the grounds of age (to people 23 years and older).

If you have obtained the National Senior Certificate (NSC) in 2008 or later, you need the following for admission to the University:

- a National Senior Certificate as certified by Umalusi with admission to bachelor's degree studies.¹

¹ Admission to bachelor's degree studies requires that you obtain a mark of at least 4 (50–59%) in each of four designated university admission subjects.

1.2 Minimum admission requirements for degree programmes in the Faculty of Theology

For admission to the degree programmes in the Faculty, you must meet the following minimum admission requirements:

1.2.1 National Senior Certificate (NSC)

- An average final mark of at least 60%, excluding Life Orientation
- A weighted average for the National Senior Certificate (approved subjects) of 60% or higher, if you do not have Theology as first choice; OR if you apply for Theology during the registration period.

1.3 Admission requirements for the extended curriculum programmes

- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **at least 55%, but below 60%**, you could possibly be admitted to an extended curriculum programme, but this also depends on an interview with the Dean or his or her representative.
- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **below 55%**, you may apply for and possibly gain admission to an extended curriculum programme based on the Regulation for the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT).
- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **below 55%, but higher than 50%**, and if you are socio-economically disadvantaged, your church denomination may approach the Dean for a Dean's discretionary admission. The Dean will consider this request in consultation with the Programme Committee chair.

2. Selection process

The following undergraduate programmes in Theology follow a selection process.

- BTh (focus areas General and Youth Work),
- BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work),
- BDiv, and
- BDiv extended curriculum programme.

Each year, a maximum of 100 students in total will be admitted to the BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv programme *added together*.

Each year, a maximum of 25 students in total will be admitted to the BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv extended curriculum programme *added together*.

Selection is based on:

- your final mark for the National Senior Certificate, and
- a motivational letter of no more than 250 words, to be submitted by you, on why you want to study theology.

3. Computer and academic literacy

Knowledge Skills 172(6) is a compulsory module in the BTh programme with focus areas General and Youth Work, and in the BDiv programme, as computer skills are becoming increasingly essential in congregational work.

Academic Literacy for Theology 113(12) and 143(12) are compulsory modules in the BTh programme with focus area Part-time.

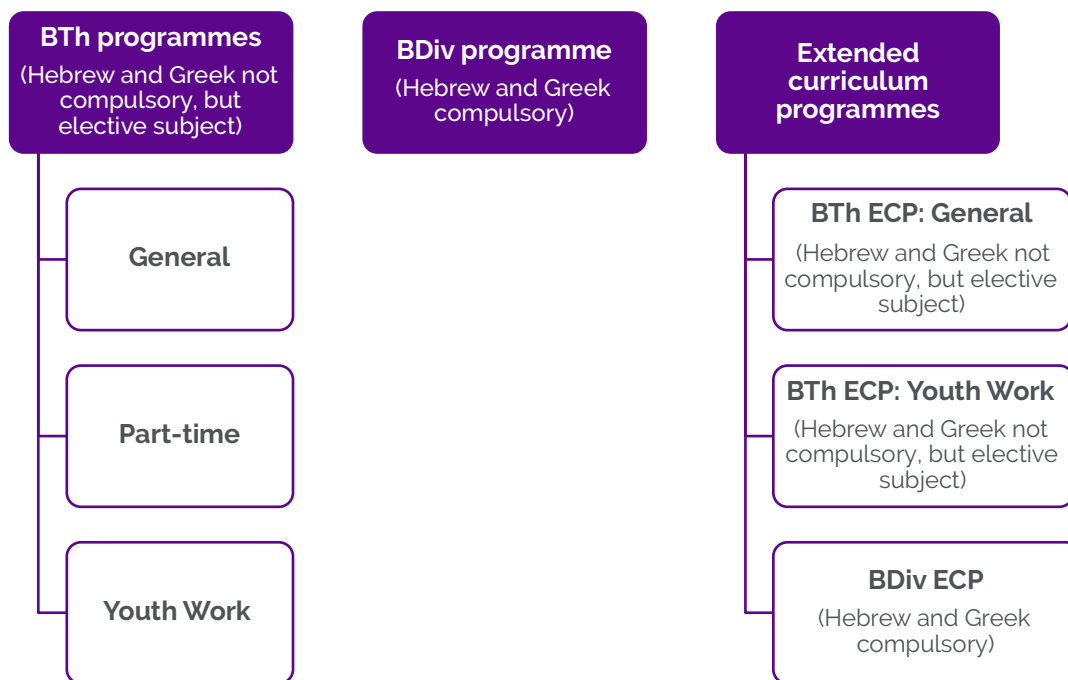
Academic Literacy for Theology 112(12) and 142(12) are compulsory modules in the BTh extended curriculum programmes with focus areas General and Youth Work.

Academic Literacy for Theology 112(12) is a compulsory module of the BDiv extended curriculum programme.

These modules aim to promote the academic and digital literacy and development of theology students; thus it focuses on the reading, writing and researching knowledge, skills and attitudes required to become a successful student of theology.

4. Summary and explanation of undergraduate programmes

The following diagram offers a representation of the undergraduate bachelor's degree programmes in the Faculty of Theology, as well as the requirements with regard to Hebrew and Greek. The blocks under BTh programmes display the three fields of study. The three extended curriculum programmes that can be followed are set out in the blocks under extended curriculum programmes.



4.1 BTh programme (NQF level 7)

Mission

Students and staff function as co-participants in this programme to develop in students the skills to reflect critically and theologically on the South African, African and global context. The programme strives for an engaging learning environment that fosters diverse, transformative and critical theological abilities. Once you have participated in this programme, you will have developed intercultural skills and the ability to discern social relevance.

Target Group

- Students who would like to become involved in diverse contexts in a church, community or institution from a theological perspective.
- Denominations or churches who employ ministers, persons who minister to children, youth workers or community workers. Greek and Hebrew are not required.
- Students who want to undergo general theological training or to specialise in youth work; the Faculty of Theology will issue on request a declaration that you have specialised in youth work.

Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements for university admission, you must also have an average final mark of at least 60% for the National Senior Certificate, excluding Life Orientation, to study in the Faculty of Theology.

Selection process

The following BTh programmes follow a selection process.

- BTh (focus areas General and Youth Work), and
- BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work).

Each year, a maximum of 100 students in total will be admitted to the BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv programme *added together*.

Each year, a maximum of 25 students in total will be admitted to the BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv extended curriculum programme *added together*.

Selection is based on:

- your final mark for the National Senior Certificate, and
- a motivational letter, of no more than 250 words, to be submitted by you, on why you want to study theology.

Closing Date for Applications

You must apply **before** 31 July of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is three years of full-time study.

Continued Study Possibilities

This programme leads to the Postgraduate Diplomas in Theology, the MTh programmes, and the MPhil programmes in the Faculty of Theology.

For more information on admission to the postgraduate programme you are considering, please consult the relevant postgraduate programme's details in the "Postgraduate Programmes" chapter in this Yearbook Part.

Programme Outcomes

After completion of this programme, you will:

- be able to think theologically about the South African and African contexts, and realise how complex they are;
- be a thought leader who knows what is relevant to the society in which you find yourself and who can function in various cultures, which allows you to:
 - work effectively with others,
 - enter into dialogue with various Christian theological theories that you encounter, and integrate them into a whole, and
 - promote ethical decision-making in churches and communities;
- interpret religious texts such as the Bible from a theological understanding, which enables you to enter into critical and theological dialogue about issues such as reconciliation, equality, justice and peace; and you will have the ability to function as a leader in different faith communities because you know how to approach personal management and problem-solving from a theological perspective.

Programme Structure

A minimum number of students have to register for a module for the module to be presented.

Although Hebrew and Greek are not compulsory, you may take them as elective modules.

Besides the theological core curriculum, certain theological as well as non-theological elective modules are also relevant for training of community ministers, leaders in religious communities, such as youth workers, and people rendering service to those in need. You can take elective modules in Theology or in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

In the BTh, focus area General, you may choose electives other than the ones listed, should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. The total number of credits must be at least equal to that required for the BTh programme, focus area General. This also applies to the BTh extended curriculum programme (ECP), focus area General, from your second year of

study if you demonstrate satisfactory academic performance in your first year of study. However, the following conditions apply:

- Permission must be granted by the Dean in consultation with the Chair of the Programme Committee.
- You must ensure that you comply with the minimum requirements for the relevant modules.
- You must take responsibility for managing your own class and assessment schedules by ensuring that the subjects and modules you choose do not clash on the class or assessment timetable, and by adhering to the SU rules regarding such clashes, as set out in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.

The tables below set out the structure of the three focus areas in the BTh programme, namely General, Part-time and Youth Work.

4.1.1 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BTh programme, focus area General, over all three years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum requisite number of credits.

BTh: focus area General	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	122
		Compulsory Theology modules	84
		Compulsory Knowledge Skills module	6
		Elective modules in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	32
Second year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		Compulsory Theology modules	64
		Elective modules in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	56
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	120
		Compulsory Theology modules	56
		Elective modules in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	64
**See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for the BTh programme, focus area General.			

4.1.2 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BTh programme, focus area Part-time, over all four years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum number of credits required.

BTh: focus area Part-time	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	24
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	24
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	76
Second year	All students	<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	76
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	88
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	88
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	56
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	56
		Minimum credits at NQF level 7	40
Fourth year	All students	<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	40
		Minimum credits at NQF level 7	80
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	80

4.1.3 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BTh programme, focus area Youth Work, over all three years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum requisite number of credits.

BTh: focus area Youth Work	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	126
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	84
		<i>Compulsory</i> Knowledge Skills module	6
		<i>Compulsory</i> Psychology and Sociology modules	36
Second year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	128
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	104
		<i>Compulsory</i> Psychology and Sociology modules	24
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	124
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	104
		<i>Compulsory</i> Sociology modules	12
		<i>Elective module</i> in Theology	8

4.2 Curricula for all years of study of the BTh programme, focus area General (605100) (NQF level 7)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 122 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 90)

Ecclesiology	143(8)
Knowledge Skills	172(6)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	114(16), 144(16)
Practical Theology	113(8)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8)
Systematic Theology	144(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 32)

Choose modules to the value of at least 32 credits from the subjects listed below.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for the BTh programme, focus area General.

The subject combination you can choose depends on what the timetable allows; in other words, the subjects and modules you choose may not clash on the class or assessment timetables.

Please note: If you wish to take Psychology 213(8) and 223(8) as elective modules in your second year, you *must* take both Psychology modules listed below in your first year.

Ancient Cultures	114(12), 144(12)
Basic Xhosa	114(12), 144(12)
Biblical Hebrew	178(24)
Greek	178(24)
Philosophy	114(12), 144(12)
Practical Theology	143(8), 152(8)
Psychology	114(12), 144(12)
Sociology	114(12), 144(12)
Xhosa	178(24)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 120 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 64)

Ecclesiology	216(8)
New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	212(8), 222(8), 243(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 56)

Choose modules to the value of at least 56 credits from the subjects listed below.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for the BTh programme, focus area General.

The subject combination you can choose depends on what the timetable allows; in other words, the subjects and modules you choose may not clash on the class or assessment timetables.

Biblical Hebrew	214(16), 244(16)
Ecclesiology	253(8)
Greek	214(16), 244(16)
Missiology	244(16)
Practical Theology	234(16), 244(16) 254(16)
Psychology	213(8), 223(8)
Sociology	222(8)

THIRD YEAR (MINIMUM 120 CREDITS)

NQF level 7

Please note: In 2027, the following modules will be offered for the last time.

Elective modules:

- New Testament 342
- Old Testament 342
- Old and New Testament 324

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for these modules will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, you will need to register for another third-year elective module the following year. This elective module will be at your own cost.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 56)

Ecclesiology	352(8)
New Testament	321(8)
Old Testament	344(8)
Practical Theology	314(16), 342(8)
Systematic Theology	312(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 64)

Choose modules to the value of at least 64 credits from the subjects listed below.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for the BTh programme, focus area General.

The subject combination you can choose depends on what the timetable allows; in other words, the subjects and modules you choose may not clash on the class or assessment timetables.

New Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Old and New Testament	324(16), 354(16)
Old Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Practical Theology	322(8), 332(8), 354(16), 362(8), 378(24)
Sociology	364(12)
Systematic Theology	322(8), 342(8)

4.3 BTh programme, focus area Part-time (NQF level 7)

Programme Description

The BTh programme with focus area Part-time is a programme in which the content of the three-year BTh programme with focus area General is presented over four years.

Specific Admission Requirements

Eligibility

In addition to meeting the requirements for university admission, you must also meet a number of specific criteria to be eligible for the BTh programme with focus area Part-time.

You may apply for this programme if you:

- are at least 30 years old or older;
- are a second-career student (a student that is or has been employed in another career) or in ministry;
- have completed the Faculty's introductory theology and computer literacy short courses on NQF level 5;
- provide proof of ministerial experience or a letter of motivation from your denominational head.

If you are in a mainstream programme, you cannot transfer to this programme.

The number of students admitted to this programme per year is limited, and a selection panel will evaluate prospective students.

Admission requirements for students who obtained the National Senior Certificate (NSC) in 2008 or later

If you completed a National Senior Certificate, you must have the following:

- An average final mark of at least 60%, excluding Life Orientation;
- Exemption for a bachelor's degree.

Admission requirements for students who matriculated in 2007 or earlier

- You must have a matric certificate with a minimum of four symbols between A and E (at least 40%);
- At least one subject must be on higher-grade level;
- You must have passed at least three subjects during the same examination sitting.
- You must apply to the Matriculation Board for matriculation exemption.
- If you are older than 45 years, you must provide evidence from the Matriculation Board that you have matriculation exemption.

Closing Date for Applications

You must apply **before** 31 July of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the BTh programme with focus area Part-time is four years.

Teaching and Learning

This programme is offered in hybrid format. It consists of block contact sessions on campus as well as online and technologically mediated activities that are synchronous as well as asynchronous in nature:

- You will be required to attend one block contact week on campus per term, which is two per semester. These contact weeks will be scheduled for the second and third week of each term and dates will be communicated by the beginning of each year as soon as the University's academic calendar has been finalised. The block contact sessions will consist of lectures to solidify threshold concepts, theory and debates relating to the module.
- Synchronous activities (students and lecturers engage in real time) as well as asynchronous activities (students learn in their own time) will offer additional learning opportunities and include lectures, tutorials, peer interaction and assessment opportunities.

Continued Study Possibilities

If you complete the BTh programme with focus area Part-time, the continued study possibilities are the same as for the standard BTh programmes; it can be followed by the programmes in the Faculty of Theology that are listed below:

- the Postgraduate Diplomas in Theology,
- the MTh programmes,
- the MPhil programmes.

For more information on admission to postgraduate programmes, please consult the Postgraduate Programmes chapter in this Yearbook Part.

Programme Structure

Although the BTh programme with focus area Part-time takes one year longer than the BTh programme with focus area General, the module contents of the two programmes are the same.

Find more information on the module contents of undergraduate programmes in the Subjects, Modules and Module Contents for All Undergraduate Programmes chapter in this Yearbook Part.

The curricula for the four years of study are set out below.

4.4 Curricula for all years of study of BTh Programme, focus area Part-time (605104) (NQF level 7)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 100 CREDITS)

NQF level 5 & 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 100)

Academic Literacy for Theology	113(12), 143(12)
Ecclesiology	153(8)
Missiology	143(8)
Old and New Testament	113(16), 143(16)
Practical Theology and Missiology	122(8)
Systematic Theology	153(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	134(12)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 88 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 88)

New Testament	215(8)
Old Testament	253(8)
Practical Theology	133(8), 145(8), 153(8), 213(8), 215(8), 253(8), 263(8)
Systematic Theology	214(8), 251(8)

THIRD YEAR (MINIMUM 96 CREDITS)

NQF level 6 & 7

Compulsory Modules (credits = 96)

Ecclesiology	217(8), 353(8)
Missiology	243(16)
Old Testament	313(8)
Practical Theology	211(16), 245(16), 343(8)
Systematic Theology	313(8), 343(8)

FOURTH YEAR (MINIMUM 80 CREDITS)

NQF level 7

Compulsory Modules (credits = 80)

New Testament	323(8)
Old Testament	343(8)
Practical Theology	313(16), 323(8), 355(16), 388(24)

4.5 Curricula for all years of study of the BTh programme, focus area Youth Work (605101) (NQF level 7)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 126 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 126)

Knowledge Skills	172(6)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	114(16), 144(16)
Practical Theology	113(8), 143(8), 152(8)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8)
Psychology	114(12), 144(12)
Sociology	144(12)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 128 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 128)

New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	212(8), 222(8), 234(16), 243(8), 244(16), 254(16)
Psychology	213(8), 223(8)
Sociology	222(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

THIRD YEAR (MINIMUM 124 CREDITS)

NQF level 7

Please note: In 2027, the following modules will be offered for the last time.

