

FACULTY

At a Glance

2023



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

Faculty of Theology and Religion

Fakulteit Teologie en Religie
Lefapha la Thutatumelo le Bodumedi

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1917

The Faculty of Theology and Religion was established in 1917, and celebrated its century of existence in 2017.



LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

1908

The University of Pretoria was established in 1908. Today, it is one of the largest research universities in South Africa. UP has transformed into a dynamic university community of staff and students who come from a range of diverse backgrounds and cultures showcasing South African and global societies.



TEACHING & LEARNING



Our educational approach has a strong focus on inclusivity and equitable access to education, but ultimately on equity of outcomes.

UP effectively uses contact sessions in traditional lectures, seminars, laboratories and practical sites, together with online learning platforms. This has enabled access and success for an increasing number of students. The 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; while also being taught in a classroom environment and accessing additional resources online.

VISION & GOALS



OUR VISION IS TO BE

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



OUR GOALS ARE TO

1. Enhance access and successful student learning
2. Strengthen the University's research and international profile
3. Foster and sustain a transformed, inclusive and equitable University community
4. Optimise resources and enhance institutional sustainability
5. Strengthen the University's social consciousness and its impact on society



HYBRID LEARNING

Through UP's hybrid model of teaching and learning, part of the learning is dependent on access to the online learning management system known as ClickUP.

A system is in place for students to buy their own devices at very competitive rates but more than **6 000** computers are available in computer laboratories across all campuses and within residences for student use. There are Wi-Fi hot spots across all campuses for use by students with their own devices.



FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

The Faculty's teaching and research focuses on 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 programmes
- 1** Undergraduate diploma programmes
- 4** Postgraduate degree programmes
- 2** Postgraduate diploma programmes

STUDENTS

390

Undergraduate
students



334

Postgraduate
students

STUDENT SUCCESS

2021 GRADUATES

60 Undergraduate degrees

117 Postgraduate degrees



82%

Undergraduate pass rate

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

25

Academic staff members

21

NRF-rated researchers



RESEARCH DISCIPLINES

100%

Academic staff members with a doctorate

Specialists in all **six** traditional theological disciplines

10

International partnerships and agreements

RANKINGS



TOP 20

faculties of theology and religion in the world

#1 worldwide in
the h-index

#6 worldwide
for citations

#1

faculty of theology and religion in Africa

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



Old Testament and
Hebrew Scriptures



New Testament and
Related Literature



Practical Theology
and Mission Studies



Religion Studies



Systematic and
Historical Theology








LIFE ABUNDANT SUPPORT FUND

R1 281 783

in financial aid distributed from
2016 to 2021

CONSULTING SERVICES

-  Professional online development modules
-  Ecumenical council membership
-  Enterprises UP CPD courses
-  Denominational advising and policy support
-  Broad leadership for FBOs and NPOs

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.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1

UNIT FOR SOCIAL COHESION AND RECONCILIATION

2

VILLAGE OF SUPPORT

3

URBAN STUDIO

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

The UP Way

It's as much about where UP comes
from as to **where we are headed**

It's about UP's excellence, innovation,
diversity, growth, kindness and
making a difference every day

It's about what we do to...



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