University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

Diploma in Theology (06120003)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	376
NQF level	06

Programme information

This programme offers general theological education to students who have passed the National Senior Certificate with admission to Diploma studies. It also provides a basis for denominational programmes, formation and practical training with a view to the ministry.

A fixed curriculum is prescribed.

The student, who registers for this programme, has to submit his or her curriculum to the Programme coordinator for approval at the beginning of each academic year.

The Diploma in Theology comprises the same subjects as for the two degree programmes in Theology and students who perform, may be admitted to postgraduate studies.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with with admission to Diploma studies; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

University of Pretoria website: click here

National Benchmartk Test website: click here

Minimum requirements				
Achievement level				
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**Subjects: 3 additional 20-credit subjects**		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
3	E	3	E	**22**

Examinations and pass requirements

Special examinations

See also General Regulations G.12.4 and G.12.6.
A student who complies with all the requirements for the diploma with the exception of a maximum of four quarter modules, two semester modules or one year module, in each of which a combined mark of at least 40% has been obtained, may be admitted to a special examination in the same modules at the end of the following semester.

Promotion to next study year

i. To be admitted to the second year of study, a student must pass at least eight semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
ii. To be admitted to the third year of study, a student must pass at least 21 semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.

Academic exclusion
The Dean may on recommendation of the relevant faculty committee, exclude a student academically by the cancellation of the registration for that particular year or for the following year, if he or she does not comply with the minimum set requirements. You may appeal against your academic exclusion, but it is advisable to solve any problems as soon as possible. Contact your lecturer as soon as you experience problems with your studies.

Pass with distinction

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

General information

Information on modules

- If a module does not attract enough student registrations to be presented economically, the Dean may decide to withdraw it. Students will be advised in time of such decisions in order to register for an alternative module.
- The timetable of lectures must be consulted.
- A student may, with the consent of the Dean, exceed the number of modules per study year by two semester modules or one year module.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at first year level.

No electives may be selected.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00
Academic literacy for Theology 120 (ALL 120) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 105 (UPO 105) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 114 (BYA 114) - Credits: 10.00
Introduction to the world of the New Testament 124 (BYA 124) - Credits: 10.00
Early church to Augustine 114 (CHI 114) - Credits: 10.00
Introducing dogmatics and Christian ethics 124 (DET 124) - Credits: 10.00
Introducing science of religion and missiology 124 (GSW 124) - Credits: 10.00
Introducing the New Testament 124 (NTW 124) - Credits: 10.00
Narratives in the Old Testament 114 (OTW 114) - Credits: 10.00
Youth ministry 114 (PTL 114) - Credits: 10.00
Orientation in theology 114 (TEO 114) - Credits: 10.00
Orientation in theology 124 (TEO 124) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

All prescribed modules must be taken at second year level.

No electives may be selected.

Core modules

Reformation and its legacy in Europe 214 (CHI 214) - Credits: 10.00
The church in recent history 224 (CHI 224) - Credits: 10.00
Community engagement 214 (CYE 214) - Credits: 15.00
Doctrine of humanity, Christology and soteriology 214 (DET 214) - Credits: 10.00
Scripture - its authority and use 224 (DET 224) - Credits: 10.00
Key concepts and topics in Science of religion and missiology 214 (GSW 214) - Credits: 10.00
Christianity in Third World context 224 (GSW 224) - Credits: 10.00
Studying the writings of John 214 (NTW 214) - Credits: 10.00
Studying the writings of Luke 224 (NTW 224) - Credits: 10.00
Old Testament exegesis and the Early Prophets 214 (OTW 214) - Credits: 10.00
Studying the poets and apocalyptic literature 224 (OTW 224) - Credits: 10.00
Pastoral care 214 (PTL 214) - Credits: 10.00
Word ministry and worship 224 (PTL 224) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at third year level.

No electives may be selected.

Core modules

Africa and South Africa in church history 314 (CHI 314) - Credits: 10.00
Introducing church polity 324 (CHI 324) - Credits: 10.00
Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 314 (DET 314) - Credits: 10.00
Surveying contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 324 (DET 324) - Credits: 10.00
Mission in practical perspective 314 (GSW 314) - Credits: 10.00
Church planting in contemporary context 324 (GSW 324) - Credits: 10.00
Studying Paul as author and theologian 314 (NTW 314) - Credits: 10.00
Studying the Deutero-Pauline writings 324 (NTW 324) - Credits: 10.00
Studying the Pentateuch 314 (OTW 314) - Credits: 10.00
Reading and studying a selection from the Prophets 324 (OTW 324) - Credits: 10.00
Deaconate and community development 314 (PTL 314) - Credits: 10.00
Pastoral counselling, liturgy and homiletics 324 (PTL 324) - Credits: 10.00

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.