Elective modules:

- New Testament 342
- Old Testament 342
- Old and New Testament 324

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for these modules will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, you will need to register for another elective the following year. This elective will be at your own cost.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 116)

New Testament	321(8)
Old Testament	344(8)
Practical Theology	314(16), 322(8), 332(8), 342(8), 354(16), 378(24)
Sociology	364(12)
Systematic Theology	312(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 8)

Choose a module to the value of at least 8 credits from the following subjects.

Ecclesiology	352(8)
New Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Old and New Testament	324(16), 354(16)
Old Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Practical Theology	362(8)
Systematic Theology	322(8), 342(8)

4.6 BDiv programme (604103) (NQF level 8)

Target Group

- The BDiv programme offers professional theological training to denominations requiring Hebrew and Greek as part of their theological training.
- Follow this programme if you want to prepare yourself for the ministry, to become a religious leader in society and to offer aid to people in need.

Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements for university admission, you must also have an average final mark of at least 60% for the National Senior Certificate, excluding Life Orientation, to study in the Faculty of Theology.

Selection process

The following BDiv programmes follow a selection process.

- BDiv, and
- BDiv extended curriculum programme.

Each year, a maximum of 100 students in total will be admitted to the BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv programme *added together*.

Each year, a maximum of 25 students in total will be admitted to the BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv extended curriculum programme *added together*.

Selection is based on:

- your final mark for the National Senior Certificate, and
- a motivational letter of no more than 250 words, to be submitted by you, on why you want to study theology.

Closing Date for Applications

You must apply **before** 31 July of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is four years of full-time study.

Continued Study Possibilities

- This programme leads to the Postgraduate Diplomas in Theology, the MTh programmes, the MPhil programmes and the MDiv programme in the Faculty of Theology.

For more information on admission to the postgraduate programme you are considering, please consult the relevant postgraduate programme's details in the Postgraduate Programmes chapter in this Yearbook Part.

Programme Outcomes

After completion of this programme, you will have:

- an extensive, systematic and integrated knowledge of all theological disciplines, bearing in mind the Bible in its original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek);
- knowledge of the principles and theory of theological hermeneutics;
- knowledge of the nature and functioning of the church;
- the ability to determine the context of ministry;
- the ability to communicate the Christian message effectively;
- the ability to point out the applicability of the Bible in the Southern African context;
- insight into the way in which perceptions of human dignity influence value systems;
- the ability to develop a contextual theory of practice about how faith communities should function within their own set of circumstances; and
- knowledge and an understanding of other faith traditions, especially in Africa.

Programme Structure

A minimum number of students have to register for a module for the module to be presented.

Depending on denominational preference, different levels of skill in the biblical languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek) are required of you. You must familiarise yourself with the requirements for biblical languages as set by your specific denomination.

- At present the Dutch Reformed Church requires two years of study of Greek and Hebrew.
- At present the Uniting Reformed Church requires one year of study of Greek and Hebrew, as well as one year of training in a South African language besides the student's mother tongue, e.g. Afrikaans, English or isiXhosa (see language modules offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences).

Although the BDiv programme does not include any elective modules in the first year of study, you can take elective modules on second-year and third-year level.

In the fourth year of study, you must complete an important assignment (48 credits) in any of the six subdivisions of theology as a field of study. You have to submit it before or on 1 November, after which an internal as well as an external examiner will assess the assignment. The table below sets out the structure of the BDiv programme.

4.6.1 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BDiv programme over all four years of study

BDiv	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	132
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	84
		<i>Compulsory</i> modules in Arts and Social Sciences	48
Second year	DRC students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	136
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	72
		<i>Compulsory</i> modules in Arts and Social Sciences	64
	ANGLICAN students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	80
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	40
	All students from OTHER denominations	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	72
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	48
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	144
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	88
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	56
Fourth year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 8	144
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	144

4.7 Curricula for all years of study of the BDiv Programme (604103) (NQF level 8)

FIRST YEAR

(CURRICULUM FOR ALL THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS) (MINIMUM 132 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 132)

Biblical Hebrew	178(24)
Ecclesiology	143(8)
Greek	178(24)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	114(16), 144(16)
Practical Theology	113(8)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8)
Systematic Theology	144(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

Additional requirement of the Uniting Reformed Church regarding South African languages

At present the Uniting Reformed Church requires one year of training in another South African language besides your mother tongue, for example in Afrikaans, English or isiXhosa (these language modules are offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; see that faculty's Yearbook Part for the module descriptions):

- If Afrikaans or English is your mother tongue, you must register for Xhosa 178 (24)
 - If isiXhosa is your mother tongue, you must register for one of the following Afrikaans modules:
 - Afrikaans as Foreign Language 179 (24), if you had no training in Afrikaans or had Afrikaans as Second Additional Language at school;
- OR
- Afrikaans as Second Language 189 (24), if you had Afrikaans as First Additional Language at school.

Afrikaans as Foreign Language	179(24)
Afrikaans as Second Language	189(24)
Xhosa	178(24)

Additional subject (optional)

If you wish to develop your knowledge-building skills, for example skills in word processing, data processing, accessing library resources and conducting literature searches using relevant academic databases, ethically using existing academic research and consistently applying referencing methods correctly, may enrol for Knowledge Skills 172 offered in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Knowledge Skills	172(6)
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SECOND YEAR

(CURRICULUM FOR DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH STUDENTS) (MINIMUM 136 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 136)

Biblical Hebrew	214(16), 244(16)
Ecclesiology	216(8)
Greek	214(16), 244(16)
Missiology	244(16)
New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	222(8), 243(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

OR

SECOND YEAR

(CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS FROM DENOMINATIONS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE BIBLICAL LANGUAGES ON SECOND-YEAR LEVEL) (MINIMUM 120 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules

(credits = 80 for Anglican students; 72 for all other students)

Ecclesiology	216(8)
Missiology	244(16)
New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	222(8), 243(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

plus

Compulsory Module

for all Anglican students

Ecclesiology	253(8)
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plus**Elective Modules****(credits = 40 for Anglican students; 48 for all other students)**

If you are an Anglican student, choose modules to the value of at least 40 credits from the subjects below.
All other students choose modules to the value of at least 48 credits from the subjects below.

Biblical Hebrew	214(16), 244(16)
Ecclesiology	253(8)
Greek	214(16), 244(16)
Practical Theology	212(8), 234(16), 244(16), 254(16), 262(8)

THIRD YEAR**(CURRICULUM FOR ALL THEOLOGY STUDENTS) (MINIMUM 144 CREDITS)**

NQF level 7

Please note: In 2027, the following modules will be offered for the last time.

Compulsory modules:

- New Testament 342
- Old Testament 342

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for these modules will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, the department may recommend an elective module to be taken as a third-year subject the following year. This elective will be at your own cost.

Elective module:

- Old and New Testament 324

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for this module will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, you will need to register for another elective the following year. This elective will be at your own cost.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 88)

Ecclesiology	352(8)
New Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Old Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Practical Theology	314(16), 342(8)
Systematic Theology	312(8), 322(8), 342(8)

plus**Elective Modules (credits = 56)**

Choose modules to the value of at least 56 credits from the subjects below.

Biblical Hebrew	314(12), 324(12), 344(12), 354(12)
Greek	314(12), 324(12), 344(12), 354(12)
Old and New Testament	324(16), 354(16)
Practical Theology	322(8), 332(8), 354(16), 362(8)

FOURTH YEAR**(CURRICULUM FOR ALL THEOLOGY STUDENTS) (MINIMUM 144 CREDITS)**

NQF level 8

Compulsory Modules (credits = 96)

Ecclesiology	423(8), 443(8)
Missiology	442(16)
New Testament	422(8), 442(8)
Old Testament	412(8), 452(8)
Practical Theology	413(16)
Systematic Theology	421(8), 444(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 48)

Choose **one** of the following modules to the value of 48 credits. You do a compulsory research assignment in only one of the six specialist areas.

Ecclesiology	478(48)
Missiology	478(48)
New Testament	478(48)
Old Testament	478(48)
Practical Theology	478(48)
Systematic Theology	478(48)

4.8 Extended curriculum programmes

Programme Description

The extended curriculum programme (ECP) offers selected students an opportunity to complete their qualification through an additional year of formal studies.

If you are selected, you will complete the BTh programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) over four years instead of the usual three. The first academic year is divided into two years and you will receive additional foundational support. A 16-credit module is also added to the third year to enhance your development and success. This module focusses on a range of knowledge and skills aimed at your holistic development and support. The goal is to ensure that you complete the programme with the required academic and professional skills, but also with the personal skills to navigate your future career as a spiritual leader.

The BDiv programme, which usually spans four years, is presented over five years as an extended curriculum programme. You will complete the first-year modules over two years. Thereafter, the modules to complete each year are the same as for the standard BDiv programme.

Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements for university admission, the following specific admission requirements apply for an extended curriculum programme in the Faculty of Theology:

- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **at least 55%, but below 60%**, you could be considered for admission to an extended curriculum programme, but this also depends on an interview with the Dean or his or her representative.
- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **below 55%**, you may apply for and possibly gain admission to an extended curriculum programme based on the Regulation for the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT).
- If you have a weighted National Senior Certificate average (approved subjects) of **below 55%, but higher than 50%**, and if you are socio-economically disadvantaged, your church denomination may approach the Dean for a Dean's discretionary admission. The Dean will consider the request in consultation with the Programme Committee chair.

Selection process

The following extended degree programmes in Theology follow a selection process.

- BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work), and
- BDiv extended curriculum programme.

Each year, a maximum of 25 students in total will be admitted to the BTh extended curriculum programme (focus areas General and Youth Work) and the BDiv extended curriculum programme *added together*.

Selection is based on:

- your final mark for the National Senior Certificate, and
- a motivational letter of no more than 250 words, to be submitted by you, on why you want to study theology.

Closing Date for Applications

You must apply **before** 31 July of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the BTh extended curriculum programmes (focus areas General and Youth Work) is four years; the BDiv extended curriculum programme is five years.

Continued Study Possibilities

- If you complete a BTh extended curriculum programme, the continued study possibilities are the same as for the standard BTh programmes; it can be followed by the programmes in the Faculty of Theology listed below:
 - the Postgraduate Diplomas in Theology,
 - the MTh programmes,
 - the MPhil programmes.
- If you complete the BDiv extended curriculum programme the continued study possibilities are the same as for the standard BDiv programme; it can be followed by the programmes in the Faculty of Theology listed below:
 - the Postgraduate Diplomas in Theology,
 - the MTh programmes,
 - the MPhil programmes,
 - the MDiv programme.

For more information on admission to postgraduate programmes, please consult the Postgraduate Programmes chapter in this Yearbook Part.

Programme Structure

A minimum number of students have to register for a module for the module to be presented.

In the BTh, focus area General, you may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. The total number of credits must be at least equal to that required for the BTh programme, focus area General. This also applies to the BTh extended curriculum programme (ECP), focus area General, from your second year of study if you demonstrate satisfactory academic performance in your first year of study. However, the following conditions apply:

- Permission must be granted by the Dean in consultation with the Chair of the Programme Committee.
- You must ensure that you comply with the minimum requirements for the relevant modules.
- You must take responsibility for managing your own class and assessment schedules by ensuring that the subjects and modules you choose do not clash on the class or assessment timetable, and by adhering to the SU rules regarding such clashes, as set out in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.

Find more information on the module contents of undergraduate programmes in the Subjects, Modules and Module Contents for All Undergraduate Programmes chapter in this Yearbook Part.

4.8.1 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BTh extended curriculum programme, focus area General, over all four years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum number of credits required.

BTh extended curriculum, focus area General	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	48
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	48
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	36
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	36
Second year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	24
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	24
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	72
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	48
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	24
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	80
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	40

BTh extended curriculum, focus area General	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
Fourth year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	56
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology, Arts and Social Sciences or any other faculty**	64
**See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for extended curriculum programmes.			

4.8.2 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BTh extended curriculum programme, focus area Youth Work, over all four years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum number of credits required.

BTh extended curriculum, focus area Youth Work	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	48
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	48
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	36
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	36
Second year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	24
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	24
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	100
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	64
		<i>Compulsory</i> Psychology and Sociology modules	36
Third year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	144
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Psychology and Sociology modules	24
Fourth year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	124
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	104
		<i>Compulsory</i> Sociology modules	12
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology	8

4.8.3 A breakdown of the programme structure of the BDiv extended curriculum programme over all five years of study

The number of credits specified below is the minimum number of credits required.

BDiv extended curriculum	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
First year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 5	12
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	12
		Minimum credits at NQF level 6	60
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	60
Second year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	72
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	24
		<i>Compulsory</i> Arts and Social Sciences modules	48
Third year	DRC students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	136
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	72
		<i>Compulsory modules</i> in Arts and Social Sciences	64
	ANGLICAN students	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	80
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	40

BDiv extended curriculum	Denomination	Module structure	Credits
	All students from OTHER denominations	Minimum credits at NQF level 6	120
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	72
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	48
Fourth year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 7	144
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	88
		<i>Elective modules</i> in Theology or Arts and Social Sciences	56
Fifth year	All students	Minimum credits at NQF level 8	144
		<i>Compulsory</i> Theology modules	144

4.9 Curricula for the BTh programme, focus area General (ECP) (605105) (NQF level 7)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 84 CREDITS)

NQF level 5 & 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 84)

Academic Literacy for Theology	112(12), 142(12)
Old and New Testament	114(16), 132(8), 152(8)
Systematic Theology	144(8), 152(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 96 CREDITS)

NQF level 5 & 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 72)

Ecclesiology	122(8), 143(8)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	131(8), 144(16)
Practical Theology	113(8)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8), 114(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 24)

Choose modules to the value of at least 24 credits from the following subjects.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for extended curriculum programmes for the BTh programme, focus area General.

Please note: If you wish to take Psychology 213(8) and 223(8) as elective modules in your second year, you must take both of the Psychology modules listed below in your first year.

Ancient Cultures	114(12), 144(12)
Basic Xhosa	114(12), 144(12)
Biblical Hebrew	178(24)
Greek	178(24)
Philosophy	114(12), 144(12)
Practical Theology	143(8), 152(8)
Psychology	114(12), 144(12)
Sociology	114(12), 144(12)
Xhosa	178(24)

THIRD YEAR (MINIMUM 120 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 80)

Ecclesiology	216(8)
Engaged Citizenry	278(16)
New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	212(8), 222(8), 243(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 40)

Choose modules to the value of at least 40 credits from the subjects listed below.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for extended curriculum programmes for the BTh programme, focus area General.

Biblical Hebrew	214(16), 244(16)
Ecclesiology	253(8)
Greek	214(16), 244(16)
Missiology	244(16)
Practical Theology	234(16), 244(16) 254(16)
Psychology	213(8), 223(8)
Sociology	222(8)

FOURTH YEAR (MINIMUM 120 CREDITS)

NQF level 7

Please note: In 2027, the following modules will be offered for the last time.

Elective modules:

- New Testament 342
- Old Testament 342
- Old and New Testament 324

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for these modules will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, you will need to register for another elective the following year. This elective will be at your own cost.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 56)

Ecclesiology	352(8)
New Testament	321(8)
Old Testament	344(8)
Practical Theology	314(16), 342(8)
Systematic Theology	312(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 64)

Choose modules to the value of at least 64 credits from the subjects listed below.

You may choose electives other than the ones listed should you wish to pursue a postgraduate programme that requires undergraduate subjects not on the list of electives. See the conditions under "Programme Structure" for extended curriculum programmes for the BTh programme, focus area General.

New Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Old and New Testament	324(16), 354(16)
Old Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Practical Theology	322(8), 332(8), 354(16), 362(8), 378(24)
Sociology	364(12)
Systematic Theology	322(8), 342(8)

4.10 Curricula for the BTh programme, focus area Youth Work (ECP) (605106) (NQF level 7)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 84 CREDITS)

NQF level 5 & 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 84)

Academic Literacy for Theology	112(12), 142(12)
Old and New Testament	114(16), 132(8), 152(8)
Systematic Theology	144(8), 152(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 124 CREDITS)

NQF level 5 & 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 124)

Ecclesiology	122(8), 143(8)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	131(8), 144(16)
Practical Theology	113(8), 143(8), 152(8)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8), 114(8)
Sociology	144(12)
Psychology	114(12), 144(12)

THIRD YEAR (MINIMUM 144 CREDITS)

NQF level 6

Compulsory Modules (credits = 144)

Engaged Citizenry	278(16)
New Testament	213(8)
Old Testament	252(8)
Practical Theology	212(8), 222(8), 234(16), 243(8), 244(16), 254(16)
Psychology	213(8), 223(8)
Sociology	222(8)
Systematic Theology	211(8), 253(8)

FOURTH YEAR (MINIMUM 124 CREDITS)

NQF level 7

Please note: In 2027, the following modules will be offered for the last time.

Elective modules:

- New Testament 342
- Old Testament 342
- Old and New Testament 324

Students who do not pass the A2 and/or A3 assessment opportunities for these modules will be given one final A4 assessment opportunity. If you fail the A4 opportunity, you will need to register for another elective the following year. This elective will be at your own cost.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 116)

New Testament	321(8)
Old Testament	344(8)
Practical Theology	314(16), 322(8), 332(8), 342(8), 354(16), 378(24)
Sociology	364(12)
Systematic Theology	312(8)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 8)

Choose a module to the value of at least 8 credits from the following subjects.

Ecclesiology	352(8)
New Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Old and New Testament	324(16), 354(16)
Old Testament	312(8), 342(8)
Practical Theology	362(8)
Systematic Theology	322(8), 342(8)

4.11 Curricula for the first and second year of study for the BDiv programme (ECP) (604102) (NQF level 8)

FIRST YEAR (MINIMUM 72 CREDITS)**Compulsory Modules (credits = 72)**

Academic Literacy for Theology	112(12)
Ecclesiology	143(8)
Missiology	142(8)
Old and New Testament	114(16)
Practical Theology	113(8)
Systematic Theology	144(8)
Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology	124(12)

SECOND YEAR (MINIMUM 72 CREDITS)**Compulsory Modules (credits = 72)**

Biblical Hebrew	178(24)
Greek	178(24)
Old and New Testament	144(16)
Practical Theology and Missiology	112(8)

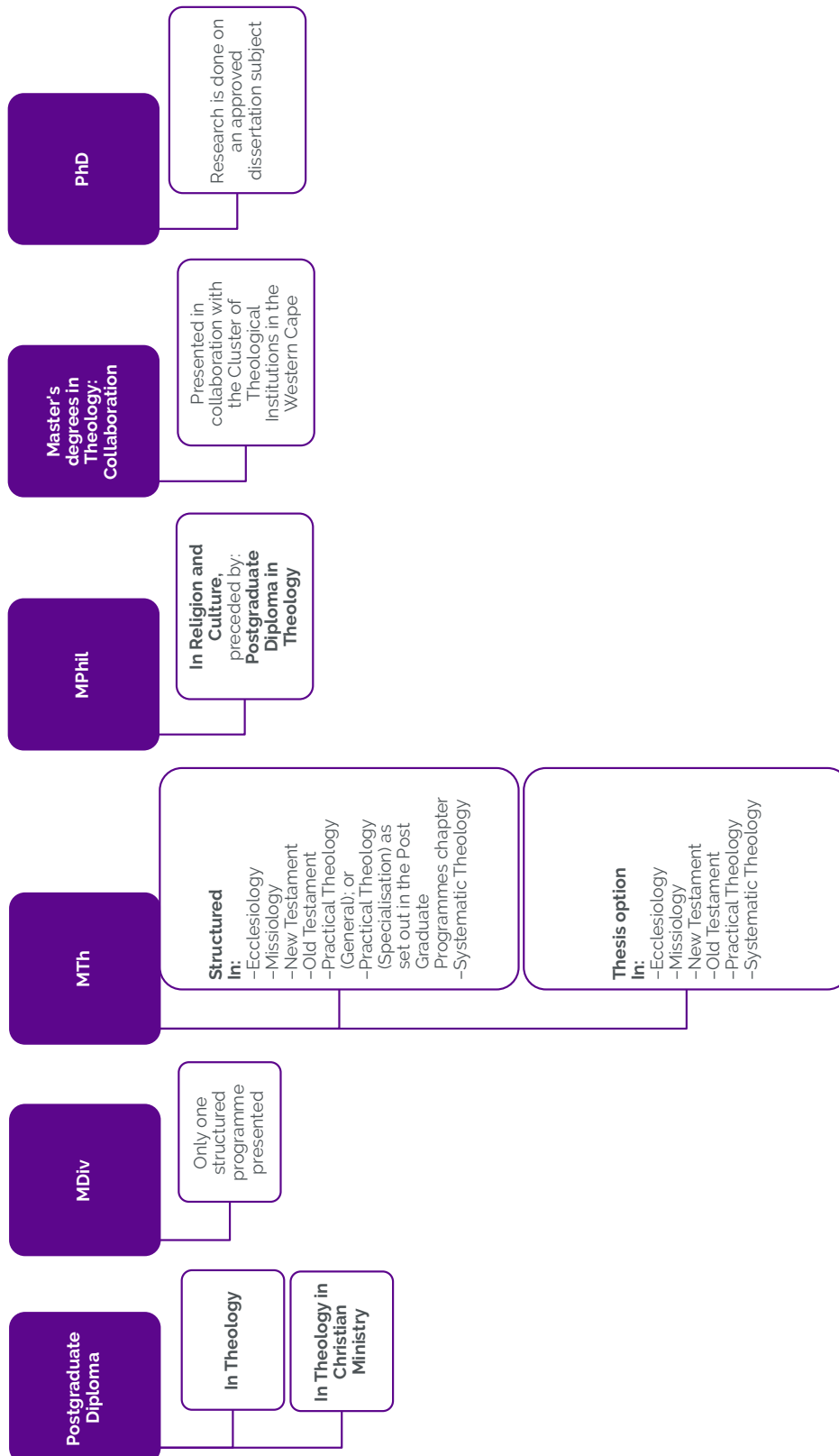
THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR

Curricula for the second, third and fourth year of study for the BDiv programme (604100) (NQF level 8) are followed, as set out in the Undergraduate Programmes chapter.

Postgraduate Programmes

1. Summary and explanation of postgraduate programmes

The diagram below offers a representation of the postgraduate programmes offered in the Faculty of Theology, namely postgraduate diplomas, master's degrees and doctoral degrees. It also gives a summary of the options within the various programmes, under each block.



2. Postgraduate Diplomas

2.1 Postgraduate Diploma in Theology – PGDip (Theology) (445100, one-year duration) (445101, two-year duration) (NQF level 8)

Religion and Culture focus

The MPhil in Religion and Culture is preceded by a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology done with a Religion and Culture focus. You register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, and for your research assignment you should research a theme that relates to Religion and Culture.

Target Group

- Students without any theological training, from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and who have previously obtained a bachelor's (BSc, BA or similar) degree on NQF level 7.
- Students with a three-year qualification in theology (exit-level NQF level 7) who do not qualify to continue with an MDiv, MTh or Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry.

Specific Admission Requirements

- Any bachelor's degree (NQF level 7) or equivalent qualification, which need not necessarily be in theology, with a final aggregate mark of at least 50% over the duration of your studies; or,
- An equivalent qualification from this or another university or seminary approved for this purpose by Senate or by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of Senate.

Teaching and Learning Requirements

This programme is presented in a hybrid format and therefore includes online activities such as lectures and submitting your assessments through SUNLearn; for this reason, you must have stable access to the internet, as well as data and a computer or similar electronic device.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply before 30 October of the year preceding study.
- If you are an international student, you must apply before 30 September of the year preceding study.

Duration of Programme

You can enrol to complete this programme in **one year** or over **two years**. If you choose to do the programme over two years, you will complete your research project in the second year.

Presentation Structure

- Electronic learning by using SUNLearn (the learning management system of Stellenbosch University), and MS Teams (the team collaboration platform of Stellenbosch University), which includes contemporary teaching techniques, online discussion groups with fellow students and lecturers and electronic assignments.
- Modules (year modules) are offered in block-contact sessions throughout the year.

Contact Sessions

Synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning contact sessions will be conducted with the assistance of the SUNLearn and MS Teams platforms (details in the PGDip information booklet).

Orientation

Two orientation sessions are planned per year, each at the start of a semester. The purpose of these sessions is to provide students with necessary information, introduce them to lecturers, and answer general questions.

Teaching and Learning

This will be done in block-contact sessions throughout the year. A programme will be included in the programme guide and the module framework and will be distributed electronically at the beginning of each academic year.

Workshops

Workshops on research methodology, academic writing, selection and access to resources and the use of electronic databases will be presented. These workshops are compulsory for students enrolled for the research assignment (60-credit) module and will only be presented at the start of each year.

Assessment and Examination

The 10-credit modules are assessed through diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments as communicated in the module frameworks. The 60-credit module is assessed by means of a written research assignment, and an oral examination, which includes book reviews. The book reviews and oral examination combined contribute 50% of the final mark of the module, and the research assignment the other 50%.

Submission date for research assignments: 15 November for graduation in March of the following year.

The research assignment is examined by an internal, as well as an external examiner.

Take note: graduation is dependent on a student completing all modules successfully (i.e. minimum requirement of 50%).

Continued Study Possibilities

After completion of this programme, you can:

- continue with further studies/research in theology through the Master in Theology (NQF level 9),
- register for the Master of Divinity (NQF level 9), if you comply with the admission requirements for a MDiv, or
- register the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry (NQF level 8), if you comply with the admission requirements for a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry.

Programme Outcomes

When you have completed this programme, you should:

- have a broad overview of a variety of theological disciplines for your personal enrichment;
- be able to identify problems and have developed critical analytical thinking.
- have a basic understanding of methodology and research in theology.

The programme offers:

- An introduction to, orientation in, and understanding of the position of theology as a field of study on postgraduate level.
- A general orientation in:
 - Old Testament studies
 - New Testament studies
 - systematic theology
 - ecclesiology
 - practical theology
 - missiology

Programme Structure

The programme consists of:

- Six compulsory modules of 10 credits each. These six modules cover the six main subjects, Ecclesiology, Missiology (including Community Development), New Testament, Old Testament, Practical Theology, and Systematic Theology. These modules are offered in block sessions throughout the year.
- A research assignment in your field of specialisation. The research topic for the assignment will depend on your choice of elective module. The elective module is offered over one year and includes contact sessions on research methodology and academic writing, including sessions between the supervisor and the student.

One-year programme

We recommend that the following students consider the one-year programme:

- students who have already received training in theology, and
- students who are not employed full-time.

You will be expected to:

- Attend orientation sessions and sessions on research methodology and academic writing.
- Attend contact sessions for all six the 10-credit modules, do assignments and write exams.
- Write and submit a research assignment. This 60-credit module includes extensive reading in the area of specialisation as well as a research assignment and oral examinations.

Two-year programme

We recommend that the following students consider the two-year registration programme:

- students without any training in theology, and
- students who are employed full-time.

During the first year, you are expected to:

- Attend orientation sessions.
- Attend contact sessions for all six the 10-credit modules, do assignments, and write exams.

During the second year, you are expected to:

- Attend sessions on research methodology and academic writing.
- Write and submit a research assignment. This 60-credit module includes extensive reading in the area of specialisation as well as a research assignment and oral examinations.

Programme Content

Total 120 credits

If you enrol to complete the programme in one year:

Compulsory Modules (credits = 60)

Ecclesiology	711(10)
Missiology	711(10)
New Testament	711(10)
Old Testament	711(10)
Practical Theology	711(10)
Systematic Theology	711(10)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 60)

Choose one subject from the list below. The focus of the elective will determine the topic of your research assignment.

Ecclesiology	742(60)
Missiology	742(60)
New Testament	742(60)
Old Testament	742(60)
Practical Theology	742(60)
Systematic Theology	742(60)

If you enrol to complete the programme in two years:

FIRST YEAR (72 CREDITS)

Compulsory Modules (credits = 60)

Ecclesiology	711(10)
Missiology	711(10)
New Testament	711(10)
Old Testament	711(10)
Practical Theology	711(10)
Systematic Theology	711(10)

SECOND YEAR

Elective Modules (credits = 60)

Choose one subject from the list below. The focus of the elective will determine the topic of your research assignment.

Ecclesiology	742(60)
Missiology	742(60)
New Testament	742(60)
Old Testament	742(60)
Practical Theology	742(60)
Systematic Theology	742(60)

2.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry – PGDip (Theology) (Christian Ministry) (606100) (NQF level 8)

Target Group

- Prospective ministers, Christian leaders, and pastoral care givers from all denominations who want to receive supervised practical training;
 - in order to develop ministry skills within a specific denominational context by integrating theological theories with ministry practice.

Presentation

- The programme is presented by the Practical Theology and Missiology discipline group in co-operation with the Old and New Testament and the Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology discipline groups.
- The discipline group Practical Theology and Missiology is responsible for the selection and training of the supervisors and mentors, as well as for the allocation of congregations.
- The placement of candidates in congregations for congregational exposure is done in co-operation with the contracted churches **before** the orientation day, which takes place in November of the preceding year.

Specific Admission Requirements

- A MDiv (Church Ministry), as determined by the relevant church denomination.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding study.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding study.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is one year.

Assessment and Examination

Assessment consists of, among other things, research reports and assignments during the first and second semesters.

Programme Outcomes

After completion of this programme, you will have:

- a theological-hermeneutical understanding of the ministry practice in faith communities;
- an understanding of the functioning of a practical theological ecclesiology;
- the ability to act as leader within different faith communities; and
- the ability to illustrate various ministry skills in opportunities created by the ministry practice.

Programme Structure

- The programme focuses on supervised professional training within a congregational context, in order to develop ministry skills.
- The training takes place under supervision of the Board of Governors and church councils of various church denominations in co-operation with the Faculty of Theology, in order to comply with the church's requirements regarding the admission and calling of ministers, Christian leaders and pastoral care givers.
- You do not attend any lectures for this programme. You work independently and must submit reports and assignments.

Course of the Programme

- All the prospective candidates and their mentors must attend an orientation day in November of the preceding year.
- The candidates report to the congregations at the beginning of the last full week in January.
- Students return to campus four times during the year:
 - In March: At this session the programme is set out by the programme co-ordinator and the lecturers explain the assignments and the requirements of the subdisciplines.
 - In May: The half-year assessment takes place over the course of one week. All assignments for the first semester are discussed at this session.

- The last two full weeks in August: Final conversations with the curatorium take place and the assignments of the second semester are discussed.
- The first week in November: After the candidates have completed their year-long ministry exposure in the congregations, the whole group meets for final feedback and assessment with the mentors and lecturers.
- Cross-cultural exposure:
 - Each candidate is expected to experience cross-cultural exposure at another denomination for a period of at least two weeks.
 - This cross-cultural exposure is organised in collaboration with the supervisor for a time and place as mutually agreed upon.

Programme Content

Total 120 credits

Compulsory Modules

Mentorship	711(10)
Ministry Practice	711(50)
Congregational Ministry and Administration (20)	
Pastoral Ministry (10)	
Public Worship and Communication (10)	
Youth Ministry (10)	
Old and New Testament	711(10)
Research Portfolio	711(40)
Systematic Theology	711(10)

3. Master's Degrees

3.1 MDiv (486101) (NQF level 9)

Target Group

The MDiv in Church Ministry offers professional theological training to ministers, clergy, pastors, lay workers, pastoral care givers and pastoral therapists for the ministry.

