University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

Diploma in Theology (06120003)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	376

Programme information

This programme offers general theological education to students who have passed the National Senior Certificate with admission to Diploma studies. It also provides a basis for denominational programmes, formation and practical training with a view to the ministry.

A fixed curriculum is prescribed.

The student, who registers for this programme, has to submit his or her curriculum to the Programme coordinator for approval at the beginning of each academic year.

The Diploma in Theology comprises the same subjects as for the two degree programmes in Theology and students who perform, may be admitted to postgraduate studies.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with with admission to Diploma studies; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

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Achievement level		
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	
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Other programme-specific information

Notes:

- The modules referred to are offered per semester.
- Academic literacy: The following modules must be completed during the first year of study: ALL 110 and ALL 120.

- Computer literacy: The following modules must be completed during the first year of study: AIM 111 and AIM 121.
- If this programme is followed at a seminary or college (in terms of an agreement between such institution and the University of Pretoria), the semester modules must be presented according to the registration period.
- Certain modules are prerequisites for later modules.
- If a module does not attract enough student registrations to be presented economically, the Dean may decide to withdraw it. Students will be advised in time of such decisions in order to register for an alternative module.
- The timetable of lectures must be consulted.
- A student may, with the consent of the Dean, exceed the number of modules per study year by two semester modules or one year module.

Examinations and pass requirements

Special examinations

See also General Regulations G.12.4 and G.12.6.

A student who complies with all the requirements for the diploma with the exception of a maximum of four quarter modules, two semester modules or one year module, in each of which a combined mark of at least 40% has been obtained, may be admitted to a special examination in the same modules at the end of the following semester.

Promotion to next study year

(i) To be admitted to the second year of study, a student must pass at least eight semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
(ii) To be admitted to the third year of study, a student must pass at least 21 semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.

Academic exclusion

The Dean may on recommendation of the relevant faculty committee, exclude a student academically by the cancellation of the registration for that particular year or for the following year, if he or she does not comply with the minimum set requirements. You may appeal against your academic exclusion, but it is advisable to solve any problems as soon as possible. Contact your lecturer as soon as you experience problems with your studies.

Pass with distinction

The diploma is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains an average of 75% (GPA) in all the prescribed modules of the final year provided that not one of the modules had been failed previously and that the programme was completed within the minimum prescribed period.

General information

Dean's merit list for top achievers

In order to qualify for the Dean’s list, a student must have an outstanding academic record for completed studies.

Undergraduate students (BDiv, BTh and Dip[Theol]) must have achieved an average of 75%(GPA) or above in all of their years of study. No modules should have been repeated, and all modules must be registered in the same year for the specific year.

Honours students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more. The degree must be completed in one year for

full-time students and two years for part-time students. No modules should have been repeated.

Master’s students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more, and the degree must be completed in the minimum prescribed time.

The top achievers of the Faculty selected to become part of the Dean’s list will annually be acknowledged at a function hosted by the Dean.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at first year level.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits	4.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Information Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits	4.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion Faculty of Veterinary Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Informatics

Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110)

Module credits	6.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Unit for Academic Literacy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module intends to equip students to cope more confidently and competently with the reading and understanding of a variety of texts, to apply these skills in a variety of contexts and to follow the conventions of academic writing.

Academic literacy for Theology 120 (ALL 120)

Module credits	6.00
Service modules	Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Unit for Academic Literacy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

By the end of this module students should be able to cope more confidently and competently with the reading, writing and critical thinking demands that are characteristic of the field of Theology.

Academic orientation 105 (UPO 105)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religious Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 114 (BYA 114)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Geographical and historical background of the Old Testament. The Near-Eastern cultural context of the Bible.

Introduction to the world of the New Testament 124 (BYA 124)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Encyclopaedic placement of New Testament studies in Theology. The Mediterranean socio-cultural setting of the New Testament.

Early church to Augustine 114 (CHI 114)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The history of the early church up to (and including) Augustine of Hippo.

Introducing dogmatics and Christian ethics 124 (DET 124)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introducing dogmatics and Christian Ethics; selection of loci.

Introducing science of religion and missiology 124 (GSW 124)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to science of religion and missiology. Introducing theology of mission.

Introducing the New Testament 124 (NTW 124)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introducing some fundamental issues. Introducing Mark.

Narratives in the Old Testament 114 (OTW 114)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
Introduction to Old Testament narratology. Capita selecta: Pentateuch or other Old Testament corpus.

Youth ministry 114 (PTL 114)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
Youth work. Christian education.

Orientation in theology 114 (TEO 114)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
The relationship between theology, faith and spirituality. The ambit, method and disciplines of theology.

Orientation in theology 124 (TEO 124)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
The method and disciplinary ambit of theology.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

All prescribed modules must be taken at second year level.

Core modules

Reformation and its legacy in Europe 214 (CHI 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Reformation and its legacy in Europe.

The church in recent history 224 (CHI 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

19th and 20th centuries in church history: rise and ideologies and philosophical movements; the Ecumenical Movements.

Community engagement 214 (CYE 214)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Community engagement. Includes aspects of ministry and missions. General principles and formation.

Doctrine of humanity, Christology and soteriology 214 (DET 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology.

Scripture - its authority and use 224 (DET 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Scriptural authority and Scriptural use in theology and ethics.

Key concepts and topics in Science of religion and missiology 214 (GSW 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Church, mission and leadership. Phenomenology of religion.

Christianity in Third World context 224 (GSW 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Primal religions. Traditional African religions; African Independent Churches. Theologies of the Third World.

Studying the writings of John 214 (NTW 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis: John. Hermeneutics.

Studying the writings of Luke 224 (NTW 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of Luke and Acts.

Old Testament exegesis and the Early Prophets 214 (OTW 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Exegetical method. Early Prophets.

Studying the poets and apocalyptic literature 224 (OTW 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Poetical and apocalyptic literature of the Old Testament.

Pastoral care 214 (PTL 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 214
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral care I. Context studies I.

Word ministry and worship 224 (PTL 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 224
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Liturgy and homiletics I. Hymnology and homiletics I.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core Modules:

All six (6) prescribed first semester core modules to be taken.

Electives:

All six (6) modules must be taken.

Core modules

Africa and South Africa in church history 314 (CHI 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Africa and South Africa in church history I (general and church specific).

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 314 (DET 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Mission in practical perspective 314 (GSW 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Community Engagement, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Missionary practice and service witnessing in context.

Studying Paul as author and theologian 314 (NTW 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of the authentic Pauline letters. Paul on marriage, sexuality and ecclesiology.

Studying the Pentateuch 314 (OTW 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The Pentateuch (including hermeneutical perspective).

Deaconate and community development 314 (PTL 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 214
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral Care II. Context Studies II.

Elective modules

Introducing church polity 324 (CHI 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Church Polity (general and church specific).

Surveying contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 324 (DET 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Theological issues, currents and influential theologians.

Church planting in contemporary context 324 (GSW 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Oriental religions. Israel, Islam and Christianity.

Studying the Deutero-Pauline writings 324 (NTW 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of the Deutero-Pauline letters. Introduction, theology and exegesis of the General Letters.

Reading and studying a selection from the Prophets 324 (OTW 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Selection from the Prophets.

Pastoral counselling, liturgy and homiletics 324 (PTL 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 224
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Pastoral Counselling I. Liturgy and Homiletics II.

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