

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## BDiv (06130008)

**Department** Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

**Minimum duration of study** 4 years

**Total credits** 519

**NQF level** 08

## Programme information

This programme provides theological training and formation aimed at the needs of churches. It comprises two aspects, namely a general denominational aspect and a specific denominational aspect. The structure of the programme is determined by a balance between the critical reading of the texts that are part of the Christian canon as well as related literature, historical and systematic theology, and the applied dimensions in the field of theology.

The outcome that the programme aims to achieve, is theoretically supported formation aimed at a broad spectrum of ministerial needs. For this purpose, certain elements of the programme are presented in partnership with churches that support the programme.

A student who registers for this programme has to submit his or her curriculum to the Dean for approval at the beginning of each year.

## Admission requirements

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the APS.

### **Transferring students**

#### **Candidates previously registered at UP or at another university**

The Admissions Committee of the faculty considers applications of candidates who have already completed the final Grade 12 NSC or equivalent examination and/or were previously registered at UP or at another university, on grounds of their NSC or equivalent results as well as academic merit. Candidates who were dismissed from other faculties or universities will not be considered.

#### **Qualifications from countries other than South Africa**

- Citizens from countries other than South Africa and South African citizens with foreign qualifications must

comply with all the admission requirements and the prerequisites for subjects/modules.

- Only a limited number of candidates are admitted to undergraduate studies in the faculty. In addition to meeting the admission requirements, admission is based on the performance in the **TOEFL, IELTS or SAT**, if required, in competition with other candidates who also meet the admission requirements.
- Candidates must have a NSC with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate's foreign qualifications, the so-called "Immigrant" or "Foreign Conditional Exemption". The only condition for the "Foreign Conditional Exemption" that is accepted is: 'completion of the degree course'. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at [click here](#).

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### Minimum requirements

#### Achievement level

#### English Home Language or English First Additional Language

#### APS

NSC/IEB AS Level

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\* Cambridge A-level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects and International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects will be considered for admission.

## 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 degree with the exception of a maximum of 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

- To be admitted to the modules of the second year of study, a student must pass at least seven semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- To be admitted to the modules of the third year of study, a student has to pass at least 15 semester modules, including Greek 110 and 120 and Hebrew 110 and 120, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- To be admitted to the modules of the fourth year of study, a student has to pass 24 semester modules including Greek 210 and 220 and Hebrew 210 and 220, 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 of requirements. The student may appeal against the academic exclusion, but it is advisable to address any problems as soon as possible. It remains the student's responsibility to approach the relevant lecturer as soon as academic problems are being experienced.

## Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains an average of 75% (GPA) in the four years of study, including the independent study (OST 400), 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: 140

Two semester modules from any faculty may be selected as electives at first year level, if the student meets the requirements for the module. Below is a list of electives available at the Faculty of Theology and Religion.

### Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy for Theology 120 (ALL 120) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 105 (UPO 105) - Credits: 0.00

### Core modules

Greek 110 (GRK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Greek 120 (GRK 120) - Credits: 12.00

Hebrew 110 (HEB 110) - Credits: 12.00

Hebrew 120 (HEB 120) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to the New Testament 112 (NTL 112) - Credits: 10.00

Gospels: Mark and Matthew 122 (NTL 122) - Credits: 10.00

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 112 (OTL 112) - Credits: 10.00

Narratives in the Old Testament 122 (OTL 122) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Introduction and insertion 112 (PRT 112) - Credits: 10.00

Introduction to the study of religion 122 (RSM 122) - Credits: 10.00

Faith and stories 112 (SHT 112) - Credits: 10.00

History of Christianity in Southern Africa 122 (SHT 122) - Credits: 10.00

### Elective modules

Introduction to Community engagement 110 (CYE 110) - Credits: 10.00

Researching communities 120 (CYE 120) - Credits: 10.00

Theory of religion 110 (REL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to Spirituality 110 (SRY 110) - Credits: 10.00

Religion, scripture and spirituality 120 (SRY 120) - Credits: 10.00



## Curriculum: Year 2

**Minimum credits: 174**

**All** prescribed modules must be taken at second year level

### Core modules

Greek 210 (GRK 210) - Credits: 16.00

Greek 220 (GRK 220) - Credits: 16.00

Hebrew 210 (HEB 210) - Credits: 16.00

Hebrew 220 (HEB 220) - Credits: 16.00

Gospels: Luke-Acts 212 (NTL 212) - Credits: 10.00

Johannine literature 222 (NTL 222) - Credits: 10.00

Old Testament exegesis and former prophets 212 (OTL 212) - Credits: 10.00

Poetry and apocalypses 222 (OTL 222) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting I 212 (PRT 212) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting II 222 (PRT 222) - Credits: 10.00

Key concepts and topics in missiology 212 (RSM 212) - Credits: 10.00

Theologies of the South 222 (RSM 222) - Credits: 10.00

Faith and beliefs 212 (SHT 212) - Credits: 10.00

Being human 222 (SHT 222) - Credits: 10.00

Theology in history 225 (SHT 225) - Credits: 10.00



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## Curriculum: Year 3

**Minimum credits: 125**

**All** prescribed modules must be taken at third year level

### Core modules

[Community engagement 302](#) (CYE 302) - Credits: 15.00

[Paul 312](#) (NTL 312) - Credits: 10.00

[Deutero- and Trito-Pauline letters 322](#) (NTL 322) - Credits: 10.00

[The Pentateuch 312](#) (OTL 312) - Credits: 10.00

[The Prophets 322](#) (OTL 322) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Discerning and imagining 312](#) (PRT 312) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Living the faith 322](#) (PRT 322) - Credits: 10.00

[Mission in practice 312](#) (RSM 312) - Credits: 10.00

[Church planting 322](#) (RSM 322) - Credits: 10.00

[Church and community 312](#) (SHT 312) - Credits: 10.00

[Living as Christians 315](#) (SHT 315) - Credits: 10.00

[Contemporary theological discourses I 322](#) (SHT 322) - Credits: 10.00



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## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 80**

**All** prescribed modules must be taken in the final year

### Core modules

[General letters and Revelation 412](#) (NTL 412) - Credits: 10.00

[Research essay 400](#) (OST 400) - Credits: 30.00

[Life, text and context 412](#) (OTL 412) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Integration 422](#) (PRT 422) - Credits: 10.00

[Missional ecclesiology in contemporary context 422](#) (RSM 422) - Credits: 10.00

[Contemporary theological discourses II 412](#) (SHT 412) - Credits: 10.00

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