

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MPhil Applied Theology (06258001)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 250

Programme information

The MPhil programme offers admission to postgraduate theological studies to those candidates who already have a three-year non-theological tertiary qualification, which is equivalent to a bachelor's degree. It presents an opportunity to be educated in the application of Theology with a view to certain ministries, occupations or community life.

Admission requirements

A bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification.

Other programme-specific information

First year of study

One of the following curriculum options must be selected:

Option A: All of the first six introductory modules of the respective subjects from the three subject groups (six modules in total).

Option B: Three modules (two of which being first introductory modules) from one subject group, as well as three initial introductory modules from the other two subject groups.

Option C: Four modules from one subject group, as well as a first introductory module each from the other two subject groups (i.e. six modules in total).

The subject groups, subjects and modules are as follows:

- *Group Biblical Studies*

Old Testament Studies

OTW 871: Introduction to Old Testament studies I

OTW 872: Introduction to Old Testament studies II

New Testament Studies

NTW 871: Introduction to New Testament studies I

NTW 872: Introduction to New Testament studies II

- *Group History-Systematics*

Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

DCE 871: Introduction to dogmatics and Christian ethics I
DCE 872: Introduction to dogmatics and Christian ethics II
Church History and Church Polity
KGS 871: Introduction to church history and church polity I
KGS 872: Introduction to church history and church polity II

• *Group Applied Theology*

Science of Religion and Missiology

GSW 871: Introduction to science of religion and missiology I
GSW 872: Introduction to science of religion and missiology II

Practical Theology

PRT 871: Introduction to practical theology I
PRT 872: Introduction to practical theology II

(Each module: 20 credits)

Second year of study

(aa) Six of the following specialised modules in which theological knowledge is applied to a specific field of church ministry, occupational life or community life.

Rule: Only subjects of which the first introductory modules have been completed (during the first year of study), may be selected.

This is done according to one of the following options:

Option D: All four modules from the same subject and two modules from any other subject(s) (subject to Rule).

Option E: Three modules from the same subject and three modules from other subjects (subject to Rule).

Option F: Two modules from the same subject and four modules from other subjects (subject to Rule).

Subject	Modules
Dogmatics and Christian ethics	DCE 881, DCE 882, DCE 883, DCE 884
Science of religion and missiology	GSW 881, GSW 882, GSW 883, GSW 884
Church history and church polity	KGS 881, KGS 882, KGS 883, KGS 884
New Testament studies	NTW 881, NTW 882, NTW 883, NTW 884
Old Testament studies	OTW 881, OTW 882, OTW 883, OTW 884
Practical theology	PRT 881, PRT 882, PRT 883, PRT 884

(bb) A research report on a theological topic: TEO 867.

Option D: The research report is done in the subject from which four (4) modules are selected.

Option E: The research report is done in the subject from which three (3) modules are selected.

Option F: The research report is done in the subject from which two (2) modules are selected.

(Research report: 40 credits)

Note: Students who intend to register for the MA(Theology) degree in a specific theological discipline (e.g.

Practical Theology) after having completed the MPhil degree, must choose at least three modules and complete the research report in the same theological discipline.

Examinations and pass requirements

Each module is concluded with an examination.

Examination regulations applicable to all master's degrees in the faculty

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, or a dissertation. Examinations may be written and/or oral. A percentage mark is given provided that the passmark is at least 50% and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

Research information

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 recognized 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, as the case may be, should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation/thesis 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

For the MPhil to be conferred with distinction, a student has to obtain at least 75% in four of the modules in the first year, and at least 75% in the research report and 75% in four modules in the second year.

General information

Registration for postgraduate programmes

1. Concurrent registration for a second postgraduate programme

No student is allowed to register for more than one postgraduate programme concurrently, except where the student's academic record warrants it and with the Dean's approval. Continuation of study for the second postgraduate programme will be subject to favourable progress reported by the heads of department in the Faculty of Theology. However, no student will be allowed to participate in examinations for a second postgraduate programme in another faculty during the examinations of the Faculty of Theology.

2. Renewal of registration

Students of the University are registered for one year of study. After an academic year has expired, students wishing to continue their studies at the University must renew their registration and pay such fees for renewal of registration as prescribed.

No interruption may occur in a postgraduate student's registration for a postgraduate study programme. Should a student interrupt his/her studies, such a student will upon re-registration be liable for the full fees applicable to the degree programme.

If a student interrupts registration for the postgraduate programme and it is not renewed within four years of the

first registration, the credits obtained will no longer be valid. The student should repeat the modules already passed.

A student for an honours degree must complete his or her studies within two years. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

A master's degree is conferred on a student only if at least one year has expired after obtaining the qualifications required for master's study.

A doctorate is conferred on a student only if at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University have expired. Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics (1) 871 (DCE 871)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Dogmatics and Christian ethics (1). Introduction to and overview of the discipline.

Introduction to science of religion and missiology (1) 871 (GSW 871)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to science of religion and missiology (1). Introduction to and overview of the subjects.