Specific Admission Requirements

- A BDiv degree; or
- Another qualification that is judged by Senate to be equivalent to the content of the four-year BDiv programme, as well as the bible languages requirements regarding the current BDiv degree.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding study.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding study.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the MDiv programme is one year of full-time study.

Assessment and Examination

The assessment of the seven modules consists of formative assessment over the course of a module and summative assessment at the end of each module.

Programme Outcomes

After completion of this programme, you will:

- have the ability to articulate your own practical theological ecclesiology;
- be able to describe the role of the church in society;
- be able to do congregational analyses in different contexts and situations;
- have an understanding of theoretical insights regarding church history and church polity, systematic ecclesiology and symbolism, homiletics and liturgy, Christian spirituality and the identity of a Christian leader;
- have developed a number of ministry and communications skills with regard to preaching, pastorate, community development and missionary leadership;

- have pastoral care and crisis ministry skills; and
- be able to implement an ecosystemic ministry within a pastoral policy of preventing marital and family problems.

Programme Structure

- The first semester starts in the middle of January and runs for 21 weeks. The second semester runs for 15 weeks.
- The different subthemes under the main themes are presented by means of a block approach and the integration of various theological disciplines.
- For the purpose of this programme, a week starts on a Tuesday and ends on a Monday in order to include the weekend.
- In May-June all the candidates go on a compulsory combined ecumenical tour of approximately two weeks.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules (credits = 180)

You must enrol for the following core modules at the beginning of the academic year:

Church and Society	871(15), 872(15)
Discipleship and Ministry Skills	871(20), 872(20)
Introduction	871(20)
Ministry and the Bible, history and tradition	871(15), 872(15)
Research Study	873(60)

The three main themes with their different subthemes are set out below:

- *Pathos aspects*
 - Church in society (contextuality): The role of the church in society within different contexts and ethical questions.
- *Logos aspects*
 - Church – history, systematic ecclesiology, Bible and worship (church identity): The nature and functions of the church; historical connections; church confessions and communication within the context of worship and liturgy.
- *Ethos aspects*
 - Discipleship, spirituality and ministry skills (ministry practice): The connection between Christian spirituality and leadership aimed at developing congregational spirituality within various forms of ministry. Faith maturity and faith formation. The development of ministry and pastoral skills with a view to pastoral care, solace, prevention and enrichment during various life crises and problems in personal relations.

The eight module contents under the main themes are set out below. The credits are indicated in brackets.

Module 1: Introduction

(credits = 20)

Christian leadership and edification of congregations	Leadership styles and edification of congregations.
Practical theological ecclesiology	Introduction to practical theological interpretation.
Research methodology	Basic research skills.
Spirituality week	Christian spirituality and calling of the minister/Christian leader.

PATHOS ASPECTS

Module 2: Church and Society 1 (Pathos)

(credits = 15)

Church in Africa	The issue of intercultural and interreligious communication.
Church, society and market	The issue of poverty, unemployment, criminality, gang violence, street children.
Ecumenics	Contemporary problems and developments.
Ministry of reconciliation and justice	The theological nature of reconciliation and forgiveness.
The church and public life	Moral decision-making and public policy in the private and public spheres.

Module 3: Church and Society 2 (Pathos) (credits = 15)

Children's and youth culture	Tendencies in youth research and theological understanding of youth problems.
Congregational studies and congregational analysis in African contexts	Synoptic context analysis of church and society.
Gender, culture and the Bible in the life of the church	Investigation of the mutual relationship between gender and diverse cultural contexts.

LOGOS ASPECTS

Module 4: Church in the Bible, history and tradition 1 (credits = 15)

Church polity and church governance	Theological foundations; methodology; principles and understanding of being a church and church governance.
Figures from church history and ministry today	Integrated knowledge of important figures from church history and the history of theology.
Pedagogics of the Bible	Hermeneutical impact of biblical pedagogics in congregational context.
Remembrance, history and involvement with the past	A critical discussion of the importance of remembrance as access to the past.

Module 5: Church in the Bible, history and tradition 2 (credits = 15)

Apologetics	Theology in conversation with science, culture and views of life.
Symbolism	Confessions and confessional writings.
Systematic ecclesiology	The doctrine of the church.

ETHOS ASPECTS

Module 6: Discipleship and Ministry Skills 1 (credits = 20)

Homiletics	Preaching as mode of communication. Theory and practice.
Liturgics	The theological nature and understanding of worship and the question of communication in a secularised society. Various ways and models of worship.

Module 7: Discipleship and Ministry Skills 2 (credits = 20)

Children's ministry	Trends in youth research and theological understanding of youth issues.
Pastoral care for the sick and hospital care	Hospital supervision.
Preventative pastoral care	Marriage pastoral care and enrichment; family pastoral care and enrichment.
Youth care and moral formation	The theological nature of youth work and moral education.

Module 8: Research component (credits = 60)

- You must complete a research assignment of 50 pages during the programme in order to develop research skills.
- The due date for this research assignment is the last day of the fourth term.
- All MDiv assignments are examined by an internal, as well as an external examiner.
- Research may be carried out in any of the following six disciplines: Ecclesiology, Missiology, New Testament, Old Testament, Practical Theology and Systematic Theology.

4. MTh (NQF level 9)

Target Group

The various MTh Programmes are aimed at students who wish to undertake advanced studies in a specific theological field of study.

Specific Admission Requirements

- Any degree programme in Theology at NQF level 8, or any other appropriate four-year qualification equivalent to a four-year training deemed by Senate to be suitable for the proposed study; and
 - you must comply with further requirements that the relevant discipline group may set;
 - during your Theology studies you must have maintained an average achievement of at least 60% in the subject in which you wish to acquire the MTh degree, and obtained an average of 60% in the final year of Theology-related studies preceding the MTh degree;
 - you must have applied in writing and have been admitted to the MTh programme by Senate, or by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of Senate; or
- A BAHons (Religious Studies) which you have obtained after a BA (with Theology) at this University, or some other honours degree deemed equivalent by Senate, or if you have achieved in another way a standard of competence in your particular field of study, deemed adequate by Senate; and
 - you must comply with further requirements that the relevant discipline group may set;
 - during your Theology studies you must have maintained an average achievement of at least 60% in the subject in which you wish to acquire the MTh degree, and obtained an average of 60% in the final year of Theology-related studies preceding the MTh degree;
 - you must have applied in writing and have been admitted to the MTh programme by Senate, or by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of Senate; or
- If you have passed this University's Postgraduate Diploma in Theology with an average of at least 65%, and received a mark of at least 60% for the research assignment in the subject in which you wish to obtain the MTh degree, you may apply to sit for an admission examination, as determined by the relevant discipline group, with a view to enrolment for the MTh programme.
- If you wish to write an MTh thesis, you must submit a research proposal in which the research problem, the research methodology and the method of work are set out to the satisfaction of your supervisor(s).

Supplementary Language Requirements

- If you do not meet the language requirements such as German, Latin, etc. as set by the relevant discipline group, you must supplement the language requirements preferably before, or otherwise during, the first phase of the MTh programme.
- If you must do supplementary studies in Greek and Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures with a view to registration for the programmes MTh and PhD, you must report to the relevant discipline groups **before 1 October** of the preceding year, so that special arrangements can be made for you.
- International candidates who have obtained their qualifications from tertiary institutions where English is not the language of instruction are required to provide proof of English Language proficiency. **This evidence must accompany your application and must not be older than 24 months from the date of application to the University.**
 - The minimum English language requirements and recognised language tests for admission to Stellenbosch University's postgraduate degree programmes are available via the Prospective Postgraduate Student website (www.su.ac.za/en/apply/pg-studies/how-apply-postgraduate-studies).
- You will not be allowed to take any examination in the programme for which you are registered before a certificate in English communication skills has been obtained.

Supplementary requirements with regard to major subjects

The following additional requirements apply to the various subjects when they are chosen as major subjects for MTh studies. If you do not meet these requirements, you must complete the outstanding module(s).

- Ecclesiology: If necessary, Latin I.
- New Testament: Appropriate language requirements as determined by the discipline group in the light of your research proposal.
- Old Testament: Appropriate language requirements as determined by the discipline group in the light of your research proposal.
- Old and New Testament: Appropriate language requirements as determined by the discipline group in the light of your research proposal.

- Systematic Theology: Relevant requirements as determined by the discipline group.
- The supervisor can also recommend that the Faculty of Theology set additional requirements necessary for a particular field of study.
- Additional reading material may be prescribed by the supervisor, based on the theme of the proposed research.

Closing Date for Applications

- Admissions of new applications for MTh programmes are considered twice a year, namely in May and October. Therefore, if you have not obtained your preceding qualification at this university, the closing dates for applications are:
 - 1 May (for enrolment as from the second semester); or
 - preferably, 30 October (for enrolment as from the first semester of the following year).
- If you have obtained your preceding qualification at SU, your application will be considered immediately.
- Apply to the Registrar and state your area of specialisation.
- Direct queries about the application procedure to the Faculty administrator at shirle@sun.ac.za.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the MTh programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Assessment and Examination

- Of candidates following the structured option, also called 889 candidates:
 - You must complete a research assignment of 16 000–20 000 words.
 - You must submit an electronic PDF version of the assignment through Turnitin and at the administrative officer of the disciplinary group concerned.
 - The submission date for research assignments is 15 November for graduation in March of the following year.
 - The research assignment is examined by both an internal and an external examiner.
- Of candidates following the thesis option, also called 871 candidates:
 - You do a final oral examination which covers the thesis and (where applicable) the evaluation of practical work. The examination is set by at least the discipline groups involved with the main subject and supplementary subjects.
 - When you, as 871 candidate, declare yourself ready for the examination of your thesis by a faculty-appointed examination committee, you must submit an electronic PDF version of the thesis through Turnitin and at the administrative officer of the disciplinary group concerned, by either 1 September or 1 December, for graduation in March of the following year.
 - The examination of the thesis is conducted in accordance with the Faculty's Guidelines for Administration and Supervision of Postgraduate Study.
 - For the technical requirements in respect of the appearance, duplication and binding of theses, see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.
 - Also see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook for general regulations in respect of examiners for master's theses.

Programme Structure

To obtain the MTh degree, you can follow one of two options:

1. a structured option (also called the 889 option), where you obtain the degree if you:
 - successfully complete four examination papers in your field of specialisation and one paper in each of the supplementary subjects; and
 - your research assignment receives a combined mark of more than 50% from the internal and external examiners;
- or
2. a thesis option (also called the 871 option), where you obtain the degree if you:
 - successfully defend a thesis before the Faculty.

Course of the Programme

- You register for the modules and assignment or thesis concerned at the administrative officer of the discipline group in which you wish to specialise.

- After registering for the programme, you will receive a policy document from the relevant discipline group containing clear guidelines concerning the respective responsibilities of the student and the supervisor, regular discussions, progress reports, examination procedures, assessment criteria for theses and other regulations as set out by the discipline group.
- Discipline groups annually report to the Faculty on the progress of students.
- You must take note of all fees and possible additional levies as specified in Part 3 (Student Fees) of the Yearbook, or you must consult the Student Fees Division.

Licensing for the Ministry

If you wish to present yourself for licensing for the ministry of a specific denomination, you can, during your MTh study, complete the outstanding modules for the MDiv and or Postgraduate Programme in Theology in Christian Ministry to the satisfaction of the licensing body of the church concerned.

Programme Content

- The MTh structured option (also called the 889 option), as well as the MTh thesis option (also called the 871 option) can be followed in one of the following theological disciplines:
 - Ecclesiology
 - Missiology
 - New Testament
 - Old Testament
 - Practical Theology
 - Systematic Theology
- You may take supplementary subjects presented in departments in other faculties of this University.
- The specific modules you follow in each of the theological disciplines are set out under the specific MTh structured programmes or will be indicated by your supervisor in case of the research master's.

4.1 MTh Structured Programmes (889 options)

4.1.1 MTh in Ecclesiology (12068:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 60)

Research Assignment Ecclesiology	875(60)
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plus

Elective Modules (credits = 120)

Choose four modules to the value of 80 credits from the subjects below.

(credits = 80)

Church Law	872(20)
Early Christian Church History	872(20)
History of the Church in South Africa	872(20)
History of the Reformation	872(20)
Medieval Church History	872(20)
Modern Church History	872(20)

plus

Choose two more modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits in Arts and Social Sciences.

(credits = 40)

Gender Health and Theology	816(20)
Missiology	872(20)
New Testament	872(20)
Old Testament	872(20)
Practical Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology	872(20)

4.1.2 MTh in Missiology (50768:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Modules (credits = 140)

History of Missiology	872(20)
Other Religions	872(20)
Research Assignment Missiology	875(60)
Theology of Missiology	872(20)
Theory, Practice and Community Development	872(20)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 40)

Choose two modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits from Arts and Social Sciences.

Ecclesiology	873(20)
Gender Health and Health	816(20)
New Testament	872(20)
Old Testament	872(20)
Practical Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology	872(20)

4.1.3 MTh in New Testament (16586:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Modules (credits = 140)

Context of the New Testament	872(20)
Criticism of the New Testament	872(20)
Reception of the New Testament	872(20)
Research Assignment New Testament	875(60)
Text of the New Testament	872(20)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 40)

Choose two modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits in Arts and Social Sciences.

Ecclesiology	873(20)
Gender Health and Theology	816(20)
Missiology	872(20)
Old Testament	873(20)
Practical Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology	872(20)

4.1.4 MTh in Old Testament (17418:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Modules (credits = 140)

Context of the Old Testament	872(20)
Criticism of the Old Testament	872(20)
Reception of the Old Testament	872(20)
Research Assignment Old Testament	873(60)
Text of the Old Testament	872(20)

plus

Elective Modules (credits = 40)

Choose two modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits in Arts and Social Sciences.

Ecclesiology	873(20)
Gender Health and Theology	816(20)
Missiology	872(20)
New Testament	872(20)
Practical Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology	872(20)

4.1.5 MTh in Practical Theology (General) (50776:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Structure

Because the programmes MPhil in Chaplaincy Studies and MTh Clinical Pastorate are being phased out, you can now follow the following two focuses in MTh in Practical Theology (General) too:

- *Chaplaincy Studies focus*
 - You register for the MTh (structured option) in Practical Theology, and also take two Chaplaincy Studies modules in the Faculty of Military Science. For your MTh research assignment, you must research a theme that relates to Chaplaincy Studies.
- OR**
- *Pastorate focus*
 - If you who want to specialise in Pastorate, you must register for four modules in practical theology and choose one module in each of two supplementary subjects. For your MTh research assignment, you must research a topic that relates to Pastorate.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 60)

Research Assignment Practical Theology	875(60)
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plus

Elective Modules (credits = 120)

Choose four modules to the value of 80 credits from the subjects below.

(credits = 80)

Homiletics	872(20)
Ministry Practice	873(20)
Pastorate	872(20)
Theory, Practice and Community Development	872(20)
Youth Work	872(20)

plus

Choose two more modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits in Arts and Social Sciences or in another faculty.

(credits = 40)

Ecclesiology	873(20)
Gender Health and Theology	816(20)
Missiology	872(20)
New Testament	872(20)
Old Testament	872(20)
Systematic Theology	872(20)

4.1.6 MTh in Practical Theology (Specialisation)

4.1.6.1. MTh in Practical Theology

Clinical Pastorate (50806: 889)

Specific Admission Requirements

- See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes. Students from therapeutic environments (medical/paramedical disciplines such as clinical psychology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and hearing therapy) in possession of a four-year degree can apply and qualify for selection.
- If you have a minimum of four-year qualification, you can apply online (www.maties.com) for this programme.
- A maximum of eight students will be admitted to the programme per year.
- Once your application has been received by the department, an internal application form will be sent to you to complete with a view to selection for the programme.
- All applications must reach the University **before** 1 November.

Duration of Programme

This programme is presented part-time over a period of at least two years. Students are required to attend three one-week block courses in the first year, and three one-week block courses in the second year, while residing in Stellenbosch. Attendance of these block courses is compulsory, as the block courses form part of the assessment.

Assessment and Examination

Besides your class mark for clinical work, your final mark is calculated on the basis of nine examinations and assignments in respect of the compulsory subjects.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

The purpose of this programme is to integrate pastoral theology with praxis theory. Training takes place under supervision in a clinical situation.

