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FACULTY

At a Glance



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

Faculty of Theology and Religion

Fakulteit Teologie en Religie
Lekala la Thutatumelo le Bodumedi

Make today matter

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The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of Africa's top universities and the largest contact university in South Africa. We produce socially impactful research to find solutions for the world's most pressing issues.

We have a high quality of teaching and learning in the classroom, online, or in communities.

We have support in place for our students to graduate on time as well-rounded, responsible citizens, fully prepared for the world beyond university.



Our degrees are locally accredited and internationally recognised. We have agreements in place with the relevant legal accreditation bodies around the world to ensure the recognition of our programmes.



VISION

To be a leading research-intensive university in Africa, recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact, as also for developing people, creating knowledge and making a difference locally and globally.



MISSION

In pursuing recognition and excellence in its core functions of research, teaching and learning, and integrating engagement with society and communities into these, the University of Pretoria will use quality, relevance, diversity and sustainability as its navigational markers.



Promoting research with real-world impact

UP's research is focused on making a lasting impact and on changing the lives of people. Our theme-based approach leverages knowledge fields and research platforms for the greatest impact. Transdisciplinary research projects with the potential to make a real-life difference are strongly encouraged.

Fostering excellence in teaching and learning

Our educational approach has a strong focus on inclusivity and equitable access to education, but ultimately on equity of outcomes. Our committed academics have multiple approaches to teaching to ensure that students with a variety of learning strengths succeed.

Our teaching and learning approach is based on inquiry-based learning, hybrid learning and community-based learning. This means that students can ask questions and do research in their field to learn and discover answers on their own; be taught in a classroom or other formal contact environment, but also find additional activities, notes, resources and videos to supplement their classes online; or apply their knowledge in a practical way to help communities around University campuses.

ENABLING STUDENT SUCCESS FOR AN EQUITABLE FUTURE

UP is dedicated to fostering an environment where students can thrive and achieve success. We are fully committed to providing support and opportunities to our students in order to get them ready for work.

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

The Faculty's teaching and research focuses on constructive, critical, relevant, contextual and engaging theologies. It offers a space for different epistemologies and inter-religious dialogue. Our mission is to nurture transformative leaders who serve academia, faith-communities and society by promoting justice, peace, integrity and diversity.



ACADEMIC OFFERING

2

Undergraduate
degree programme

1

Undergraduate
diploma programme

4

Postgraduate
degree programmes

STUDENT LIFE

700⁺

Faculty of
Theology and
Religion students

83%

Undergraduate
pass rate

JOIN A WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTION



TOP 5

faculties of theology and religion
in the world

#1

faculty of theology and religion
in Africa

EduRank: Liberal Arts - Theology

#1

worldwide in the h-index
QS World University Rankings by Subject

#6

worldwide for citations
QS World University Rankings by Subject

At our Faculty, we embrace the UP Way. This means providing our students with exceptional teaching and comprehensive support systems to ensure timely graduation as creative and critical thinkers. Equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge, you will be prepared for the post-university world, whether you're embarking on your career or seeking your first job.



LIFE ABUNDANT SUPPORT FUND

R1 764 000

By exploring cultural and spiritual diversity and promoting universal values such as peace, love, tolerance, kindness, and social welfare, we strive to positively impact our world.



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY
AND RELIGION



100%

Academic staff
members with
a doctorate



23

NRF-rated
researchers



**RESEARCH
DISCIPLINES**

Specialists in all
six traditional
theological
disciplines



11

International
partnerships and
agreements

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



Old Testament and
Hebrew Scriptures



New Testament and
Related Literature



Practical Theology
and Mission Studies



Religion Studies



Systematic and
Historical Theology

CENTRE FOR FAITH AND COMMUNITY

Through the Centre for Faith and Community, the Faculty is at the forefront of engagement between the academy and the local community. All the programmes of the Centre attempt to provide life-long and continued educational opportunities to people actively involved in community transformation.

O[UP]CRPLSA

The **Oxford (UP) Centre for Religion, Public Life and Security in Africa (OCRPSA)** is a significant role player to support and advance academic research and to contribute to knowledge about the impact of religion in all areas of society, particularly public life and security, and to train leaders to engage with public life issues from a theological perspective. Although the main focus of the Centre is vested in research on and within the context of Africa, the involvement of the global society and how it influences the continent of Africa is included.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



UNIT FOR SOCIAL
COHESION AND
RECONCILIATION



VILLAGE OF
SUPPORT



URBAN
STUDIO

Focus on early childhood development, street homelessness and religion's role in sustainable development, among others.

CONSULTING SERVICES



Professional online development modules



Enterprises UP CPD courses



Broad leadership for FBOs and NPOs



Ecumenical council membership



Denominational advising and policy support

By joining the Faculty of Theology and Religion at UP, you have the opportunity to become more than you ever imagined. You can become an agent of transformation, embodying respect and service and fostering charity and goodwill towards all.



ENQUIRIES

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THE UP WAY

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