University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Master of Divinity [MDiv] (06250074)

Department	Theology and Religion Dean's Office
Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Programme information

Also refer to General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

The MDiv builds on the BDiv programme or the previously four year BTh programme. It is a coursework master's degree programme in general theology covering all six theological disciplines. It aims to offer advanced theological knowledge and practical skills that will meet the needs of the ministry of the Word.

Admission requirements

1. BThHons degree **or** four-year BDiv degree **or** relevant qualification on at least NQF-level 8
2. Greek and Hebrew passed at second-year level

Examinations and pass requirements

- A master's degree is conferred on a student by virtue of an examination, or an examination and a dissertation, or an examination and a mini-dissertation.
- These examinations can be written or oral.
- A subminimum of 50% is required in the examination. At least 50% is required as a pass mark for the mini-dissertation or dissertation.
- The stipulations of G39 regarding pass requirements for dissertations apply with the necessary changes to mini-dissertations.
- Mini-dissertations are evaluated and examined in accordance with the stipulations set out in a study guide, which is available on request from the various departments.

Research information

Mini-dissertation

The proposed title of the mini-dissertation must be submitted for approval to the Research Committee via the Supervisor and the relevant head of department before a student may commence with the research.

Also refer to General Academic Regulation G39.13.

Article for publication

- Unless Senate, on the recommendation of the supervisor, decides otherwise, a student, before or on

submission of a dissertation, must submit at least one draft article for publication in a recognised academic journal and in the case of a thesis, must submit proof of submission of an article issued by an accredited journal, to the Head: Student Administration.
- The draft or submitted article, should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor if the supervisor is not a co-author.
- The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the paper is taken through all the processes of revision and resubmission, as may be necessary. Conferment of the degree may be made subject to compliance with the stipulations of this regulation.

Pass with distinction

In order to pass with distinction, a weighted average (GPA) (not rounded) of at least 75% in the examination of the coursework and 75% for the mini-dissertation must be obtained.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core Modules:

All prescribed modules must be completed.

Elective:

Mini-dissertation in one field:

Core modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 806 (DET 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on doctrinal theology, fundamental theology and theological and philosophical ethics.

Science of religion and missiology 806 (GSW 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on science of religion and missiology.

Church history 806 (KGS 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on science of religion and missiology, church history and/or church polity.

New Testament studies 806 (NTW 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study focused on the candidates field of research, the New Testament.

Old Testament studies 806 (OTW 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a lectured introduction to and exegesis of selected themes from the Law, Writings or Prophet corpus in the Old Testament.

Practical theology 806 (PRT 806)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Core module: a study on Practical theology.

Elective modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 804 (DET 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module and mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in doctrinal theology, fundamental theology and theological and philosophical ethics.

Science of religion and missiology 804 (GSW 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in Science of religion and/or Missiology.

Church history 804 (KGS 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic, in church history and/or church polity.

New Testament studies 804 (NTW 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic from a thematically specialized reading list as focused on the candidate's field of research.

Old Testament studies 804 (OTW 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A reading module and mini-dissertation on an approved topic, with introduction and exegesis of sections from the Law, Writings or Prophets.

Practical theology 804 (PRT 804)

Module credits	60.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	10 discussion classes per week, 10 seminars per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology and Mission Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A reading module with mini-dissertation on an approved topic in Practical theology.

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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