University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BThHons Church History and Church Polity (06246022)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120

Programme information

The purpose of this programme is to provide qualifying students the opportunity to obtain specialised knowledge, skills and applied competence on a first postgraduate level in a particular field or fields of Theology.

The BThHons is conferred on a student if the student has complied with the following minimum period of study: One academic year after the qualification has been obtained by virtue of which admission to the study has been granted.

Also refer to General Regulation G.22.

Admission requirements

Subject to the stipulations of General Regulations G.1.3, G.16 and G.62, a candidate must be in possession of the three year BTh degree or a three year BA (Theology) degree or an equivalent qualification (as denoted by the Faculty Council) for admission to the BThHons degree studies.

(i) The subject that is selected (except in the case of Theological Studies), should correlate with one of the majors of the preceding degree if its curricular structure provided for majors. If the preceding degree's structure did not allow for majors the programme manager must approve the selected field of study.

(ii) Hebrew at 100 level, if Old Testament Studies 731 is chosen.

(iii) Greek at 100 level, if New Testament Studies 731 is chosen.

(iv) Candidates who completed the Diploma in Theology as well as accredited three-year diplomas in Theology (offered by recognised private theological institutions), with an average minimum of 60% in the final year, may apply. Admission will be granted after assessment by the relevant head of department and upon the recommendation of the Dean with the approval of the Senate.

(v) In special cases the Dean, in consultation with the head of department, may approve specific fundamental elements, which must be completed successfully before admission will be considered.

Other programme-specific information

Note: The attendance component and the reading component are determined in consultation with the head of the department.

Examinations and pass requirements

Examination regulations applicable to honours degrees in the faculty
A student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module, subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department. A percentage mark is given provided that the passmark is at least 50% and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

Research information

Article for publication
Unless Senate, on the recommendation of the supervisor, decides otherwise, a student, before or on submission of a dissertation, must submit at least one draft article for publication in a recognized academic journal and in the case of a thesis, must submit proof of submission of an article issued by an accredited journal, to the Head: Student Administration.

The draft or submitted article, as the case may be, should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation/thesis and be approved by the supervisor if the supervisor is not a co-author. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the paper is taken through all the processes of revision and resubmission, as may be necessary. Conferment of the degree may be made subject to compliance with the stipulations of this regulation.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains a weighted average (GPA) of 75% in all the prescribed modules, provided not one of the modules had been failed previously and that the programme was completed within the minimum prescribed period.

General information

Registration for postgraduate programmes

1. Concurrent registration for a second postgraduate programme
No student is allowed to register for more than one postgraduate programme concurrently, except where the student's academic record warrants it and with the Dean's approval. Continuation of study for the second postgraduate programme will be subject to favourable progress reported by the heads of department in the Faculty of Theology. However, no student will be allowed to participate in examinations for a second postgraduate programme in another faculty during the examinations of the Faculty of Theology.

2. Renewal of registration
Students of the University are registered for one year of study. After an academic year has expired, students wishing to continue their studies at the University must renew their registration and pay such fees for renewal of registration as prescribed.
No interruption may occur in a postgraduate student's registration for a postgraduate study programme. Should a student interrupt his/her studies, such a student will upon re-registration be liable for the full fees applicable to the degree programme.
If a student interrupts registration for the postgraduate programme and it is not renewed within four years of the first registration, the credits obtained will no longer be valid. The student should repeat the modules already passed.

A student for an honours degree must complete his or her studies within two years. Under special circumstances,

the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.
A master's degree is conferred on a student only if at least one year has expired after obtaining the qualifications required for master's study.

A doctorate is conferred on a student only if at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University have expired. Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

In order to qualify for the Dean's list, a student must have an outstanding academic record for completed studies.

Undergraduate students (BDiv, BTh and Dip[Theol]) must have achieved an average of 75%(GPA) or above in all of their years of study. No modules should have been repeated, and all modules must be registered in the same year for the specific year.

Honours students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more. The degree must be completed in one year for full-time students and two years for part-time students. No modules should have been repeated.

Master's students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more, and the degree must be completed in the minimum prescribed time.

The top achievers of the Faculty selected to become part of the Dean's list will annually be acknowledged at a function hosted by the Dean.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Research report: Church history and church polity 710 (KGS 710) - Credits: 30.00
Church history and church polity 720 (KGS 720) - Credits: 30.00
Church history and church polity 730 (KGS 730) - Credits: 30.00
Church history and church polity 740 (KGS 740) - Credits: 30.00

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