# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

# MTh Church History and Church Polity (Coursework) (06256924)

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| **Duration of study** | 1 year |
| **Total credits** | 180 |

## Programme information

This programme offers the student with a four year BDiv, a BThHons or equivalent qualification, the opportunity of theological specialisation and research at Master's level. The coursework modules provide the opportunity to acquire specialist skills in the practical field of the Ministry.

Also consult General Regulations as applicable to Master's degree programmes.

## Admission requirements

Subject to the stipulations of General Regulations G.1.3 and G.54, a student who holds a BDiv, a BTh or a BAHons (Theol) degree, or the previous BD or MDiv degrees or aother equivalent qualification, is allowed to the MTh, provided that a minimum of 65% was obtained.

(i) The theological discipline which is selected must correlate with the major or one of the majors of the preceding degree if its curricular structure provided for majors.

(ii) Hebrew at 200 level if Old Testament Studies is chosen as field of study. In case Hebrew 200 was not passed at a university, the student may be admitted after assessment and with the approval of the head of department.

(iii) Greek at 200 level if New Testament Studies is chosen as field of study. In case Greek 200 was not passed at a university, the student may be admitted after assessment and with the approval of the head of department.

## Additional requirements

i. The theological discipline which is selected must correlate with the major or one of the majors of the preceding degree if its curricular structure provided for majors.
ii. Hebrew at 200 level if Old Testament Studies is chosen as field of study. In case Hebrew 200 was not passed at a university, the student may be admitted after assessment and with the approval of the head of department.
iii. Greek at 200 level if New Testament Studies is chosen as field of study. In case Greek 200 was not passed at a university, the student may be admitted after assessment and with the approval of the head of department.

# Examinations and pass requirements

A subminimum of 50% is required in the examination. At least 50% is required as a pass mark for the mini-dissertation or dissertation.

The stipulations of G.39.11 regarding pass requirements for dissertations apply with the necessary changes to mini-dissertations.

Mini-dissertations are evaluated and examined in accordance with the stipulations set out in a study guide, which is available on request from the various departments.

**Examination regulations applicable to all master's degrees in the faculty**
A master's degree is conferred on a student by virtue of an examination, or an examination and a dissertation, or an examination and a mini-dissertation, or a dissertation. Examinations may be written and/or oral. A percentage mark is given provided that the passmark is at least 50% and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

# Research information

**Seminar work and mini-dissertation**
In the case of seminar work and a mini-dissertation, the proposed title must be submitted for approval to the Research Committee via the Supervisor and the Head of department before a student may commence with the writing of the mini-dissertation.

**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

In order to pass with distinction, a weighted average (GPA) of at least 75% in the examination of the coursework and 75% for the mini-dissertation must be obtained.

# 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: 180**

## Core modules

### Church history 803 (KGS 803)

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| **Module credits** | 90.00 |
| **Prerequisites** | No prerequisites. |
| **Language of tuition** | Separate classes for Afrikaans and English |
| **Academic organisation** | Church Hist + Church Polity |
| **Period of presentation** | Year |

**Module content**

A course work module on church history and/or church polity.

### Mini-dissertation: Church history and church polity 893 (KGS 893)

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| **Module credits** | 90.00 |
| **Prerequisites** | No prerequisites. |
| **Language of tuition** | Separate classes for Afrikaans and English |
| **Academic organisation** | Church Hist + Church Polity |
| **Period of presentation** | Year |

**Module content**

A mini-dissertation on an approved topic from the seminar work in church history and/or church polity.

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The General Regulations (G Regulations) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the General Rules section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.