BTh Theology (06130006)

Duration of study	3 years
Total credits	375

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

- In order to register for the study programmes, candidates must comply with the minimum NSC/IEB/Cambridge requirements for tertiary studies as well as the minimum requirements of the relevant study programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

Minimum requirements for 2016

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NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-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 (not compulsory if the candidate is exempted on the grounds of the NSC-symbol for English) and ALL 120. All students must pass ALL 120 as part of the prescribed curriculum.
- Computer literacy: The following modules must be completed during the first year of study: AIM 101 or AIM 102 (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 to 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 General Regulations G.12.4 and G.12.6.
A student who complies with all the requirements for the degree with the exception of a maximum of two semester modules, 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 requirements. One may appeal against academic exclusion.

Pass with distinction

The degree 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.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101)

Module credits	6.00
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 Faculty of Veterinary Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Information Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology. 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 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
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	MAMELODI, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	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 Faculty of Veterinary Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, MAMELODI
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Information Science
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
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	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
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	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	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Theology Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

The world of the Old Testament 110 (BYA 110)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Theological orientation 101 (TEO 101)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Reflection on the relationship between theology and spirituality. The ambit, method and disciplines of theology.

Theological orientation 102 (TEO 102)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Fundamental module. The method and disciplinary ambit of Theology.

The world of the New Testament 120 (BYA 120)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The encyclopaedia of the New Testament. The Mediterranean socio-cultural setting of the New Testament.

Early church 110 (CHS 110)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The history of the early church up to Augustine of Hippo.

Introduction to the New Testament 120 (NTW 120)

Module credits	10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction: canon, synoptic issue. Introduction, theology and exegesis: Mark.

Narratives 110 (OTW 110)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Youth ministry and Christian education 110 (PTH 110)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Youth work. Christian education.

Introduction to science of religion and missiology 120 (GSW 120)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
Introduction to science of religion and missiology. Introduction to theology of mission.

Introduction to dogmatics and Christian ethics 120 (DCE 120)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
Introduction to dogmatics and Christian ethics; introduction to selection of fundamental loci.

Elective modules

English 110 (ENG 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	English
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
*Alternative evening classes - 2 discussion classes per week Introduction to Literature in English (1) This module introduces the study of literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, prose, drama). The texts studied here will be mainly from the pre-twentieth century era and may include texts written in English from both Africa and other parts of the world. The aim of this module is to equip students with the critical and analytical skills required for a perceptive reading of poetry, novels and plays.

English 120 (ENG 120)

Module credits	12.00

Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	English
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Alternative evening classes: 2 discussion classes per week
Introduction to Literature in English (2)
This module introduces the study of post-nineteenth century literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, drama, prose). Texts will be from both Africa and other parts of the world. By the end of this module students should have the background and analytical skills to perceptively read modern and contemporary poetry, novels and plays.

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy
The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to the four main subfields of Philosophy, namely epistemology and metaphysics, ethics and political philosophy. This module introduces students to two of these subfields. Students must contact the Department of Philosophy to ascertain which two subfields are covered in each semester as the choice may change from time to time due to availability of teaching staff. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as critical judgment and discernment.

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120)

Module credits	12.00

Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

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Sociology 110 (SOC 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: The individual and society
An introduction to sociology, the classical sociological paradigm and the principles of sociological research.

Part 2: *The making of the South African order*

This section explores key factors involved in the making and shaping of the contemporary South African social order and considers the sociological implications thereof. Students will be introduced to the political economy of South Africa, with an emphasis on the nature of South Africa's industrialisation, the process of proletarianisation and the introduction of the migration labour system. In addition, the racial state, the foundations of its social project, and the spatial form of its 20th century racial modernity will be considered.

Sociology 120 (SOC 120)

Module credits	12.00

Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: *The sociology of institutions*

An introduction to the social dynamics of institutions such as the family, the state, the economy, religion, education, and civil society, with specific focus on Southern Africa.

Part 2: *Social stratification: Race, class and gender*
The nature and dynamics of social stratification and inequality will be explored. Race, gender and class are the foci of the section. The South African reality in this regard is highlighted.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

Core modules

Reformation and post-reformation 210 (CHS 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Reformation and its legacy in Europe.

Modern church history 220 (CHS 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology 210 (DCE 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology.

Scriptural authority and Scriptural use 220 (DCE 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
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 210 (GSW 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Church, mission and leadership. Phenomenology of religion.

The Christian religion in the Third World 220 (GSW 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Studying John 210 (NTW 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis: John. Hermeneutics.

Studying Luke-Acts 220 (NTW 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of Luke and Acts.

Exegetical method and the Early Prophets 210 (OTW 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Exegetical method. Capita selecta: Early prophets.

Poets and apocalyptic literature 220 (OTW 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Poetical and apocalyptic literature of the Old Testament.

Pastoral care in context 210 (PTH 210)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral care I. Context studies I.

Liturgy, homiletics and hymnology 220 (PTH 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Liturgy and homiletics I. Hymnology and homiletics I.

Community engagement 210 (CYE 210)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Church history in Africa and South Africa 310 (CHS 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	CHS 310
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 310 (DCE 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Mission in practice 310 (GSW 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, Community Engagement
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Missionary practice and service witnessing in context.

Studying Paul 310 (NTW 310)

Module credits	10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of the authentic Pauline letters. Marriage, sexuality and ecclesiology in Paul.

The Pentateuch 310 (OTW 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The Pentateuch (including hermeneutical perspective).

Deaconate and community development 310 (PTH 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTH 210
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral Care II. Context Studies II.

Elective modules

Theology and ethics of the New Testament 322 (NTW 322)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Theology and ethics of the New Testament.

Theology of the Old Testament 322 (OTW 322)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Theology of the Old Testament.

Church polity 320 (CHS 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Church polity (general and church specific).

Church history in Africa and South Africa 321 (CHS 321)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	CHS 310
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Africa and South Africa in church history II (general and church-specific).

Contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 320 (DCE 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Theological issues, currents and influential theologians.

Contemporary issues in Systematic Theology 321 (DCE 321)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Bio-ethics. Philosophical-theological issues.

In dialogue with world religions 320 (GSW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Oriental religions. Israel, Islam and Christianity.

Missional ecclesiology in contemporary context 321 (GSW 321)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Missionary ecclesiology. Missionary deaconate and eco-practice.

Studying the Deutero-Pauline letters 320 (NTW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Selection from the Prophets 320 (OTW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Selection from the Prophets.

Pastoral counselling 320 (PTH 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTH 220
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Pastoral Counselling I. Liturgy and Homiletics II.

Liturgy, homiletics and hymnology 321 (PTH 321)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTH 220

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Hymnology and Homiletics II. Pastoral Counselling II.

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