Introduction to church history and church polity (1) 871 (KGS 871)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the disciplines.

Introduction to New Testament studies (1) 871 (NTW 871)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation New Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the discipline.

Introduction Old Testament studies (1) 871 (OTW 871)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Old Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the discipline.

Introduction to practical theology (1) 871 (PRT 871)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Practical Theology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the discipline.

Elective modules

Introduction to Dogmatics and Christian ethics (2) 872 (DCE 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the disciplines (continued).

Science of religion and missiology (2) 872 (GSW 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites GSW 871

Contact time 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Science of Rel + Missiology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Science of religion and missiology (2). Introduction to and overview of the subjects (continued).

Introduction to church history and church polity (2) 872 (KGS 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites KGS 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Church Hist + Church Polity

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the disciplines (continued).

Introduction to New Testament studies (2) 872 (NTW 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites NTW 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation New Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the discipline (continued).

Introduction Old Testament studies (2) 872 (OTW 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites OTW 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Old Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to and overview of the discipline (continued).

Introduction to practical theology (2) 872 (PRT 872)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites	PRT 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to practical theology (2). Introduction to and overview of the discipline (continued).

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 881 (DCE 881)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DCE 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dogmatics and Christian Ethics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The study of selected themes from history and methodology of Dogmatics, Ethics and Philosophy of Religion.

Science of religion and missiology 881 (GSW 881)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	GSW 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A non-Christian religion in South Africa is studied at an advanced level by way of literature study and personal research and contact. Theological issues on the relationship between the relevant religion and Christianity are examined.

Church history and church polity 881 (KGS 881)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	KGS 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Early church, Middle Ages and Reformation. Introduction and overview.

New Testament studies 881 (NTW 881)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	NTW 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation New Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Hermeneutics and exegesis of New Testament texts.

Old Testament studies 881 (OTW 881)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites OTW 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Old Testament Studies

Period of presentation Year

Module content

History and socio-historical context.

Practical theology 881 (PRT 881)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites PRT 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Practical Theology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Family therapy from a narrative perspective.

Mini-thesis: Theology 867 (TEO 867)

Module credits 40.00

Prerequisites See T.7(e)(ii)(bb)

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Theology Dean's Office

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Independent study and essay on a theological topic.

Elective modules

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 882 (DCE 882)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites DCE 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

Period of presentation Year

Module content

The study of selected core themes from Dogmatics and Christian Ethics.

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 883 (DCE 883)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites DCE 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

Period of presentation Year

Module content

The study of core issues in Dogmatics and Christian Ethics.

Dogmatics and Christian ethics 884 (DCE 884)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites DCE 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

Period of presentation Year

Module content

The study of a selection of modern developments in Dogmatics and Christian Ethics.

Science of religion and missiology 882 (GSW 882)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites GSW 871

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Science of Rel + Missiology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Introduction to the theological theory of religion and theological issues on the relationship between Christianity, church and faith as opposed to the non-Christian religions.

Science of religion and missiology 883 (GSW 883)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites	GSW 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Theoretical and theological views on mission praxis in order to put a healthy and in principle correct mission praxis into practice.

Science of religion and missiology 884 (GSW 884)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	GSW 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Science of Rel + Missiology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The application of the praxis model, as referred to in GSW 883, in the development of a mission strategy for a specific context. The student has to develop his/her own unique strategy to be applied in a chosen context by means of reading, involvement and research.

Church history and church polity 882 (KGS 882)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	KGS 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Modern general church history. Introduction and overview.

Church history and church polity 883 (KGS 883)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	KGS 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

History of the church in Africa and South Africa. Introduction and overview.

Church history and church polity 884 (KGS 884)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	KGS 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Church Hist + Church Polity
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Theory, method and historiography. Introduction to and overview of principles and applications.

New Testament studies (1) 882 (NTW 882)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	NTW 871 and NTW 881
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Exegesis and message of the New Testament I.

New Testament studies (2) 883 (NTW 883)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	NTW 871 and NTW 881
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Exegesis and message of the New Testament 2.

New Testament studies (3) 884 (NTW 884)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	NTW 871 and NTW 881
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	New Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Exegesis and message of the New Testament 3.

Old Testament studies 882 (OTW 882)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	OTW 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The interpretation of a text, methodology of exegesis and theology.

Old Testament studies 883 (OTW 883)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	OTW 871 and NTW 881
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The application of text in art, literature and music (Nachwirkungsgeschichte).

Old Testament studies 884 (OTW 884)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	OTW 871 and NTW 881
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Old Testament Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Applied themes and texts from all sections.

Practical theology 882 (PRT 882)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	PRT 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Pastoral care and counselling as a theological discipline.



Practical theology 883 (PRT 883)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	PRT 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The theology of marriage and the family.

Practical theology 884 (PRT 884)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	PRT 871
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A narrative approach to family and child trauma.

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