BTh (06130006)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	375
NQF level	07

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

- 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 university endorsement; 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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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	
4	D	4	D	**25**

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.

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

Electives

A semester module from any faculty must be included if necessary.

Minimum credits to be completed at this level:120.

The list of electives is an example only, students are not limited to these modules but may select two semester modules from *any* faculty, providing that the requirements for the module are met.

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 and Religion Faculty of Veterinary Science
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. 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 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

The world of the Old Testament 110 (BYA 110)

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 background of the Bible

The world of the New Testament 120 (BYA 120)

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

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.
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 Augustine of Hippo.

Introduction to dogmatics and Christian ethics 120 (DCE 120)

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

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

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

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. Introduction to theology of mission.

Introduction to the New Testament 120 (NTW 120)

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

Narratives 110 (OTW 110)

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

Youth ministry and Christian education 110 (PTH 110)

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.

Theological orientation 101 (TEO 101)

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

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.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Fundamental module. The method and disciplinary ambit of Theology.

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, 2 web-based periods per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	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	Module is presented in English
Department	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.

Theory of religion 110 (REL 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content
What is religion? The functions of religion. Studying religion. Perspectives on religion. Common concepts and key terms in various religions will be dealt with - also generic dimensions and aspects. The interdependence of religion, culture and society.

Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
The occurrence of religion in societies. Types of religion. Primal religions. Christianity, Judaism, Islam. A variety of religions will be addressed: capita selecta will be made from Christianity; Hinduism; Buddhism; New Religions; New Age; main developments in the world and South Africa.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 135

Core modules

Reformation and post-reformation 210 (CHS 210)

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.

Modern church history 220 (CHS 220)

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 of ideologies and philosophical movements; the Ecumenical Movement.

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	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.

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology 210 (DCE 210)

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	

Anthropology, Christology and soteriology.

Scriptural authority and Scriptural use 220 (DCE 220)

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 210 (GSW 210)

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.

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

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 John 210 (NTW 210)

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: John. Hermeneutics.

Studying Luke-Acts 220 (NTW 220)

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.

Exegetical method and the Early Prophets 210 (OTW 210)

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. Capita selecta: Early prophets.

Poets and apocalyptic literature 220 (OTW 220)

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 in context 210 (PTH 210)

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

Pastoral care I. Context studies I.

Liturgy, homiletics and hymnology 220 (PTH 220)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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

Core modules

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

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	CHS 310
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and 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).

Church polity 320 (CHS 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Church polity (general and church specific).

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology 310 (DCE 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Social ethics, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Contemporary trends in Systematic Theology 320 (DCE 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Systematic and Historical Theology

Module content

Theological issues, currents and influential theologians.

Mission in practice 310 (GSW 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Missionary practice and service witnessing in context.

Church planting 320 (GSW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Religion Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Oriental religions. Israel, Islam and Christianity.

Studying Paul 310 (NTW 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Studying the Deutero-Pauline letters 320 (NTW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	New Testament and Related Literature

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Module content

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

The Pentateuch 310 (OTW 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The Pentateuch (including hermeneutical perspective).

Selection from the Prophets 320 (OTW 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Old Testament and Hebrew Scriptures
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Selection from the Prophets.

Deaconate and community development 310 (PTH 310)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTH 210
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Pastoral Care II. Context Studies II.

Pastoral counselling 320 (PTH 320)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	PTH 220
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department	Practical Theology
Period of presentation	Semester 2
Module content	

Pastoral Counselling I. Liturgy and Homiletics II.

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