



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

Diploma in Theology (06120003)

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 376

Programme information

This programme offers general theological education to students who have passed the National Senior Certificate with admission to Diploma studies. It also provides a basis for denominational programmes, formation and practical training with a view to the ministry.

A fixed curriculum is prescribed.

The 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.

The Diploma in Theology comprises the same subjects as for the two degree programmes in Theology and students who perform, may be admitted to postgraduate studies.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with admission to Diploma studies; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

Minimum requirements				
Achievement level				APS
English				
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 and ALL 120.



- Computer literacy: The following modules must be completed during the first year of study: 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 for 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 also *General Regulations G.12.4 and G.12.6*.

A student who complies with all the requirements for the diploma with the exception of a maximum of four quarter modules, 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

(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 set requirements. You may appeal against your academic exclusion, but it is advisable to solve any problems as soon as possible. Contact your lecturer as soon as you experience problems with your studies.

Pass with distinction

The diploma 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.

General information

Dean's merit list for top achievers

In order to qualify for the Dean's list, a student must have an outstanding academic record for completed studies. Undergraduate students (BDiv, BTh and Dip[Theol]) must have achieved an average of 75%(GPA) or above in all of their years of study. No modules should have been repeated, and all modules must be registered in the same year for the specific year.

Honours students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more. The degree must be completed in one year for



full-time students and two years for part-time students. No modules should have been repeated.

Master's students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more, and the degree must be completed in the minimum prescribed time.

The top achievers of the Faculty selected to become part of the Dean's list will annually be acknowledged at a function hosted by the Dean.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at first year level.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module content:

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

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 and Religion

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

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.

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 and Religion
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.



Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110)

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.

Module credits	6.00
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

Academic literacy for Theology 120 (ALL 120)

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.

Module credits	6.00
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

Academic orientation 105 (UPO 105)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English are used in one class



Department Religious Studies

Period of presentation Year

Core modules

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 114 (BYA 114)

Module content:

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

Module credits 10.00

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

Introduction to the world of the New Testament 124 (BYA 124)

Module content:

Encyclopaedic placement of New Testament studies in Theology. The Mediterranean socio-cultural setting of the New Testament.

Module credits 10.00

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

Early church to Augustine 114 (CHI 114)

Module content:

The history of the early church up to (and including) Augustine of Hippo.

Module credits 10.00

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
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Introducing dogmatics and Christian ethics 124 (DET 124)

Module content:

Introducing dogmatics and Christian Ethics; selection of loci.

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	2 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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Introducing science of religion and missiology 124 (GSW 124)

Module content:

Introduction to science of religion and missiology. Introducing theology of mission.

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	2 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Religion Studies
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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Introducing the New Testament 124 (NTW 124)

Module content:

Introducing some fundamental issues. Introducing Mark.

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	2 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	New Testament and Related Literature
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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Narratives in the Old Testament 114 (OTW 114)

Module content:

Introduction to Old Testament narratology. Capita selecta: Pentateuch or other Old Testament corpus.

Module credits	10.00
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

Youth ministry 114 (PTL 114)

Module content:

Youth work. Christian education.

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

Orientation in theology 114 (TEO 114)

Module content:

The relationship between theology, faith and spirituality. The ambit, method and disciplines of theology.

Module credits	10.00
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

Orientation in theology 124 (TEO 124)

Module content:

The method and disciplinary ambit of theology.



Module credits	10.00
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



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

All prescribed modules must be taken at second year level.

Core modules

Reformation and its legacy in Europe 214 (CHI 214)

Module content:

Reformation and its legacy in Europe.

Module credits	10.00
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

The church in recent history 224 (CHI 224)

Module content:

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

Module credits	10.00
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

Community engagement 214 (CYE 214)

Module content:

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

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English



Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Year

Doctrine of humanity, Christology and soteriology 214 (DET 214)

Module content:

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology.

Module credits 10.00

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

Scripture - its authority and use 224 (DET 224)

Module content:

Scriptural authority and Scriptural use in theology and ethics.

Module credits 10.00

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

Key concepts and topics in Science of religion and missiology 214 (GSW 214)

Module content:

Church, mission and leadership. Phenomenology of religion.

Module credits 10.00

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



Christianity in Third World context 224 (GSW 224)

Module content:

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

Module credits	10.00
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

Studying the writings of John 214 (NTW 214)

Module content:

Introduction, theology and exegesis: John. Hermeneutics.

Module credits	10.00
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

Studying the writings of Luke 224 (NTW 224)

Module content:

Introduction, theology and exegesis of Luke and Acts.

Module credits	10.00
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

Old Testament exegesis and the Early Prophets 214 (OTW 214)

Module content:

Exegetical method. Early Prophets.



Module credits	10.00
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

Studying the poets and apocalyptic literature 224 (OTW 224)

Module content:

Poetical and apocalyptic literature of the Old Testament.

Module credits	10.00
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

Pastoral care 214 (PTL 214)

Module content:

Pastoral care I. Context studies I.

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 214
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Word ministry and worship 224 (PTL 224)

Module content:

Liturgy and homiletics I. Hymnology and homiletics I.

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 224
Contact time	2 lectures per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 2



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core Modules:

All six (6) prescribed first semester core modules to be taken.

Electives:

All six (6) modules must be taken.

Core modules

Africa and South Africa in church history 314 (CHI 314)

Module content:

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

Module credits 10.00

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

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 314 (DET 314)

Module content:

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Module credits 10.00

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

Mission in practical perspective 314 (GSW 314)

Module content:

Missionary practice and service witnessing in context.

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.



Contact time	2 lectures per week, Community Engagement
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Studying Paul as author and theologian 314 (NTW 314)

Module content:

Introduction, theology and exegesis of the authentic Pauline letters. Paul on marriage, sexuality and ecclesiology.

Module credits	10.00
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

Studying the Pentateuch 314 (OTW 314)

Module content:

The Pentateuch (including hermeneutical perspective).

Module credits	10.00
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

Deaconate and community development 314 (PTL 314)

Module content:

Pastoral Care II. Context Studies II.

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 214
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology



Period of presentation Semester 1

Elective modules

Introducing church polity 324 (CHI 324)

Module content:

Church Polity (general and church specific).

Module credits 10.00

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

Surveying contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 324 (DET 324)

Module content:

Theological issues, currents and influential theologians.

Module credits 10.00

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

Church planting in contemporary context 324 (GSW 324)

Module content:

Oriental religions. Israel, Islam and Christianity.

Module credits 10.00

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



Studying the Deutero-Pauline writings 324 (NTW 324)

Module content:

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

Module credits	10.00
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

Reading and studying a selection from the Prophets 324 (OTW 324)

Module content:

Selection from the Prophets.

Module credits	10.00
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

Pastoral counselling, liturgy and homiletics 324 (PTL 324)

Module content:

Pastoral Counselling I. Liturgy and Homiletics II.

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 224
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

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