Compulsory Modules (credits = 180)

Applied Clinical Pastoral Care	874(28)
Dogmatic Issues	872(10)
General Pastoral Care	873(10)
Group Work	872(5)
Interviewing	873(16)
Marriage and Family Pastorate	873(10)
Personality and Development Psychology	871(16)
Practical: Clinical Pastorate	873(15)
Research Assignment Pastoral Care	874(60)
Theological Ethics in a Medical Context	872(10)

4.1.6.2. MTh in Practical Theology

Ministry Practice (50784:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

- See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes. You must also be involved in a congregation.
- A maximum of 15 students will be admitted to the programme at each opportunity. The programme will only be presented if at least 10 students enrol.

Closing Date for Applications

- In addition to your application, which must reach the Registrar before May 1 or October 1 (see "Closing dates for Applications" under MTh), you should also submit the following documents to the administrative officer at the Faculty of Theology **before** 1 November of the preceding year by e-mail to chelseaw@sun.ac.za:
 - personal details and contact details
 - full academic records and certificates
 - full CV; and
 - copy of ID.

Duration of Programme

This programme is presented part-time over two years in six block courses of a week each.

Assessment and Examination

You will be examined during each block. The six lectured modules contribute two-thirds to the value of 120 credits to the final mark, and a research assignment contributes the other third to the value of 60 credits.

Programme Structure

This programme provides for specialisation in ministry practice and consists of six lectured modules and a research assignment.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Modules (credits = 180)

Churches in African Context	813(20)
Congregation and Culture	873(20)
Leadership	873(20)
<i>Missio Dei</i> Spirituality	873(20)
Missional Formation	812(20)
Research Study Ministry	872(60)
Trinity and Identity	873(20)

4.1.6.3. MTh in Practical Theology

Youth Ministry (50792:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

- See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes. You must also be involved in a congregation.
- A maximum of 15 students per year will be admitted to the programme. The programme will only be presented if at least 10 students register for it.

Duration of Programme

This part-time programme is presented over two years, in six two-week block courses per year, namely in the first two full weeks of March, June and September.

Assessment and Examination

You will be examined during each block. The six lectured modules contribute two-thirds to the value of 120 credits to the final mark, and a research assignment contributes the other third to the value of 60 credits.

Programme Outcomes

The programme is designed to equip students for youth ministry. The programme aims:

- to provide students with specialised knowledge of today's youth and specific youth problems;
- to illustrate the way in which the Gospel must be communicated to the youth in order to develop faith and growth towards religious maturity; and
- to impart the knowledge and skills necessary for empirical research.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Modules (credits = 180)

Ministry to Adolescents	872(20)
Ministry to Pre-school and Primary School Children	872(20)
Pastoral Care of the Youth	872(20)
Research Assignment Youth Ministry	875(60)
Strategic Theological Planning and Analysis of Congregations	872(20)
The Educational and Psychological Basis of Faith Development	872(20)
Youth Ministry as Specialised Congregational Ministry	872(20)

4.1.7 MTh in Systematic Theology (50741:889)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 60)

Research Assignment Systematic Theology	875(60)
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plus

Elective Modules (credits = 120)

Choose four modules to the value of 80 credits from the subjects below.

(credits = 80)

African Theologies	872(20)
Catholic Systematic Theology	872(20)
Christian Confessions	872(20)
Christian Ethics and Globalisation	872(20)
Christian Ethics and the Media	872(20)
Christology	872(20)
Classical Works and Figures in Christian Ethics	872(20)
Dogmatic History	872(20)
Ecological Ethics	872(20)
Economical Ethics	872(20)
Ecumenical Ethics	872(20)
Ecumenical Systematic Theology	872(20)
Eschatology	872(20)
Ethical Theories	872(20)
Ethics and the Use of Scripture	872(20)
Ethics in African Contexts	872(20)
Evangelical Systematic Theology	872(20)
History of Ethics	872(20)
Introduction to Systematic Theology	872(20)
Medical Ethics	872(20)
Moral Formation	872(20)
Overview of the Study of the Christian Faith	872(20)
Pneumatology	872(20)
Political Ethics	872(20)
Reformed Systematic Theology	872(20)
Sacramentology	872(20)
Sexual Ethics	872(20)
Soteriology and Culpability	872(20)
Systematic Theology and Africa Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology and Feminist Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology and Liberation Theology	872(20)
Systematic Theology and Spirituality	872(20)
Systematic Theology and Worship	872(20)
Theology	872(20)
Theology and Contextuality	872(20)

Theology and Hermeneutics	872(20)
Theology and Rhetorics	872(20)
Theology and Science	872(20)
Theology and the Spirit of the Times	872(20)

plus

Choose two more modules to the value of 40 credits from the subjects below **OR** choose one module to the value of 20 credits from the subjects below **plus** any relevant module to the value of 20 credits in Arts and Social Sciences.

(credits = 40)

Ecclesiology	873(20)
Gender Health and Theology	816(20)
Missiology	872(20)
New Testament	872(20)
Old Testament	872(20)
Practical Theology	872(20)

4.2 MTh Thesis Programmes (871 Options)

Please note: It is possible to do the MTh (thesis option; 871) with a focus on gender and health in any of the six theology disciplines. In that case, the research for your thesis must be on a theme related to gender and health.

The MTh thesis options in the six different disciplines are set out below.

4.2.1 MTh in Ecclesiology (Thesis) (71054:871)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis Ecclesiology	871(180)
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4.2.2 MTh in Missiology (Thesis) (71055:871)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis Missiology	871(180)
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4.2.3 MTh in New Testament (Thesis) (71056:871)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis New Testament	871(180)
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4.2.4 MTh in Old Testament (Thesis) (71057:871)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis Old Testament	871(180)
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4.2.5 MTh in Practical Theology (Thesis) (71058:871)

Please note: It is possible to take the MTh in Practical Theology (thesis option; 871) with a focus on any of the following subdisciplines:

- Liturgy and homiletics
- Youth work
- Pastorate
- Congregational studies

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis Practical Theology	871(180)
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4.2.6 MTh in Systematic Theology (Thesis) (71059:871)

Specific Admission Requirements

See specific, as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.

Duration of Programme

- The duration of the programme is at least one year.
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the discipline concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for MTh students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 180)

Thesis Systematic Theology	871(180)
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5. MPhil Programmes

5.1 MPhil in Religion and Culture preceded by PGDip (Theology)

5.1.1 Postgraduate Diploma (Theology) (445100)

- *Religion and Culture focus*
 - If you want to specialise in Religion and Culture, you register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology. For your research assignment you should research a theme that relates to Religion and Culture.
- See Postgraduate Diploma in Theology under Postgraduate Diplomas.

5.1.2 MPhil in Religion and Culture (11646:889)

Presentation

- The programme is presented by the discipline of Practical Theology and Missiology of the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin.
- Mode of teaching: class work, lectures, prescribed work.
- Medium of instruction: English.

Specific Admission Requirements

- See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.
- If you hold only a three-year B-degree qualification, you must first complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) and pass with an average of at least 65%, to enrol for the MPhil; or
- If you hold a four-year qualification that is not equivalent to an Honours degree in Theology, this Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) serves as a bridging qualification; but
- If you do hold an appropriate four-year qualification in Theology you can enrol directly for the MPhil without having to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) first, or
- Because the degree is presented in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, a three- or four-year degree from that university or an equivalent qualification from the abovementioned university that complies with the admission requirements will also be accepted.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding your studies.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is at least one year.

Assessment and Examination

To successfully complete this programme, you must do a number of assignments and take tests or examinations orally or in writing. You must also submit a thesis on a relevant research topic.

Programme Structure

The MPhil in Religion and Culture is presented at NQF level 9 and consists of four lectured modules to the value of 80 credits, as well as a thesis to the value of 100 credits that has to be completed on a theme related to Religion and Culture.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 100)

Thesis: Religion and Culture	812(100)
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plus

Elective Modules (credits = 80)

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Anthropology and Human Identity	812(20) Religious Studies; OR Religion and Gender
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plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Forms and Contexts of Religious Discourse	812(20) Religion and Media; OR Religion and Symbol/Rite; OR Religion within Historical Contexts (Christianity/Islam/Judaism)
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plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Religion and Contemporary Society	812(20) Religion, Ecumenics and Interculturality; OR Religion and Economy; OR Religion, Public Theology and Politics
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plus

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Religion, Spirituality and Life Issues	812(20) Religion and Reconciliation; OR Religion and the Healing of Life (cura vitae)
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6. Master's Degrees in Theology: Collaboration

Presentation

Master's degrees in Theology are presented in collaboration with the Cluster of Theological Institutions in the Western Cape.

- At present, the members of the Cluster are:
 - Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape;
 - Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town;
 - Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University and related departments at Stellenbosch University; and
 - Helderberg College in Somerset West.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding study.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding study.

Application Procedure

- Applications to take part in the exchange programme are subject to the approval of the host institutions.
- Get information on the master's degree programmes that are presented within the Cluster of Theological Institutions in the Western Cape from the Faculty administrator of the Faculty of Theology and at the other participating institutions.

Programme Structure

- If you enrol for a structured master's programme you can take certain components or modules of the programme at one or more members of the Cluster of Theological Institutions of the Western Cape.
- You need not register at the guest institutions nor settle financial obligations there in respect of registration or training. You will thus only be registered at Stellenbosch University if you register with the Faculty of Theology and related departments.

Course of Programme

- In terms of the agreement among the abovementioned partners, you who are registered with the Faculty of Theology and related departments of Stellenbosch University may take modules of a structured master's programme presented by any of the other participating institutions. After such modules have been completed successfully, you will be credited by the Faculty of Theology and related departments of Stellenbosch University for modules of the MTh/MPhil programme that have been replaced with modules taken at other institutions.

The following procedures apply:

- You must apply in writing to the Faculty administrator of the Faculty of Theology at least two weeks **before** the final date for registration.
- You must indicate clearly which module(s) of the Faculty of Theology and related departments of Stellenbosch University you wish to replace and which module(s) presented by other participating institutions you wish to take instead.
- Get information on the number of modules per programme that may be replaced from the institution where you are registered.
- You must register with Stellenbosch University for the components of the structured master's programme that you wish to take at a participating institution.

7. Doctoral Degrees

7.1 PhD

Specific Admission Requirements

Students who wish to register for the PhD programme must:

- be in possession of the MTh degree (thesis option) of this University with a minimum final mark of 60%, on condition that:
 - if you have enrolled for the MTh programme before 1985, you must take a preliminary examination consisting of four papers (written or oral) on the major subject group, one paper (written or oral) on each of the two supplementary subjects, and an oral examination before the Faculty of Theology; and
 - to pass the preliminary examination, you must achieve a final mark of at least 50% in each of the papers in the main subject group and achieve a final mark of at least 50% in each of the two supplementary subjects; or
- be in possession of the MTh degree (structured option) of this University with a minimum final mark of 60% and have obtained a minimum final mark of 70% in the research assignment, and have completed any relevant supplementary work that may be required, on condition that:
 - if you have enrolled for the MTh programme before 1985, you must take a preliminary examination consisting of four papers (written or oral) on the major subject group, one paper (written or oral) on each of the two supplementary subjects, and an oral examination before the Faculty of Theology; and
 - to pass the preliminary examination, you must achieve a final mark of at least 50% in each of the papers in the main subject group and achieve a final mark of at least 50% in each of the two supplementary subjects; or
- be in possession of a MDiv degree of this University with a minimum final mark of 70% and have obtained a minimum final mark of 70% in the research assignment, which usually explores a cognate discipline or area of study, and have completed any relevant supplementary work that may be required as determined by the discipline group; or

- be in possession of a MPhil (Religion and Culture) degree of this University with a minimum final mark of 60%, and have completed any relevant supplementary work in consultation with the discipline group concerned; or
- have achieved a level of competence in your particular field of study in some other way that Senate considers to be adequate for this purpose.
- In addition to the above requirements regarding minimum final marks, students from another university should be in the possession of a full research master's degree or a master's degree with a significant research component.

Supplementary Requirements

In conjunction with the supervisor, the Faculty of Theology can determine any additional requirements that may be necessary for a specific field of study. The following additional requirements for admission to PhD studies have been set by the disciplines Old Testament and New Testament respectively:

- For Old Testament: Biblical Hebrew III, or an equivalent qualification;
- For New Testament: Greek III, or an equivalent qualification;
 - Exceptions may be made with regard to the Biblical Hebrew III or Greek III requirements in cases where the Ancient Languages are not important to the theme of the dissertation;
- Requirements with regard to language skills for international students with English as a second language. See supplementary language requirements under "MTh admission requirements".

Submission of your Research Proposal

- When considering the applications, the disciplinary groups will contact you to get an indication of the specific subdiscipline you want to specialise in.
- On admission you will be allocated a supervisor, according to availability, in order to assist you in preparing a research proposal.
- You can register as student only after the Faculty's Research Committee has approved your research proposal. This process takes a number of months.

Closing Date for Applications

- Admissions of new applications for PhD programmes are considered twice a year, namely in May and October. Therefore, if you have not obtained your preceding qualification at this university, the closing dates for applications are:
 - 1 May; or
 - more preferably 30 October.
- Students will be notified of the results after the selection meetings, after which a research proposal must be prepared in consultation with a promoter. After approval of the proposal by the faculty board and confirmation of admission by Senate, registration for the PhD is possible.
- If you have obtained your preceding qualification at SU, you can apply throughout the year.
- Submit your application to the Registrar and state your area of specialisation.
- Direct queries about the application procedure to the Faculty administrator at shirle@sun.ac.za.

Duration of Programme

- You must be enrolled for the PhD programme for at least two years before you can report for the final examination; and
- A supervisor may, after consultation with the environment concerned, require a minimum period of six months' residence for PhD students from outside Southern Africa.

Programme Description

- As candidate for the PhD degree you must submit, for Senate's approval, a dissertation which:
 - deals with a subject in your main field of study;
 - may only be submitted two years after the MTh degree has been obtained; or
 - after you have achieved a level of competence in the specific field of study in some other way that Senate considers to be adequate for the purpose.
- After registration for the PhD, you will receive a policy document from the relevant discipline group containing clear guidelines on the responsibilities of candidates and their supervisors, regular discussions, progress reports, examination procedures, assessment criteria for dissertations and other regulations of the discipline group.
- You must deliver a report on your research at least once during a postgraduate seminar.
- Discipline groups report annually to the Faculty on the progress of doctoral candidates.
- You must take note of all fees and possible additional levies as specified in Part 3 (Student Fees) of the Yearbook, or you must consult the Student Fees Division.

Assessment and Examination

Completion and submission of your Dissertation

- When presenting yourself for examination, you must submit an electronic PDF version of your dissertation through Turnitin and to the administrative officer of the relevant disciplinary group, by either 1 September or 1 December, for graduation in March of the following year.
- You will be required to orally defend your dissertation to a panel that includes the examiners and academic representatives from the discipline groups and that will determine the outcome of the defence.

Consult Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook for the general regulations for doctoral programmes with regard to examinations and examiners for doctoral dissertations.

- Where applicable and feasible, and taking into account the requirements set by the University, you are encouraged, before reporting for the examination, to submit a manuscript or manuscripts on the results of your research for publication in recognised academic journals.
- For technical guidelines on the appearance, duplication and binding of dissertations, consult Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.

Subjects, Modules and Module Content for All Undergraduate Programmes

1. Definitions and explanations of important terms

It is important that you take note of the definitions of a few terms in order to understand and use this chapter fully. The example below shows how these terms will appear in this chapter.

