



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
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## Faculty of Theology and Religion

Fakulteit Teologie en Religie  
Lekala la Thutatumelo le Bodumedi

## Why study at the Faculty of Theology and Religion?



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People study Theology and Religion for various reasons, and not only to make it their profession. Some find it to be a fascinating field that they would like to explore, whereas others search for spiritual growth through study, or may want to gain insights that will help them to function more effectively in the workplace. The Faculty also offers programmes that will benefit students who do not necessarily want to become ministers, but would like to enrich their lives and faith experiences.

There are many advantages to enriching one's study in a particular field with insights and applications from Theology and Religion. By including modules from this discipline in other areas of study, such as computer science, engineering, languages, psychology, social work and teaching, graduates will enter their chosen careers as better equipped and more fully developed individuals.



*'I am proud to announce that I have officially found the meaning of "opportunity". Starting the journey of studying at the Faculty of Theology and Religion has enabled me to rise above the bar and explore how one's passion can come to life overnight. With the quality of collaborative interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary life-*

*affirming values, I have obtained a spectrum of strategic and societal interests ranging from leadership, care, constructive criticism, family, and relevant and contextual engagement and I have found a safe space created for my epistemology in my different life experiences.*

*I have found a home where justice, peace, integrity, and diversity are promoted, where I can stand with no fear and explore a life that serves what each of us is called for. As I continue with this adventure, I pray for nothing but the best for my peers to also find themselves in this same space surrounded by beautiful people and create for themselves a meaningful life with never-ending opportunities. Cheers to many years of being given an opportunity to make a change for myself and others while inspiring those who are afraid to take the first few steps to try.'*

**Xongi Masiya** – Leader at House Theology and Religion

The Faculty of Theology and Religion is renowned for its commitment to the following:



### Academic excellence

Our standards of education are comparable to the best in the world.



### Christian scriptures

This remains our central point of reference for theology.



### Contextual and relevant teaching and learning

Some classes take place on city streets.



### International contacts

Students can benefit from our broad network of international partnerships.



### Lecturers

Lecturers are noted academics and also respected church leaders.



### Practical skills for training in ministry

Learn to preach, serve and lead.



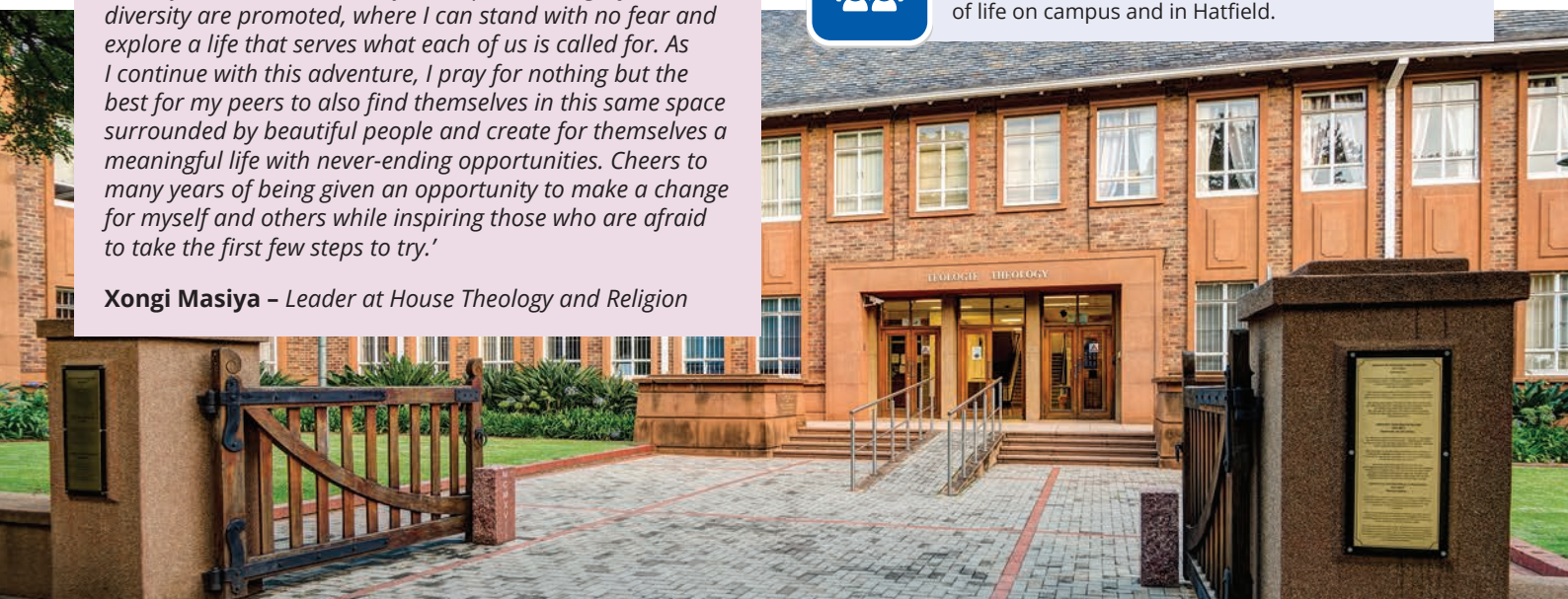
### Spirituality

We place great importance on personal faith formation.



### Student life

Theology students have access to the many benefits of life on campus and in Hatfield.





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### Minimum admission requirements for applicants with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Independent Examinations Board (IEB) Certificate

- Applicants who indicate Theology as a first or second choice will be considered, but those who indicate it as their second choice may have to submit a motivation.

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
<b>Bachelor of Theology</b> [3 years]	4	28
<b>Careers:</b> Ministers, pastors, priests, preachers in certain denominations, missionaries and youth counsellors. Other possibilities include ethics consultants to businesses. Theological studies can be enriching for people in various other vocations. Prospective students who are interested in ordained ministry should discuss their intention to register for this programme with their church leadership.		
<b>Bachelor of Divinity</b> [4 years]	4	28
<b>Careers:</b> Ministers, pastors, priests, preachers in certain denominations, missionaries and youth counsellors. Other possibilities include ethics consultants to businesses. Theological studies can be enriching for people in various other vocations. Prospective students who are interested in ordained ministry should discuss their intention to register for this programme with their church leadership.		
<b>Diploma in Theology</b> [3 years]	3	24
<b>Careers:</b> Ministers, pastors, priests, lay preachers in certain denominations, missionaries and youth counsellors. Candidates should consult their church leadership on which programme would best suit their aims. The Diploma in Theology is intended for candidates who have completed the NSC/IEB (or equivalent), but without the required university admission.		

### Minimum requirements for applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa)

Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at [www.up.ac.za/programmes](http://www.up.ac.za/programmes) > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/or registration.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
		CIE	UK							
IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE EGCSE  O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE		England Wales Northern Ireland Pearson Edexcel GCSE								
Bachelor of Theology	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Divinity	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Diploma in Theology	English	E	2	4	E	E	2	2	40-49%	C

# Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be used for final admission.