



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MDiv (06250074)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

The MDiv builds on the BDiv programme or the previously four year BTh programme. It is a coursework master's degree programme in general theology covering all six theological disciplines. It aims to offer advanced theological knowledge and practical skills that will meet the needs of the ministry of the Word.

Admission requirements

- The BThHons or four year BDiv degree, or a qualification on at least NQF Level 8, is required for admission.
- Greek and Hebrew at 200-level.
- If either of the languages was not passed at University, the student may be admitted after an assessment and with the approval of the Head of Department.

Examinations and pass requirements

- 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.
- These examinations can be written or oral.
- 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.

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.

Mini-dissertation

The proposed title of the mini-dissertation must be submitted for approval to the Research Committee via the Supervisor and the relevant head of department before a student may commence with the research.

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 relevant 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 relevant head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core Modules:

All prescribed modules must be completed.

Elective:

Mini-dissertation in one field:

Core modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 806 (DET 806)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on doctrinal theology, fundamental theology and theological and philosophical ethics.

Science of religion and missiology 806 (GSW 806)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on science of religion and missiology.

Church history 806 (KGS 806)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year



Module content

Core module: a study on science of religion and missiology, church history and/or church polity.

New Testament studies 806 (NTW 806)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department New Testament and Related Literature

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Core module: a study focused on the candidates field of research, the New Testament.

Old Testament studies 806 (OTW 806)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Core module: a lectured introduction to and exegesis of selected themes from the Law, Writings or Prophet corpus in the Old Testament.

Practical theology 806 (PRT 806)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Core module: a study on Practical theology.

Elective modules



Dogmatics and Christian ethics 804 (DET 804)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module and mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in doctrinal theology, fundamental theology and theological and philosophical ethics.

Science of religion and missiology 804 (GSW 804)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in Science of religion and/or Missiology.

Church history 804 (KGS 804)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in church history and/or church polity.

New Testament studies 804 (NTW 804)

Module credits	60.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English



Department New Testament and Related Literature

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic from a thematically specialized reading list as focused on the candidate's field of research.

Old Testament studies 804 (OTW 804)

Module credits 60.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A reading module and mini-dissertation on an approved topic, with introduction and exegesis of sections from the Law, Writings or Prophets.

Practical theology 804 (PRT 804)

Module credits 60.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 10 discussion classes per week, 10 seminars per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic in Practical theology.

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.