Example:

50547 Old and New Testament

114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L 2T)

1.1 Explanation of the abovementioned terms

- *Five-digit subject number* **50547 Old and New Testament**
Each subject is identified by this five-digit subject number.
- *Subject name* **50547 Old and New Testament**
The name of the specific subject is indicated only after the five-digit subject number, before the various modules of the subject offered. Normally the subject name is followed by the module code and the credit value of the specific code, for example in this case: Old and New Testament 114(16)
- *Module code* **114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L 2T)**
The module code consists of a three-digit number that is unique to the specific module. The abovementioned module code "114" has the following meaning:
 - The first digit refers to the year of study in which the module is presented, for example:
Year 1: 114
Year 2: 214
Year 3: 314
 - The second digit "1" refers to the semester that the module will be presented in and also serves as a number to distinguish between various modules of the same subject offered in a specific year of study. The University uses different numbers to indicate the particular semester of a module, either the first or the second semester or modules that are presented in both semesters (which are year modules). The numbers that indicate semesters are as follows:
 - **1, 2 of 3** - modules are presented in the first semester.
Semester 1: 114, 422, 234
 - **4, 5 of 6** - modules are presented in the second semester.
Semester 2: 143, 252, 262
 - **7, 8 of 9** - modules are presented in both semesters, which are year modules.
Year module (both semesters): 478, 288, 391
 - The third digit of the module code 114 serves as a distinguishing digit between various modules of the same subject in a particular year of study.
- *Credit value* **114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L 2T)**
The number in brackets indicates the credit value of the particular module, in this case **16**.
- *Module subject* **114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L 2T)**
This indicates the subject that will be dealt with in this specific module.
- *Teaching load* **114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L 2T)**
The teaching load of a module is indicated in the block following the module subject. It gives you both the teaching load and the type of teaching per week that you can expect in this particular module. For the module Old and New Testament 114(16) you can expect two lectures and two tutorials per week for the duration of the module, namely during the first semester. The following abbreviations are used for the teaching load:
 - **L** – Lectures lasting 50 minutes, for example 1L, 3L
 - **P** – Practical period lasting 50 minutes, for example 1P, 2P, 3P
 - **S** – Seminar lasting 50 minutes, for example 1S, 2S
 - **T** – Tutorial lasting 50 minutes, for example 1T, 2T

2. Prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisite modules

After the description of the content of a module, the prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisite modules, if applicable, are given for that module. The following terms are used:

- Prerequisite pass module
 - A prerequisite pass module is a module which you must **pass** before you can take the module(s) for which it is a prerequisite pass module.
- Prerequisite module
 - A prerequisite module is a module in which you must obtain a **final mark of at least 40**, before you can take the module for which it is a prerequisite module. If you registered for a prerequisite module while it was examined by the "examination" assessment system, your **class mark** for it must be 40 for you to meet the prerequisite.
 - If you have once complied with a prerequisite rule, your compliance will remain valid for the period given in the applicable assessment rules, even if you repeat the prerequisite module and do not meet the minimum level when repeating the module.
 - *Please note:* You must **pass** all the modules you used as prerequisites in the programme before the relevant degree, certificate or diploma can be awarded to you.
- Corequisite module
 - A corequisite module is a module that you must register for either in an **earlier semester** than the module for which it is a corequisite, **or in the same semester**.
 - *Please note:* You must **pass** all the modules you used as corequisites in the programme before the relevant degree, certificate or diploma can be awarded to you.

2.1 Condition for the granting of a qualification or degree

The Faculty will only award a qualification if you have passed all the relevant prerequisite and corequisite modules of the specific programme.

3. Assessment of modules

Modules are assessed by means of tests and examination unless otherwise indicated in the module content.

4. Subjects, modules and module contents

Subjects with their accompanying modules, credits, module subjects teaching loads, language specifications and module contents are presented below.

Please consult the appropriate volumes of the SU Yearbook for all other elective modules at other faculties.

13864 Academic Literacy for Theology

112 (12) Foundation for Academic Literacy for Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP; BDiv ECP)

113 (12) Foundation for Academic Literacy for Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module equips students with the basic skills required to function and perform successfully in the higher-education environment. The module introduces students to the higher-education academic environment, processes, and expectations. It focuses on the acquisition of skills and competencies in different academic literacies, including information communication technology, academic reading and writing, referencing systems and techniques, communication, learning styles and approaches, and time management. The module supports the development of personal and social skills and attributes, and the integration of these with the academic environment.

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142 (12) Academic Literacy for Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

143 (12) Academic Literacy for Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module promotes and develops academic and digital literacy and the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become a successful Theology student and competent professional. The academic literacy and skills development component focuses on reading and writing strategies, referencing techniques, and time-management and learning skills. A component on computer literacy will equip students with basic

computer skills (including the university's LMS system: SUNLearn, MS Word, PowerPoint, and Mendeley). The module also develops communication and presentation skills, both orally and digitally.

Academic Literacy for Theology 142 (BTh ECP)

Prerequisite pass module for BTh ECP (focus areas General and Youth Work): Academic Literacy for Theology 112

Academic Literacy for Theology 143 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Academic Literacy for Theology 113

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12068 Ecclesiology

122 (8) Introduction to Church History (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

This module offers a basic introduction to the academic tools needed to study church history as an academic discipline. It is specifically aimed at developing skills in reading, interpreting, and understanding historical timelines and geographical details in the context of church-historical shifts. It presents a timeline of the most important events in the history of Christianity and the growth of Christianity in the first thousand years CE, geographically locating and culturally contextualising these events. It also discusses different Christian traditions, and why the study of history is important.

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143 (8) Church History 1: From Early Christianity to the Late Middle Ages (1L, 1T)

153 (8) Church History 1: From Early Christianity to the Late Middle Ages (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

In this module students examine the history of the church and theology from the early church to the High Middle Ages. Students explore key figures, doctrines, and thought movements from this period, analysing their historical significance and relevance for contemporary church and society. The module prepares students to critically engage with the past as being essential for addressing present-day challenges in theology and religious practice.

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216 (8) Church History 2: 13th to 17th century (1L, 1T)

217 (8) Church History 2: 13th to 17th century (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

In this module, important historical events, figures, and schools of thought from the period leading up to the 16th century Reformation and its aftermath are explored and engaged. The Reformation was a major religious and cultural shift in Europe that began in late Medieval times, challenging the authority of the Catholic Church and leading to the rise of Protestantism. The module also examines what happened after the Reformation, including its lasting effects on society, religion, and politics. Students investigate the church-historical significance for our time. The module aims to guide students towards establishing a theological-historical interpretation framework regarding these periods. The underlying assumption is that critical engagement with the past is essential for dealing with the challenges facing the church and society today.

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253 (8) Denominational History, Polity, Theology and Practice (1L, 1T)

This module explores the theological, ecclesiological and historical aspects of denominational identity and practices. Students will critically analyse church governance, liturgical traditions, and denominational differences, focusing on their theological foundations and broader impact. The module highlights the role of denominations in the ecumenical community and their contributions to addressing societal challenges, particularly in South African civil society. Through engaging with denominational liturgical practices and worship traditions, students will gain a nuanced understanding of their theological and cultural significance. The module equips students to critically assess and articulate the theological foundations, historical development, and practical implications of denominational governance and identity within the broader Christian heritage.

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352 (8) South African Church History in Global Perspective (1L, 1T)**353 (8) South African Church History in Global Perspective (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module focusses on the religious and theological history of Christianity in South Africa from the 17th century until the late 20th century. It explores South African Christianity in the context of various eras with reference to contemporary relevance. Students will study important figures, events, and streams of thought from this period, and relevant themes from the history of theology, of missionary work, and of spirituality, investigating their church-historical significance for our current context. The underlying assumption of this module is that critical engagement with the past is essential for dealing with the challenges facing the church and society today.

Ecclesiology 352

Prerequisite pass modules: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 124

Ecclesiology 353 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 134

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423 (8) Historiography, Biography, and Social/Cultural Movements in Church History (1L, 1T)

This module considers primarily how biographical studies could enhance church-historical research and teaching. It approaches biography as a historiographical method and identifies both the problems and the challenges of biography and historiography. Different approaches to biography as an academic genre or method are juxtaposed. This module also highlights important figures and currents from Christian history that are not covered in detail in the earlier years of study.

Prerequisite pass modules: Ecclesiology 143, 216

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443 (8) Church Polity (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the theology of church polity and the principles that form the basis of Reformed church polity. It gives a general orientation regarding the theology of church polity, ecumenical church polity, the historical background of Reformed church polity, the principles of canonical law that are associated with the Anglican Church, and the sources and structures of authority in the church. It includes orientation for effectively applying church order principles in practice, teaching students to think theologically and systematically when applying the principles of church polity in a congregation, presbytery, or synod.

Prerequisite pass modules: Ecclesiology 143, 216

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478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment Ecclesiology (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

Prerequisite pass modules: Ecclesiology 143, 216

Corequisite modules: Ecclesiology 414, 443

Home department: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology

14496 Engaged Citizenry**278 (16) Engaged Citizenry (1L, 1T, 1P) (BTh ECP)**

This module prepares students for a future career as spiritual leaders. They will be introduced to concepts relating to global citizenship, such as leadership, environmental stewardship, cultural identity and diversity, social justice and equality, and sustainable development agendas, as related to both local and global contexts. These will be explored in the context of students' theological training at the Faculty of Theology.

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55743 Missiology

142 (8) Introduction to the Theory and History of Mission (1L, 1T)

143 (8) Introduction to the Theory and History of Mission (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of fundamental missiological concepts and theories, while they also appreciate missiology as an ecumenical and cross-cultural discipline that engages in dialogue with other religions. It provides a comprehensive overview of the theories, methods, and history of global witness and service. The focus is on the biblical, theological, and socio-historical aspects of cross-cultural, intercultural, and other praxis-based dimensions of Christianity worldwide. This exploration includes an examination of missionary movements from the 19th to the 21st century and the development of missionary congregations since the 1980s.

In this module, students will develop a solid grasp of basic missiological concepts and theories and foster an understanding of the evolution of missiological thought over time. The module emphasises the multi-disciplinary nature of missiological studies, encouraging students to appreciate the diverse perspectives and methodologies involved. Additionally, it seeks to contextualise modern South African and African contexts within the broader framework of missiological developments that originated in Europe. By doing so, it highlights the importance of missiology as an ecumenical discipline that engages in dialogue with other religions and as a cross-cultural discipline that transcends geographical and cultural boundaries.

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243 (16) African Religions and Ecumenism (2L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)

244 (16) African Religions and Ecumenism (2L, 1P)

This module provides an overview of religious diversity and plurality from a missiological perspective, focusing on African indigenous religions, Christianity, and Islam in Southern Africa. It addresses the historical and fundamental aspects of these religions and the challenges and opportunities they present.

Students will explore the roles of modern missional and ecumenical movements, including the African dimension of the "Global Christian" movement, in engaging with religious diversity and renewal within Christianity. The module emphasises fostering sensitivity and respect (interpathy) for the identities and roles of adherents of different religions in Africa.

A significant aspect of the module is the cultivation of a Christian spirituality of hospitality and prophetic dialogue, aimed at developing intercultural and interfaith leadership. This involves interactions with adherents and leaders of various religions and Christian traditions.

Missiology 243 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Missiology 143

Missiology 244

Prerequisite pass module: Missiology 142

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442 (16) Trends in Missiology and Science of Religion (2L, 1T)

This module introduces current trends in comparative religious and theological approaches. It explores the contents, rituals, practices, ethics, and institutions of Christianity, African Traditional Religions, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Intercultural and interreligious themes and practices of sustainable development in religions and faith-based movements are introduced, as well as intercultural and interreligious hospitality, conversations, dialogue, social service, and witness.

Prerequisite pass module: Missiology 244

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment Missiology (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

Prerequisite pass module: Missiology 244

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

16586 New Testament

213 (8) Synoptic Gospels (1L, 1P)

215 (8) Synoptic Gospels (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)

This module is an introduction to the scientific study of the Synoptic Gospels and Acts. It focuses on the unique nature of the Gospels and Acts as ancient narratives and deals with the question of the historical Jesus. Students learn more about the genre of the Gospels, the Synoptic Problem, methods of examining the Gospels, the cultural-historical background and message of the texts, and central theological and ethical themes and their relevance.

New Testament 213

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 114

OR

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 144

New Testament 215 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 113

OR

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 143

Home department: Old and New Testament

312 (8) Johannine Literature (1L, 1T)

This module explores the literary genre of the Gospel of John and Johannine epistles against a socio-historical backdrop and from the perspective of the (South) African context. The module focuses on the theological interpretation of John 1 to 3 and Revelation for faith communities and society in general. It includes a survey of Johannine research, the cultural-historical background and theology of the Johannine literature, the Johannine community's witness about Christ, and important theological and ethical themes in the Johannine literature.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213 or 262 (presented up to 2026)

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213

Home department: Old and New Testament

321 (8) New Testament Text and Contexts: Reading the New Testament in Africa (1L, 1T)

323 (8) New Testament Text and Contexts: Reading the New Testament in Africa (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module entails the studying and reading of New Testament texts with reference to contexts and cultures. It focuses on hermeneutical pluralism and theological implications related to the interpretation of New Testament texts in different contexts, particularly in Africa. Students will be familiarised with issues related to studying and reading the New Testament (text and contexts with reference to culture(s)), creating an awareness and understanding of, and appreciation for, reading the New Testament *from* an African context and *for* an African context.

New Testament 321

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213 or 262 (presented up to 2026)

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213

New Testament 323 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 113, 143

Prerequisite module: New Testament 215

Home department: Old and New Testament

342 (8) General Epistles and Hebrews (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the theological study of the General Epistles and Hebrews, focusing on the early church according to the General Epistles. Students will study the interpretation of the epistles as argumentative texts and the interpretation of argumentative texts, learn appreciation for the theology of the General Epistles and Hebrews, and gain insight into the cultural-historical context of these New Testament texts.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213 or 262 (presented up to 2026)

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: New Testament 213

Home department: Old and New Testament

422 (8) Text and Context of the New Testament (1L, 1T)

This module has a specific focus on extrabiblical texts and historical contexts which contributed to the formation of the New Testament. It studies research pertaining to the historical study of the New Testament, and the different approaches to history writing at the time. The module also explores the influence of the extrabiblical environment and documents on the New Testament, including the role of archaeology, iconography, and epigraphy.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213, 262 (presented up to 2026)

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

Home department: Old and New Testament

442 (8) Criticism and Reception of the New Testament (1L, 1T)

This module focuses on the interpretation and reception of the New Testament. It includes exegesis of New Testament texts and theological-ethical reflection on implications for divergent interpretive communities in Southern Africa. Students will examine recent scholarship on the criticism and reception of the New Testament – especially scholarship emanating from Africa – and how scholarship can impact the presentation of catechism, Bible study groups and sermons.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213, 262 (presented up to 2026)

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

Home department: Old and New Testament

478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment New Testament (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213, 262 (presented up to 2026)

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

Corequisite modules: New Testament 422, 442

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- New Testament 213

Prerequisite modules: New Testament 312, 342

Corequisite modules: New Testament 422, 442

Home department: Old and New Testament

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113 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L, 2T) (BTh: Part-time)

114 (16) Introduction to the Old and New Testament (2L, 2T)

This module introduces students to and orientates them in the study of the Old and New Testament. The module offers a broad, introductory overview of Bible interpretation, focusing on the text, context, and reception of the Bible. The module explains the unique nature of the Bible, and the diverse literary genres in its various books, as well as the historic and socio-cultural contexts of these books. Students develop hermeneutical skills and gain knowledge of exegetical theory and the methodological approaches used to interpret the Bible.

Home department: Old and New Testament

131 (8) Developing Historical Consciousness (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

This module aims to develop historical consciousness among students by providing a basic introduction to world history in terms of different epochs, especially the ancient Near East, the Greek and Roman worlds, the Early Christian church, and the Reformation period, taking note of major events and characters in these eras. Students will learn to understand the importance of socio-historical context to understand text. The module also situates these historical epochs geographically.

Home department: Old and New Testament

132 (8) Making Sense of Texts (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

This module introduces students to the art of making sense of texts. Although the module is not limited to literary texts, it includes textual analysis and its elements such as genre, style, characters, plot, and rhetorical argument. Students will read Old Testament, New Testament, and related contemporary texts from corpora such as philosophical, medical, magical, and other textual collections.

Home department: Old and New Testament

143 (16) Narrative Literature in the Bible (2L, 2T) (BTh: Part-time)

144 (16) Narrative Literature in the Bible (2L, 2T)

This module orientates students to the study of biblical narratives in their respective socio-historical contexts. It introduces the narrative genres in the biblical texts, the narratological models with which narrative texts in the Bible may be interpreted, and the characteristics and dynamics of ancient and biblical historiography. In the Old Testament, the focus is on the Deuteronomistic history, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Chronicles. In the New Testament, the focus is on Acts and the Synoptic Gospels.

