
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MTh Religion Studies (Coursework) (06256982)

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 180

Programme information

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

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.

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Other programme-specific information

Modules to the value of 10 credits may be selected from any other faculty as substitute for one of the core modules.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Research methodology 813 (BYB 813)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Study of the scientific research process (methodology).

Mini-dissertation: Biblical and religious studies 893 (BYB 893)

Module credits	90.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion 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.

Elective modules

Hermeneutics 823 (BYB 823)

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

Module content

Theory of Biblical interpretations and the practical application thereof.

Biblical archaeology 833 (BYB 833)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion 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 843 (BYB 843)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
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 853 (BYB 853)

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

Module content

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

Exegesis 863 (BYB 863)

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
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 873 (BYB 873)

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

Module content

Study of Old and New Testament theology.

Biblical ethics 883 (BYB 883)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion 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 .

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