University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BThHons Religion Studies (06246082)

Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120

Admission requirements

- An approved three-year bachelor's degree or other comparable degree with a minimum of 360 credits.
- At least 30 credits must be in Biblical studies at third-year level with exceptions approved by the head of department.
- Teaching or other experience in a relevant field will be taken into account.
- Prospective students may be required to do additional work/modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

The **six electives** consist of the following choices:

* Select any two modules for 30 credits between BYB 711; BYB 712; BYB 713 and BYB 714; as well as

*Select any two modules for 30 credits between BYB 721, BYB 722, BYB 723, BYB 724 as well as;

* Select any two modules for 30 credits between BYB 731; BYB 732; BYB 733, BYB 734

Core modules

Research report 740 (BYB 740)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

After studying this module, the student should be able to write a scholarly essay and utilise the sources in the library.

Elective modules

Background of the Bible 711 (BYB 711)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of this module is to acquaint the student with certain aspects regarding the background of the world in which the Bible originated.

Hermeneutics 712 (BYB 712)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module the emphasis falls on the different factors involved in the interpretation of the Bible, as well as on some models of interpretation.

Biblical archaeology 713 (BYB 713)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

After studying this module, the student should be able to define Biblical archaeology, and to discuss its methods and its contribution to our understanding of the Bible. The student should be able to discuss archaeology in Jerusalem as well as the religious significance, geography and history of Jerusalem from an archaeological perspective.

Religious studies 714 (BYB 714)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The aim of this module is to make the student aware of the subject of Religious Studies and its different subfields, and to give the student an introductory view of a few world religions.

Old Testament theology 721 (BYB 721)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of this module is to get an overview of several aspects of the Book of Psalms in order to identify and understand the different theologies in the book.

New Testament theology 722 (BYB 722)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of this module is to understand the principles underlying a theology of the New Testament and the origin of New Testament theology.

Biblical ethics 723 (BYB 723)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Ethical questions are very important in our society. Human relations form the basis of the church as well as the society as a whole. In this module attention will be given to the ethical guidelines of scripture on ethical issues.

Theory of Biblical exposition 724 (BYB 724)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The aim of this module is to have insight in the process of exegesis and to be able to evaluate different approaches to the analysis of the Bible.

Old Testament exegesis 731 (BYB 731)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

After completing this module, the student should be able to discuss the character, composition, research history and message of the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. He/she should also be able to discuss the translation, literary form and meaning of selected texts.

New Testament exegesis 732 (BYB 732)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this module the student will do exegesis of selected texts from the New Testament.

Bible in African context 733 (BYB 733)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module aims to provide the student with insight into how the Biblical text is read and understood in the African context.

Bible and the arts 734 (BYB 734)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The first aim of this module is to get a broad overview on the role of music in the Bible, to reflect on the relationship between music and religion in general, and to understand the role of music in the Western civilisation and sub-Saharan Africa. The second aim is to enable the student to discuss the relationship between visual arts and religion (Christianity) in history with special attention to distinct tendencies in specific periods and the religious aspects and meanings of selected works of art.

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