Home department: Old and New Testament

152 (8) Developing Hermeneutical Skills (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

This module provides an introduction to basic hermeneutics. The module introduces students to theoretical positions, theories, and concepts, and engages students through hermeneutical exercises – reading and interpreting texts, in particular from the ancient context. Students will learn how to apply hermeneutical skills to interpret texts, as well as material culture items (e.g., statutes, coins, inscriptions).

Home department: Old and New Testament

324 (16) Archaeology of the Ancient World (2L, 1T)

This module offers an orientation regarding the archaeology of the ancient world, and practical experience in the latest archaeological methods. It introduces students to archaeological methods, the identification and categorisation of artefacts, and archaeological excavation sites in Israel/Greece/Turkey. They will also gain practical experience of archaeological excavation sites.

Home department: Old and New Testament

354 (16) Gender and the Bible (2L, 1T)

(The module is presented every year with a focus on the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the Old and the New Testament.)

This module provides an exegetical, literary, and theological study of gender and/in the Bible, with special attention to global and multicultural perspectives on the relationship between gender and the Bible, and considering different cultural, social, economic, and political contexts. The module includes theoretical and methodological approaches (including feminist, postcolonial, gender-critical, and queer-theoretical approaches); the socio-historical context of the Bible (regarding gender issues); men, women, and children in/and the Bible; corporeality, gender, sexuality, and the Bible; sex, sexuality (including hetero- and homosexuality) and the Bible; gender language, gender rhetoric, readers, and the Bible; and theological perspectives.

Home department: Old and New Testament

17418 Old Testament**252 (8) The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament (1L, 1P)****253 (8) The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module introduces the key themes and texts of the Old Testament prophetic literature. Students develop the formal critical tools necessary for becoming critically informed and responsible Bible readers. This includes the role of hermeneutics in the interpretative process and the role of ancient and contemporary context in the production and reception of these prophetic books. The focus of this module is on the major historical, literary, and theological themes of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Book of the Twelve. The module also considers how various communities (Jewish, feminist, African, global) have read these texts, with special attention to the relevance of the prophetic literature for the South African context.

Old Testament 252

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 114

OR

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 144

Old Testament 253 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 113

OR

Prerequisite pass module: Old and New Testament 143

Home department: Old and New Testament

312 (8) Songs and Lament in Ancient Israel and Beyond (1L, 1T)**313 (8) Songs and Lament in Ancient Israel and Beyond (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module introduces the key themes and texts of the Old Testament lyrical literature. Students will develop the formal critical tools necessary for becoming critically informed and responsible Bible readers. The module will consider how various communities have read these texts (Jewish, feminist, ethnic, global). Finally, it will address critical questions concerning the significance of the lyrical material in Christian faith and life.

Old Testament 312

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026) or 252

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 252

Old Testament 313 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 113, 143

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 253

Home department: Old and New Testament

342 (8) Wisdom Literature (1L, 1T)

This module introduces the theological study of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. It discusses the cultural-historical background and the historical development of the literature, as well as its influence. Students will learn exegesis of the wisdom literature, taking theological and ethical themes into account.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026) or 252

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 252

Home department: Old and New Testament

343 (8) Reception of the Old Testament in Africa (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**344 (8) Reception of the Old Testament in Africa (1L, 1T)**

This module is an introduction to the reception of the Old Testament in Africa, inculcating a clear understanding of threshold concepts of hermeneutics, interpretation, and method in Africa, and analysing the nature of interpretation and hermeneutical presuppositions that form the crux of Old Testament studies. It offers an overview of developments in biblical interpretation in Africa since the late 18th century. Various approaches to an academic reading of the Old Testament in Africa are identified and explored. The module concludes by establishing and delineating various methods of contextual interpretation in Old Testament studies in Africa.

Old Testament 343 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 113, 143

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 253

Old Testament 344

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026) or 252

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Old and New Testament 114, 144

Prerequisite module: Old Testament 252

Home department: Old and New Testament

412 (8) Text and Context of the Old Testament (1L, 1T)

This module focuses on the extrabiblical texts and historical contexts that were influential factors in the emergence of the Old Testament. It provides an advanced study of extrabiblical texts from the pre-Christian era in Ancient Israel and reviews the history of research regarding the writing of a history of ancient Israel. The module also offers advanced exposure to the role of iconography, archaeology, and epigraphy in the historical appreciation of Israel's past.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026), 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

Home department: Old and New Testament

452 (8) Criticism and Reception of the Old Testament (1L, 1T)

This module focuses on the interpretation and reception of the Old Testament. It includes conceptual clarification of terminology such as hermeneutics, exegesis, criticism, reception, theology, and ethics of the Old Testament and biblical theology. The module examines recent scholarship on the criticism and reception of the Old Testament – with special attention to the scholarship emanating from Africa. The way in which scholarship focused on the criticism and reception of the Old Testament can impact on the presentation of catechism, Bible study groups, and sermons, is also discussed. Students will do exegesis of a representative sample of Old Testament texts and reflect on the theological-ethical implications for divergent interpretive communities in Southern Africa.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026), 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

Home department: Old and New Testament

478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment Old Testament (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

For students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026), 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

Corequisite modules: Old Testament 412, 452

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules:

- Old and New Testament 114, 144
- Old Testament 252

Prerequisite modules: Old Testament 312, 342

Corequisite modules: Old Testament 412, 452

Home department: Old and New Testament

50776 Practical Theology

113 (8) Theological Foundations for Youth Work (2L, 1T)

133 (8) Theological Foundations for Youth Work (2L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

In this module students will learn to identify the theological foundations of youth work practice and the implications of a theological framework for youth ministry practice. The module focuses on the importance of different perspectives on a theological grounding for youth work, also identifying the elements that inform a theological framework for youth work. The theological frameworks that are discussed include how we view youth from a theological perspective and not only from a social-science perspective, such as a psychological perspective. Youth development is therefore not only viewed as a biological or physical process but also as a spiritual process where questions like Who am I? and Where do I fit? also refer to who created us and to our calling here on earth. The concept "youth" is critically engaged with and not merely viewed as a developmental phase. Rather, from a human dignity perspective, youth are seen as fully human and able to act as agents of change. It is also explained why and how youth can serve as a hermeneutical key in ministry that could assist us in understanding the current culture and creating a more contextual ministry.

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

143 (8) Group work (1L, 1P)

145 (8) Group work (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)

This module aims to introduce students to group work theories and the integral role that group work plays when working in various contexts. It prepares students for facilitating small groups in various contexts by equipping them with a theoretical understanding of group work and developing their group facilitation and participation skills. It provides service learning for the development of facilitation skills through observation and participation in various types of groups.

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

152 (8) Child Theology (1L, 1T)

153 (8) Child Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module introduces the theological foundations that inform ministry to children and equips students to read theological texts through the lens of a child. Students will learn to reflect theologically on the place, role, and voice of children in developing theology. The module provides an overview of the various contexts of children in South Africa and Africa, equipping students with the hermeneutical skills required for working with children in South African, African, and international contexts.

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

211 (16) Children's Ministry (2L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)

234 (16) Children's Ministry (2L, 1P)

The module guides students to develop knowledge of the theoretical basis and theology of children's ministry. Here biblical and historical perspectives of children's ministry are explored. Contextually relevant themes that impact children in South Africa are also explored. It offers a practical understanding of children's ministry, covering topics like hermeneutics, different approaches, and interpreting children's ministry. This is done through an African epistemological framework and child theology lens. The module teaches students to apply various skills related to the practice of children's ministry, such as preparing and planning for child focused interventions, learning to work in groups/teams and developing language that is child-friendly and contextually relevant. It also exposes students to child and family legislation in South Africa relevant to children's ministry, and its implications.

Practical Theology 211 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 153*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 122*

Practical Theology 234

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 152*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

212 (8) Approaches to Youth Work (1L, 1P)**213 (8) Approaches to Youth Work (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module equips students with an in-depth understanding of the diverse approaches used in youth work and their application in different contexts. Given the complex and evolving challenges young people face, this module emphasises the need for contextually relevant, ethical, and transformative youth engagement. This module aims to develop students' ability to critically analyse, reflect on, and implement youth work approaches that foster meaningful change. In this module students will learn key theories, principles of caring, and models of youth work, and gain analytical skills to analyse different approaches within youth work, such as the family, missional, relational, evangelistic, inclusive congregational and community approaches.

Practical Theology 212

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 113*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*

Practical Theology 213 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 133*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 122*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

215 (8) Introduction to Pastoral Counselling (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**222 (8) Introduction to Pastoral Counselling (1L, 1P)**

The module explores the theological foundational theory of pastoral care and counselling. Various pastoral metaphors are studied to understand the theological nature of care, solace, and support. The module explores the relationship between pastoral theology and anthropology, and the influence of this relationship on a discussion model for pastoral ministry. The goal is to develop students' ability to communicate effectively in terms of pastoral care and counselling, with emphasis on handling interculturalism in cross-cultural communication with sensitivity. By means of practical sessions, students develop communication and counselling skills for pastoral care in different contexts.

Practical Theology 215 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 133*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 122*

Practical Theology 222

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 113*
OR
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

243 (8) Theology and Development (1L, 1T)**253 (8) Theology and Development (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module focuses on poverty and inequality in South Africa, Africa, and globally on macro and grassroots levels, offering theological perspectives on development and the history of faith communities in addressing these complex issues. The module aims to deepen theological reflection on attempts at social transformation in concrete local development situations, exploring how biblical norms and perspectives could influence the character of development work. It equips students with the analytical tools and theoretical frameworks for critical reflection on the process of development and the role of faith communities in responding to development processes and issues, including "hot button" development issues (locally, continentally, and globally).

Practical Theology 243

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology and Missiology 112

Practical Theology 253 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology and Missiology 122

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

244 (16) Planning and Organising within Youth Work (2L, 1P)**245 (16) Planning and Organising within Youth Work (2L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module equips students with knowledge, skills and attributes for effective planning, organisation, and management in youth ministry contexts, including the process of strategic planning, organisational dynamics, leadership styles in ministry, volunteer recruitment and training, and practical strategies for youth work. Students critically examine the roles and interactions of church, parachurch, and other youth organisations. From a South African perspective, the module delves into the current state and challenges of youth work, including the lack of professionalisation in the field. Lifelong learning is introduced as a foundational strategy for youth work practitioners. Theological and business management approaches are reviewed, emphasising the value of both perspectives.

Students gain practical skills through engagement in event planning, and by gaining insight into different types of events and the strategic planning relevant to youth work environments. Self-management is highlighted as a vital skill, particularly in its connection to broader planning and organisational practices within ministry. The module also addresses volunteer recruitment and empowerment, focusing on criteria to identify suitable youth work leaders. Practical applications of key aspects such as financial planning, risk management, meeting procedures, and maintaining professional boundaries are included to prepare student for impactful leadership and management roles within youth ministry settings.

Practical Theology 244

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 113*
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*

Practical Theology 245 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 133*
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 122*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

254 (16) Youth Related Pastoral Care (2L, 1P)

The purpose of this module is to equip students with critical awareness and practical knowledge of the contemporary issues affecting South African youth within the broader context of community and society. The key challenges facing youth include but are not limited to HIV and AIDS, depression, gangsterism, substance abuse, gender-based violence (GBV), and suicide. In this module students analyse these challenges and interpret them through the lens of African social community pastoral care, with the emphasis on communal healing, ubuntu, and indigenous ethics, and apply a systems approach to addressing life problems. Additionally, students are equipped with various counselling approaches and relationship strategies and apply pastoral and faith-based responses to real-life situations facing SA youth, drawing on indigenous knowledge systems and community support structures. Students also engage in academic and pastoral discourse using both English and isiXhosa.

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Practical Theology 113*
- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*
- *Practical Theology 222*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

262 (8) Ministry Practice (1L, 1P)**263 (8) Ministry Practice (1L, 1P)**

This module guides students in developing a coherent, integrated, and practical-theological understanding of ecclesiology, with particular focus on ministry within Christian faith communities. Emphasis is placed on cultivating foundational ministry skills essential for effective Christian leadership.

Students engage critically with the theological underpinnings of ministry by addressing key questions such as *What is ministry?* and *What competencies are required for faithful and effective leadership?* The curriculum includes an in-depth exploration of contextual analysis – highlighting the significance of cultural hermeneutics – as well as the interpretive role of Scripture and tradition, particularly in relation to discipleship and spiritual discernment.

Core ministry practices are examined, including liturgy, preaching, catechesis, pastoral care, and service. Additionally, the module addresses the dynamics of leadership and organisational processes, with particular attention to relationships, conflict management, and leadership development in the life of the faith community.

Practical Theology 262

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology and Missiology 112

Practical Theology 263*Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology and Missiology 122**Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology***313 (16) Homiletics and Liturgy (2L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)****314 (16) Homiletics and Liturgy (2L, 1T)**

This module introduces the theory of communication, particularly homiletic and conversational skills. This includes the theology of the worship from a historical perspective, the basic principles of liturgy and the development of worship, preaching as contemporary proclamation of the Word of God, and the process of composing a sermon. Students will learn to understand the role of a meaningful liturgy and preaching in the formation of faith communities, the important aspects of contemporary liturgy formation and development in a congregational context, and the dynamics of composing and delivering a sermon as a hermeneutic process within the dialogue between Word and situation. Practical aspects include designing theologically justified public worship services, and developing homiletic communication techniques.

Practical Theology 313 (BTh: Part-time)*Prerequisite pass modules:*

- *Practical Theology and Missiology 122*
- *And, at least one of:*
 - *New Testament 215*
 - *Old Testament 253*

Practical Theology 314***For Students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026****Prerequisite pass modules:*

- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*
- *And, at least one of:*
 - *New Testament 213*
 - *New Testament 262 (presented up to 2026)*
 - *Old Testament 213 (presented up to 2026)*
 - *Old Testament 252*

For students who enrolled for the first time from 2027*Prerequisite pass modules:*

- *Practical Theology and Missiology 112*
- *And, at least one of:*
 - *New Testament 213*
 - *Old Testament 252*

*Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology***322 (8) Youth Culture (1L, 1T)**

This module informs students about the nature and implications of youth culture, and the challenges it poses for youth work (to communicate the Gospel effectively to youth). The module includes information on youth culture, generational theory, media, music, youth culture and moral values, and youth culture and religion. Students will learn to understand how the information era, technology, and globalisation influence and shape youth culture. They will be able to identify the challenges and opportunities youth culture poses to youth work, and to understand and engage with youth culture.

*Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 222**Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology***323 (8) Youth and Family Pastorate (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)****332 (8) Youth and Family Pastorate (1L, 1T)**

This module reflects on family life as an integral aspect of youth work, emphasising the importance of family when working with youth in any context. It includes the theology of family care and counselling, life skills in pastoral care and counselling as related to marriage care and family care, the dynamics of group work in a systems approach to family care, and models for family enrichment (prevention) when working with youth.

Practical Theology 323 (BTh: Part-time)*Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 215***Practical Theology 332***Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 222**Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology*

342 (8) Community Development Praxis (1L, 1T)**343 (8) Community Development Praxis (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module equips students with analytical tools and methods related to development and sociology, utilising these in a realistic analysis of society to understand the challenges and issues that communities face in an African and South African context. It provides the basic knowledge and skills to manage projects and programmes that will allow students to be agents of change, mobilising the faith community to collaborate with the community at large towards development. The module addresses leadership in community development, approaches to community analysis, community research skills, project and programme management, and includes service learning and fieldwork.

Practical Theology 342

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 243

Practical Theology 343 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 253

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

354 (16) Faith Formation in the Missional Church (2L, 1T)**355 (16) Faith Formation in the Missional Church (2L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module equips students with knowledge and skills to discern and facilitate contextual faith formation processes in missional ecclesiastical and community contexts. It teaches them to define and understand the shifts to missional ecclesiology and the processes of faith formation in relation to the missional church. The module looks at agents of faith formation in the African context and theories of faith development in African and international contexts. It also deals with various faith formation practices, including catechism and confirmation, mentoring, and the family as agent for faith formation.

