

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Diploma in Theology (06120004)

**Department** Theology and Religion Dean's Office

**Minimum duration of study** 3 years

**Total credits** 379

**NQF level** 06

## Programme information

Also refer to General Academic Regulations G1-G15.

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 largely overlaps with the same subjects as for the two degree programmes in Theology, and students who obtain an average of 65% for the final year may be admitted to postgraduate study, with the approval of Senate.

## Admission requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at [click here](#).
  - **Website:** [click here](#).
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of

Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, **or** was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application ) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

**Note:** Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

### Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, **or** was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), **or** has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

**Note:** Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

### Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- 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 exemption to diploma studies; 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 when calculating the Admission Point Score (APS).
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students. Final admission is based on the



final NSC/IEB results.

- Applicants who indicate Theology as a first or second choice will be considered. Students who select Theology as a second choice may have to submit a motivation.

**University of Pretoria website:** [click here](#)

### **Minimum requirements**

#### **Achievement level**

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

**APS**

NSC/IEB

3

**24**

## Examinations and pass requirements

### **Chancellor's examinations**

*See also General Academic Regulation G12.5.*

A student who complies with all the requirements for the diploma 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 Chancellor's examination in the same modules at the end of the following semester.

## Promotion to next study year

Also refer to General Academic Regulation G3.2

### **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 as stated in the regulations for the respective year of the study. 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 diploma is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains an average of 75% (GPA) (not rounded) in the three years of study, 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: 124**

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

## 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

Introduction to the New Testament 110 (NTL 110) - Credits: 10.00

Gospels: Mark and Matthew 120 (NTL 120) - Credits: 10.00

Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 110 (OTL 110) - Credits: 10.00

Narratives in the Old Testament 120 (OTL 120) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Introduction and insertion 110 (PRT 110) - Credits: 10.00

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

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

Introduction to the study of religion 120 (RSM 120) - Credits: 10.00

Faith and stories 110 (SHT 110) - Credits: 10.00

History of Christianity in Southern Africa 120 (SHT 120) - Credits: 10.00



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## Curriculum: Year 2

**Minimum credits: 130**

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

### Core modules

Gospels: Luke-Acts 210 (NTL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Johannine literature 220 (NTL 220) - Credits: 10.00

Old Testament exegesis and former prophets 210 (OTL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Poetry and apocalypses 220 (OTL 220) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting I 210 (PRT 210) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting II 220 (PRT 220) - Credits: 10.00

Dynamics of religion 210 (REL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Introduction, key concepts and topics in missiology 210 (RSM 210) - Credits: 10.00

Theologies of the South 220 (RSM 220) - Credits: 10.00

Faith and beliefs 210 (SHT 210) - Credits: 10.00

Being human 220 (SHT 220) - Credits: 10.00

Theology in history 223 (SHT 223) - Credits: 10.00

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## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 125**

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

### Core modules

[Community engagement 300](#) (CYE 300) - Credits: 15.00  
[Paul 310](#) (NTL 310) - Credits: 10.00  
[Deutero- and Trito-Pauline writings 320](#) (NTL 320) - Credits: 10.00  
[The Pentateuch 310](#) (OTL 310) - Credits: 10.00  
[The Prophets 320](#) (OTL 320) - Credits: 10.00  
[Practical Theology: Discerning and imagining 310](#) (PRT 310) - Credits: 10.00  
[Practical Theology: Living the faith 320](#) (PRT 320) - Credits: 10.00  
[Mission in practice 310](#) (RSM 310) - Credits: 10.00  
[Church planting 320](#) (RSM 320) - Credits: 10.00  
[Church and community 310](#) (SHT 310) - Credits: 10.00  
[Living as Christians 313](#) (SHT 313) - Credits: 10.00  
[Contemporary theological discourses I 320](#) (SHT 320) - Credits: 10.00

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The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.