
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MA Biblical and Religious Studies (Coursework) (01250394)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 240

Admission requirements

- An honours degree in Biblical and Religious Studies; or
- An approved four-year bachelor's degree as approved by the head of department.

Teaching or other experience in a relevant field will be taken into account.

Additional requirements

Prospective students may be required to do additional work/modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.

Program outline

Other programme-specific information

Modules to the value of 15 credits may be selected from any other faculty as substitute for one of the above core modules.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Research methodology 801 (BYB 801)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of the scientific research process (methodology).

Core modules

Hermeneutics 802 (BYB 802)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Theory of Biblical interpretations and the practical application thereof.

Biblical archaeology 803 (BYB 803)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of the principles of this discipline as well as study of selected excavations in the lands of the Bible.



History and historiography 804 (BYB 804)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of the principles of Biblical historiography as such and the study of the characteristics of historical texts in the Bible.

Religious studies 805 (BYB 805)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and African religions.

Exegesis 806 (BYB 806)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of the principles of exegesis as well as practical exegesis of selected texts of the Old and New Testaments.

Theology 807 (BYB 807)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng



Academic organisation Biblical and Religious Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Study of Old and New Testament theology.

Biblical ethics 808 (BYB 808)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Biblical and Religious Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Study of the values and ethical institutions in the time of the Bible as well as practical application in the modern context.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Biblical and religious studies 895 (BYB 895)

Module credits	120.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Biblical and Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Mini-dissertation on a theme chosen in collaboration with the department which relates to one of the modules that are studied in the programme, constituting 7 000-10 000 words written under supervision of a supervising lecturer. The study entails scholastic and advanced research of a selected specialist area. Planning, researching and managing processes within broad parameters and functions are required. Use of computer programs for analysis and report writing. Complete accountability for achieving and evaluating personal and/or group output. Entry to doctoral and further research education, and to research-based occupations.

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