

Faculty of Theology

Admission and Selection Criteria

The Faculty of Theology offers programmes designed to form students for theological scholarship, ministry, and religious leadership in church and society. Admission is competitive and subject to both academic requirements and a formal selection process.

FULL-TIME PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv)

The Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) provides professional theological training for students preparing for ordained ministry and religious leadership, particularly within denominations requiring Hebrew and Greek as part of ministerial formation.

Bachelor of Theology (BTh)

The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) programmes are offered to students who meet academic requirements and demonstrate a clear motivation for theological study and ministry formation.

Admission Requirements

- Compliance with general university admission requirements
- A minimum final National Senior Certificate (NSC) average of 60%, excluding Life Orientation

Extended Curriculum Programmes (ECP) in Theology

The extended curriculum programmes are designed for students with academic potential who require additional developmental support.

ECP Admission Pathways

- NSC average of 55–59% (approved subjects): An interview with the Dean or an authorised representative may form part of the admission process.
- NSC average below 55%: Admission may be considered through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)
- NSC average of 50–54% with socio-economic disadvantage: A church denomination may submit a motivated request for Dean's discretionary admission, considered with the Programme Committee chair

Selection Process (All full-time programmes)

The following programmes are subject to selection: BDiv, BDiv Extended Curriculum Programme, BTh (Focus Areas: General and Youth Work), BTh Extended Curriculum Programme (Focus Areas: General and Youth Work).

Annual admission limits apply.

Selection is based on:

- Final NSC results
- A motivational letter (maximum 250 words) outlining the applicant's interest, commitment, and sense of calling to theology

PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

BTh Programme (Part-time)

The BTh (Part-time) programme is designed for mature students discerning a call to theological study alongside ongoing employment or ministry.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be 30 years or older
- Be a second-career student or currently engaged in ministry
- Have completed the Faculty's introductory theology and computer literacy short courses at NQF Level 5
- Provide proof of ministerial experience or a letter of motivation from a denominational head

Academic Admission Requirements

NSC (2008 or later):

- Minimum average of 60%, excluding Life Orientation
- Bachelor's degree exemption

Matriculated in 2007 or earlier:

- Matric certificate with at least four symbols between A and E ($\geq 40\%$)
- At least one higher-grade subject
- At least three subjects passed in a single examination sitting
- Application to the Matriculation Board for exemption
- Applicants over 45 years must provide formal proof of exemption

Selection is competitive and considers academic background, ministerial experience, and motivation for theological study.

American High School Diploma and IEB

The writing of the NBT is a requirement for the conditional offer to be issued.

Final offers will depend on final results and meeting the requirements for Matriculation exemption and Senates discretionary admission.

Minimum NBT scores as follows:

AL: 60

QL: 60

** The above is subject to Faculty Board approval in May 2026.