University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BTh (06130007)

Department	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	363
NQF level	07

Programme information

This programme offers general theological education to students who have passed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies. It also provides a basis for denominational programmes, formation and practical training with a view to the ministry.
A fixed curriculum with very few electives is prescribed. A 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.

Admission requirements

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is fulland has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

Transferring students

Candidates previously registered at UP or at another university

The Admissions Committee of the faculty considers applications of candidates who have already completed the final Grade 12 NSC or equivalent examination and/or were previously registered at UP or at another university, on grounds of their NSC or equivalent results as well as academic merit. Candidates who were dismissed from other faculties or universities will not be considered.

Qualifications from countries other than South Africa

- Citizens from countries other than South Africa and South African citizens with foreign qualifications must comply with all the admission requirements and the prerequisites for subjects/modules.
- Only a limited number of candidates are admitted to undergraduate studies in the faculty. In addition to meeting the admission requirements, admission is based on the performance in the the **TOEFL, IELTS or SAT**, if required, in competition with other candidates who also meet the admission requirements.
- Candidates must have a NSC with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the

basis of a candidate's foreign qualifications, the so-called "Immigrant" or "Foreign Conditional Exemption". The only condition for the "Foreign Conditional Exemption" that is accepted is: 'completion of the degree course'. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at click here.

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Minimum requirements		
Achievement level		
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	
4	D	**28**

* Cambridge A-level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects and International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects will be considered for admission.

Examinations and pass requirements

Special examinations

See also General Regulations G.12.6.

A student who complies with all the requirements for the degree with the exception of a maximum of 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

- To be admitted to the second year of study, a student must pass at least eight semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- 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 of requirements. The student may appeal against the academic exclusion, but it is advisable to address any problems as soon as possible. It remains the student's responsibility to approach the relevant lecturer as soon as academic problems are being experienced.

Pass with distinction

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

General information

Information on 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.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 128

Two electives from any faculty may be selected if the student meets the prerequisites. The list below are electives from Theology and Religion but students are not limited to these.

All core and fundamental modules must be taken.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
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
NQF Level	05
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
NQF Level	05
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
NQF Level	05
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
NQF Level	00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Theology and Religion Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Introduction to the New Testament 111 (NTL 111)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The encyclopaedia of the New Testament and the religious-, political-, economic-, and socio-cultural setting of the New Testament.

Gospels: Mark and Matthew 121 (NTL 121)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to the exegesis and theology of Mark and Matthew; Synoptic problem and canonicity.

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 111 (OTL 111)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials 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 background of the Bible.

Narratives in the Old Testament 121 (OTL 121)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to narratology. Capita selecta: Ruth, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah.

Practical Theology: Introduction and insertion 111 (PRT 111)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A general introduction to the field of Practical Theology, its sub-disciplines and the current context of faith practices.

Theory of religion 110 (REL 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities

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

Module content

What is religion? The functions of religion. Studying religion. Perspectives on religion. Common concepts and key terms in various religions will be dealt with - also generic dimensions and aspects. The interdependence of religion, culture and society.

Introduction to the study of religion 121 (RSM 121)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

What is religion? The functions of religion. Methods of studying religion. Perspectives on the origin of religion. Common concepts and key terms in various religions will be dealt with - also generic dimensions and aspects. The interdependence of religion, culture and society.

Faith and stories 111 (SHT 111)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Overview and introduction to the disciplines within the field of theological studies.

History of Christianity in Southern Africa 121 (SHT 121)

Module credits	10.00

NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to the history of Christianity in Southern Africa with specific reference to colonialism and post-colonialism.

Elective modules

Introduction to Community engagement 110 (CYE 110)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Definitions, theologies and methodologies in community engagement.

Researching communities 120 (CYE 120)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Reading, understanding and discerning together in community engagement.

Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120)

Module credits	12.00

NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The occurrence of religion in societies. Types of religion. Primal religions. Christianity, Judaism, Islam. A variety of religions will be addressed: capita selecta will be made from Christianity; Hinduism; Buddhism; New Religions; New Age; main developments in the world and South Africa.

Introduction to Spirituality 110 (SRY 110)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A general introduction to the forms of spirituality and the methods for studying and teaching spirituality.

Religion, scripture and spirituality 120 (SRY 120)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
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

An exploration of the possible relationships between religion and spirituality and then also the relationship between Scripture and Spirituality.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 110

All prescribed modules must be taken

Core modules

Gospels: Luke-Acts 211 (NTL 211)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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 to the exegesis and theology of Luke-Acts.

Johannine literature 221 (NTL 221)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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 to the exegesis and theology of the Johannine gospel and letters.

Old Testament exegesis and former prophets 211 (OTL 211)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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

Variety of exegetical methods applied to texts of the former prophets.

Poetry and apocalypses 221 (OTL 221)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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.

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting I 211 (PRT 211)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A general introduction to theories for understanding and interpreting faith practices with an emphasis on Youth, Pastoral Care, Community Development/Transformation and Congregational Studies.

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting II 221 (PRT 221)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
A general introduction to theories for understanding and interpreting faith practices with an emphasis on Liturgy, Hymnology and Homiletics.

Key concepts and topics in missiology 211 (RSM 211)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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.

Theologies of the South 221 (RSM 221)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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
An understanding of hybrid forms of Christianity, especially in Africa.

Faith and beliefs 211 (SHT 211)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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
Pluriversal perspectives on faith, God, Trinity, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit.

Being human 221 (SHT 221)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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

Pluriversal perspectives on being human, on beliefs and on spirituality.

Theology in history 224 (SHT 224)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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

Historical analysis of selected theological traditions and themes from the early church up to the 20th century.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 125

All prescribed modules must be taken

Core modules

Community engagement 301 (CYE 301)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Develop a critical vision for how to engage with communities, in ways that are respectful and responsible. General principles and formation.

Paul 311 (NTL 311)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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 to the exegesis and theology of the authentic letters of Paul.

Deutero- and Trito-Pauline writings 321 (NTL 321)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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 to the exegesis and theology of the Deutero- and Trito-Pauline writings.

The Pentateuch 311 (OTL 311)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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 perspectives).

The Prophets 321 (OTL 321)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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 Latter Prophets: exegesis and theologies.

Practical Theology: Discerning and imagining 311 (PRT 311)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
A general introduction to methods and theories related to discernment and action regarding faith practices with an emphasis on Youth, Pastoral Care, Community Development/Transformation and Congregational Studies.

Practical Theology: Living the faith 321 (PRT 321)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
A general introduction to methods and theories related to discernment and action regarding faith practices with an emphasis on Liturgy, Hymnology and Homiletics.

Mission in practice 311 (RSM 311)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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
Missional ecclesiology and community engagement.

Church planting 321 (RSM 321)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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
Church pioneering and leadership. Establishing new faith communities.

Church and community 311 (SHT 311)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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
Reflections on what it means to be church in the current context.

Living as Christians 314 (SHT 314)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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
Pluriversal perspectives on ethical behaviour, societal issues and ethical challenges.

Contemporary theological discourses I 321 (SHT 321)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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
Critical discussion of theological and ecclesial issues as reflected in recent history.

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