

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

Diploma in Theology (06120003)

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 376

NQF level 06

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.

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National Benchmark Test website: [click here](#)

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

		Subjects: 3 additional 20-credit subjects		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
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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

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: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at first year level.

No electives may be selected.

Fundamental modules

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 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

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

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

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

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Theology and Religion Dean's Office

Period of presentation Year

Core modules

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

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

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 context of the Bible.

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

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department New Testament and Related Literature

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

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

Early church to Augustine 114 (CHI 114)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Systematic and Historical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

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

Introducing dogmatics and Christian ethics 124 (DET 124)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Systematic and Historical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Introducing dogmatics and Christian Ethics; selection of loci.

Introducing science of religion and missiology 124 (GSW 124)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Religion Studies

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

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

Introducing the New Testament 124 (NTW 124)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department New Testament and Related Literature

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Introducing some fundamental issues. Introducing Mark.

Narratives in the Old Testament 114 (OTW 114)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

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

Youth ministry 114 (PTL 114)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Youth work. Christian education.

Orientation in theology 114 (TEO 114)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Systematic and Historical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

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

Orientation in theology 124 (TEO 124)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Religion Studies

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

The method and disciplinary ambit of theology.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

All prescribed modules must be taken at second year level.

No electives may be selected.

Core modules

Reformation and its legacy in Europe 214 (CHI 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Reformation and its legacy in Europe.

The church in recent history 224 (CHI 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Community engagement 214 (CYE 214)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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

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

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology.

Scripture - its authority and use 224 (DET 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
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 214 (GSW 214)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Church, mission and leadership. Phenomenology of religion.

Christianity in Third World context 224 (GSW 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Studying the writings of John 214 (NTW 214)

Module credits	10.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis: John. Hermeneutics.

Studying the writings of Luke 224 (NTW 224)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction, theology and exegesis of Luke and Acts.

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

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Exegetical method. Early Prophets.

Studying the poets and apocalyptic literature 224 (OTW 224)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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.

Pastoral care 214 (PTL 214)

Module credits 10.00



Prerequisites	PTL 114
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral care I. Context studies I.

Word ministry and worship 224 (PTL 224)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTL 214
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Liturgy and homiletics I. Hymnology and homiletics I.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

All prescribed modules must be taken at third year level.

No electives may be selected.

Core modules

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

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Introducing church polity 324 (CHI 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Church Polity (general and church specific).

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 314 (DET 314)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Surveying contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 324 (DET 324)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Systematic and Historical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Theological issues, currents and influential theologians.

Mission in practical perspective 314 (GSW 314)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Religion Studies

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Missionary practice and service witnessing in context.

Church planting in contemporary context 324 (GSW 324)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Religion Studies

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Oriental religions. Israel, Islam and Christianity.

Studying Paul as author and theologian 314 (NTW 314)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department New Testament and Related Literature

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

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

Studying the Deutero-Pauline writings 324 (NTW 324)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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

Studying the Pentateuch 314 (OTW 314)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

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 perspective).

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

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Selection from the Prophets.

Deaconate and community development 314 (PTL 314)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites PTL 214

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Practical Theology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral Care II. Context Studies II.

Pastoral counselling, liturgy and homiletics 324 (PTL 324)

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

Module content

Pastoral Counselling I. Liturgy and Homiletics II.

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