University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MTh Religion Studies (Coursework) (06256982)

Department	Biblical and Religious Studies
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

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, in case of the coursework master's degree, 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

1. Relevant honours degree **or** relevant four-year bachelor's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level
3. Hebrew passed at second-year level of the bachelor's degree (for the MTh in Old Testament Studies) **or** an admissions examination may be required
4. Greek passed at second-year level of the bachelor's degree – for the MTh (New Testament Studies) **or** an admissions examination may be required
5. An average of at least 65% is required for an admissions examination – for the MTh (Pastoral Family Therapy)

Other programme-specific information

Modules to the value of 10 credits may be selected from any other faculty as substitute for one of the core modules.

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: Year 1

Minimum credits: 90

Core modules

Research methodology 813 (BYB 813) - Credits: 20.00
Mini-dissertation: Biblical and religious studies 893 (BYB 893) - Credits: 90.00

Elective modules

Living Islam 814 (BYB 814) - Credits: 20.00
History of Islam 815 (BYB 815) - Credits: 20.00
Christian-Muslim encounters 816 (BYB 816) - Credits: 20.00
Hermeneutics 823 (BYB 823) - Credits: 10.00
Biblical archaeology 833 (BYB 833) - Credits: 10.00
History and historiography 843 (BYB 843) - Credits: 10.00
Religious studies 853 (BYB 853) - Credits: 10.00
Exegesis 863 (BYB 863) - Credits: 10.00
Theology 873 (BYB 873) - Credits: 10.00
Biblical ethics 883 (BYB 883) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 90

Core modules

Research methodology 813 (BYB 813) - Credits: 20.00
Mini-dissertation: Biblical and religious studies 893 (BYB 893) - Credits: 90.00

Elective modules

Living Islam 814 (BYB 814) - Credits: 20.00
History of Islam 815 (BYB 815) - Credits: 20.00
Christian-Muslim encounters 816 (BYB 816) - Credits: 20.00
Hermeneutics 823 (BYB 823) - Credits: 10.00
Biblical archaeology 833 (BYB 833) - Credits: 10.00
History and historiography 843 (BYB 843) - Credits: 10.00
Religious studies 853 (BYB 853) - Credits: 10.00
Exegesis 863 (BYB 863) - Credits: 10.00
Theology 873 (BYB 873) - Credits: 10.00
Biblical ethics 883 (BYB 883) - Credits: 10.00

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