Practical Theology 354

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Missiology 142*
- *Practical Theology 222*

Practical Theology 355 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Missiology 143*
- *Practical Theology 215*

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

362 (8) HIV and AIDS Pastorate (1L, 1T)

This module introduces the theory and models for care and spiritual healing in HIV and AIDS counselling. It addresses issues like HIV and AIDS care and counselling, care and stigmatisation, the dynamics of disclosure, and guilt and shame. Besides the theory of pastoral counselling, students also gain knowledge about HIV and the pandemic, and learn to counsel people living positively with HIV. The module explores the impact of existential life issues on the HIV pandemic, and the connection between HIV and poverty and between life care and spiritual care.

Prerequisite pass module: Practical Theology 222

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

378 (24) Service Learning (2L, 1T)**388 (24) Service Learning (2L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module enables students to integrate theory and praxis, develop and apply specific skills like planning and executing activities, and develop a positive life orientation in their personal and professional conduct. Students will work under supervision, gaining skills in practical work like facilitating group work sessions, presenting sermons, and attending meetings. Participation in workshops and group discussions will enable them to successfully plan and execute compulsory activities, and to articulate skills gained and identify areas for growth.

Practical Theology 378

Prerequisite pass modules: Practical Theology 212, 243, 244

Practical Theology 388 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass modules: Practical Theology 213, 253, 245

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

413 (16) Current Trends in Practical Theology (2L, 1T)

This module guides students towards a comprehensive, systematic, and integrated knowledge of the hermeneutics of practical theology. It focuses on the terminology, principles, scope, theories, methodologies, and epistemologies of practical theology. The module explores recent scholarship about the critique of practical theology, particularly scholarship emanating from Africa, and how such scholarship can impact on the presentation of the context in ministry. The module also aims to develop and enhance students' skills to do independent research, and to present and communicate hermeneutical perspectives related to practical theology in the different spheres of ministry.

Prerequisite pass modules: Practical Theology 314, 342

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment Practical Theology (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

Prerequisite pass modules: Practical Theology 314, 342

Corequisite module: Practical Theology 413

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

12282 Practical Theology and Missiology**112 (8) Introduction to Practical Theology and Missiology (1L, 1T)****122 (8) Introduction to Practical Theology and Missiology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module guides students in the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and understanding of practical theology and missiology as theological disciplines aimed at preparing them for congregational ministry and service to the community. The module focuses on the conceptual framework and methodology of practical theology and missiology. Students learn about the theory and models of being a church, and how to analyse communities and congregations and develop Christian leadership skills.

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

114 (8) Core Concepts in Practical Theology and Missiology (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

The module covers core concepts in the disciplines of practical theology and missiology, how they were developed, and how they are applied in the broader field of theology. These concepts include hospitality, testimony, discernment, forgiveness, healing, Trinity, the kingdom of God, discipleship, covenant, hermeneutics, *missio Dei*, ecumenism, and theology of religion. The module will enable students to read and understand theology better, while taking their existing experience and understanding of these concepts into consideration.

Home department: Practical Theology and Missiology

50741 Systematic Theology**144 (8) Philosophy for Theologians (1L, 1T)****153 (8) Philosophy for Theologians (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module explores the intricate relationship between philosophy and theology, examining how philosophical conceptual frameworks contribute to theological inquiry. Students will be introduced to key philosophers and philosophical traditions, with a particular focus on their influence on theology and theologians. The module covers significant philosophical themes and debates in areas such as the philosophy of religion, philosophy of history, philosophy of science, hermeneutics, and African philosophy. By engaging with the history and discipline of philosophy, students will gain an understanding of essential terminology, fundamental questions, and the ways in which philosophical thought shapes and enriches theological reflection.

Home department: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology

152 (8) An Orientation to Doctrine and Ethics (1L, 1T) (BTh ECP)

This module introduces Christian doctrine and theological ethics, with a particular focus on Christianity in an African context. The module equips students with a basic understanding of the sources of Christian theology, the core beliefs of Christianity, and the relationship between belief (doctrine) and life (ethics). They will learn to articulate what it means to be a Christian in the African context, placing their own theological tradition in the broader historical landscape. Students are encouraged to engage contemporary social concerns from a theological-ethical perspective.

Corequisite module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 124

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211 (8) Doctrine of God and Christology (1L, 1P)**214 (8) Doctrine of God and Christology (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module explores central theological doctrines within a systematic and historical framework, emphasising critical engagement with classical and contemporary perspectives. Students are introduced to the development and diversity of theological thought concerning the doctrine of God – including questions of divine knowledge, existence, nature, and attributes within a Trinitarian context – and God's interaction with humanity through creation and providence. Integral to this exploration is an examination of Christology, including historical developments, varied perspectives on the person and work of Christ, and relevant philosophical and scientific enquiries. Attention is also given to how these doctrines resonate within contemporary contexts, particularly in African theological discourse. Through analysis and reflection, students will be encouraged to articulate and defend their own informed theological positions.

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251 (8) Human Dignity (1L, 1P) (BTh: Part-time)**253 (8) Human Dignity (1L, 1P)**

The question of human dignity as an ethical matter is of central importance for the church, academy, and society. This module focuses on the meaning and challenges of human dignity in reference to political ethics, sexual ethics, and bio-ethics, discussing various contested issues in these fields, and possible consequences. Throughout the module the question of human dignity as an ethical matter is emphasised through engagement with the insights gained from the Bible, tradition, reason, and experience.

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312 (8) Public Theology (1L, 1T)**313 (8) Public Theology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

This module explores various ethical challenges in public life and the actual and potential role and impact of Christian faith for the common good. It provides an orientation and introduction to Christian faith and public life. Special attention is given to the ambiguous roles of church and theology during both apartheid and democratic South Africa. The module then focuses on economic ethics as a critical aspect of theological ethics and public life. Themes such as the South African economy, globalisation, climate change, corporate social responsibility, work and labour, and public responsibility are considered.

For Systematic Theology 312

Prerequisite pass module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 124

For Systematic Theology 313 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 134

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322 (8) Pneumatology and Eschatology (1L, 1T)

The module introduces different approaches in the history of theology and in current systematic theology to the doctrine of the person and work of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of the church. Within the broader Trinitarian framework, this module focuses on questions regarding the work of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity from a pneumatological perspective, and aspects of God's involvement in reality that have traditionally been linked to God as "Spirit".

Prerequisite pass module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 124

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342 (8) Sacramentology and Eschatology (1L, 1T)**343 (8) Sacramentology and Eschatology (1L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)**

The module introduces different approaches in the history of theology and in current systematic theology to the doctrine of the sacraments and of the eschatology, or end times. Within the broader Trinitarian framework, this module focuses on questions regarding the sacraments and the eschaton that traditionally have been linked to God as "Spirit". Students will develop the necessary skills to reflect on these doctrines critically and defend an independent point of view.

For Systematic Theology 342

Prerequisite pass module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 124

For Systematic Theology 343 (BTh: Part-time)

Prerequisite pass module: Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology 134

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421 (8) Modern and Contemporary Theology: Background and Trends (1L, 1P)

This module introduces students to some modern and contemporary theologians and theological trends that have contributed to reflection on the loci of systematic theology as well as other theological themes, how various theological viewpoints are linked, and their contributions to continuous theological discourse. Students are brought up to date with the theology of their own time and enabled to position themselves within the theological discourse.

For the students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Systematic Theology 144*
- *Systematic Theology 212 (presented up to 2026), 245 (presented up to 2026), 253*

For the students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Systematic Theology 144, 211, 253

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444 (8) Modern and Contemporary Theology: Thinkers and Themes (1L, 1P)

This module exposes students to the persons, works, and legacies of living contemporary theologians (including South African theologians). Where possible, these theologians will address the class on their own theology. The module then addresses some important theological themes in contemporary theology, such as theology and religion(s), theology and the arts, and theology and science. Students are brought up to date with the theology of their own time and enabled to position themselves within the theological discourse.

For the students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Systematic Theology 144*
- *Systematic Theology 212 (presented up to 2026), 245 (presented up to 2026), 253*

For the students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Systematic Theology 144, 211, 253

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478 (48) Research Methodology and Research Assignment Systematic Theology (1L, 1T)

This module introduces students to the nature, processes, and components of research projects, including developing research proposals, research methods and methodologies, literature reviews, referencing methods and systems, ethics in research, role relationships between students and supervisors, presenting research, publishing research, professional academic societies, and research leadership.

For the students who enrolled for the first time before or in 2026

Prerequisite pass modules:

- *Systematic Theology 144*
- *Systematic Theology 212 (presented up to 2026), 245 (presented up to 2026), 253*

Corequisite modules: Systematic Theology 421, 422

For the students who enrolled for the first time from 2027

Prerequisite pass modules: Systematic Theology 144, 211, 253

Corequisite modules: Systematic Theology 421, 422

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12283 Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology

124 (12) Introduction to Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology (2L, 1T)

134 (12) Introduction to Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology (2L, 1T) (BTh: Part-time)

This module provides a broad introductory orientation to systematic theology and ecclesiology, addressing foundational questions such as: What is theology? What are the sources for theology? Where is theology practiced? How does our context influence our theologising? Why is the history of theology important? How does theology relate to faith, the church, and public life? The module also explores the key questions, contents, and methodologies associated with systematic theology, theological ethics, church history, and church polity, providing students with a structured framework for engaging with these aspects.

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53848 Biblical Hebrew

178 (24) Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (3L, 1P, 1T)

Basic characteristics of Biblical Hebrew morphology, syntax and (grammatical) semantics.

A basic vocabulary in cultural context.

The world of the Hebrew Bible and the world-view of its people.

Translation and analysis of elementary Biblical Hebrew texts.

Home department: Ancient Studies

214 (16) Continued Biblical Hebrew Language and Text Study (3L, 1P, 1T)

Intermediate Hebrew grammar.

Language, form and structure of selected texts.

Literary and cultural-historical background of the specific texts.

Critical comparison of translations.

Textual criticism.

Prerequisite pass module: Biblical Hebrew 178

Home department: Ancient Studies

244 (16) Continued Biblical Hebrew Language and Text Study (3L, 1P, 1T)

Continued intermediate Hebrew grammar.

Language, form and structure of selected texts.

Literary and cultural-historical background of the specific texts.

Critical comparison of translations.

History of Bible Translation.

Prerequisite pass module: Biblical Hebrew 214

Home department: Ancient Studies

14109 Greek

178 (24) Introduction to Ancient Greek Grammar and Translation (3L, 1P, 1T)

Elementary morphology and syntax of ancient Greek.

A vocabulary of about 300 words.

Translation, with elementary grammatical commentary, of a few chapters from a Gospel or another simple ancient text

Introduction to the use of electronic tools and libraries.

Cultural-historical overview of the ancient world.

Home department: Ancient Studies

214 (16) Continued Ancient Greek Language and Text Study (3L, 1P, 1T)

Intermediate Greek grammar.

The language, form and structure of selected texts.

Problems of translation.

Literary and cultural-historical background of the specific texts.

Prerequisite pass module: Greek 178

Home department: Ancient Studies

244 (16) Continued Ancient Greek Language and Text Study (3L, 1P, 1T)

Continued intermediate Greek grammar.

The language, form and structure of selected texts.

Critical comparison of translations.

Literary and cultural-historical background of the specific texts.

Prerequisite pass module: Greek 214

Home department: Ancient Studies

14507 Knowledge Skills**172 (6) Knowledge Skills (1L, 1P)**

This module is designed to equip students with skills needed for knowledge-building in the Humaniora, including:

- using selected software programmes that include word processing, data processing and presentation;
- accessing library resources and building searches on academic databases;
- using existing academic research ethically, and consistently applying referencing methods; and
- navigating online communities as active and responsible digital citizens.

Home department: Journalism

18414 Psychology**114 (12) Psychology as a Science (2L, 1T)**

This module is an introduction to psychology both as a science and a profession, with specific emphasis on psychological issues that are relevant in the South African context. Psychology is positioned at the convergence of a number of traditions of research and practice, including biological, philosophical and pragmatic traditions. This introductory module gives students a basis from which to approach further study of the discipline.

Home department: Psychology

144 (12) Psychology in Context (2L, 1T)

In this module the basic principles in psychology are applied in order to understand the person in context, with particular reference to core social issues and challenges facing South African society.

Home department: Psychology

213 (8) Approaches to Psychological Theories of the Person (1.5L)

This module addresses psychological theories and understandings of the person with reference to major contemporary approaches. Theories to be considered may include systemic, psychodynamic, behavioural, cognitive and existential components, with consideration of the applicability of psychological theories to African contexts.

Prerequisite pass modules: Psychology 114, 144

Home department: Psychology

223 (8) Human Development in Context (1.5L)

In this module human development is studied, with specific reference to the South African context.

Prerequisite pass modules: Psychology 114, 144

Home department: Psychology

19003 Sociology

144 (12) Social issues in South Africa (3L)

A selection of social issues that reflect the complexity of contemporary South African society. Examples of themes include: social change; poverty and development; social institutions such as the family, education and religion; crime and security; health, the body and HIV/AIDS; political and economic relationships.

Home department: Sociology and Social Anthropology

222 (8) Social Identity and Equality (1.5L, 0.5T)

Sociological understandings of the intersection of race, gender, sexuality, class and age as sources of identification, dimensions of power, and inequality in South Africa and elsewhere.

Home department: Sociology and Social Anthropology

364 (12) Social Research (2L, 1P)

(Compulsory module)

Methodological perspectives on social research; research process: theory and research; research designs: quantitative and qualitative approaches; research procedures and techniques; interpretation and representation of results.

Home department: Sociology and Social Anthropology

Research and Service Bodies

1. Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology

Description

The Centre is a research and service institution of Stellenbosch University which is based in the Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology discipline group and reports to the Faculty Board. The Centre is virtually entirely dependent on so-called third channel funding.

Aims

The Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology aims to:

- Advance understanding of the role, task and responsibility of Theology in the public arena through research, teaching and community interaction.
- Undertake research in co-operation with local and international experts into aspects of Public Theology.
 - Current research topics include human rights, human dignity in the context of globalisation, moral transformation, religion and identity, peace and justice, Christianity and civil society.
- Publicise the results of research by means of national and international publications and through the presentation of conferences, symposia, public lectures and workshops.
- Assist in the generation of contributions to publications which have a specific relevance to the Faculty of Theology.
- Perform research and provide advice on a contractual basis.
- Promote co-operation between the Faculty of Theology and the broader church communities, the ecumenical movements, national and international research and service institutions, and the public and private sector.
- Provide training in the form of short courses, seminars and similar initiatives.

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2. Ekklesia

Description

Ekklesia functions as a bureau of the Faculty of Theology. The running costs are met by the Curatorium (the governing body) of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, which, in turn, depends on donations from benevolent organisations and from members of its congregations.

Aims

The objectives of Ekklesia are to:

- Conduct ongoing research on:
 - the task and ministry of the church and the demands it faces in respect of the theological training of students and the continued theological training of ministers;
 - curriculum development in order to ensure that the continued training of ministers is effective.
- Facilitate postgraduate research projects with a ministry focus within the Faculty of Theology and to collaborate with other national and international research programmes.
- Create, with a view to continued theological training,
 - the necessary facilities and motivate ministers to continue studying after completion of their formal theological training; and
 - present regular courses for ministers and others involved in church ministry.

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3. Unit for Religion and Development Research (URDR)

Description

Since early 2002, the Unit has been an independent entity within the structure of the Practical Theology and Missiology discipline group in the Faculty of Theology.

Aims

The Unit for Religion and Development Research empowers religious communities for sustainable development through research, theory formulation and training. The unit aims to:

- Perform primary and secondary religio-demographic research in relation to the developmental profile and requirements of local communities.
- Develop applicable theory formulation that is relevant to:
 - the interpretation of the religio-demographic research; and
 - the mobilisation of religious communities towards sustainable community development.
- Make available to postgraduate students (master's and doctoral) a training facility and research venue in the field of Theology and Development and other disciplines in the social sciences.
- Provide professional research and training services to communities.
- Communicate research results through scientific and popular publications.

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