

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

BTh (06130007)

Department Dogmatics and Christian Ethics

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 367

NQF level 07

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 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

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 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 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](https://www.up.ac.za)

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

4

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Examinations and pass requirements

Chancellor's examinations

See also *General Academic Regulation G12.5*.

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 Chancellor's examination in the same modules at the end of the following semester.

Promotion to next study year

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 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 degree 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: 128

Additional information:

All core and fundamental modules must be taken.

Two semester modules from any faculty must be taken as electives, providing that the requirements for the modules are met. The list below are electives from Theology and Religion but students are not limited to these.

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 111](#) (NTL 111) - Credits: 10.00

[Gospels: Mark and Matthew 121](#) (NTL 121) - Credits: 10.00

[Introduction to the world of the Old Testament 111](#) (OTL 111) - Credits: 10.00

[Narratives in the Old Testament 121](#) (OTL 121) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Introduction and insertion 111](#) (PRT 111) - Credits: 10.00

[Theory of religion 110](#) (REL 110) - Credits: 12.00

[Introduction to the study of religion 121](#) (RSM 121) - Credits: 10.00

[Faith and stories 111](#) (SHT 111) - Credits: 10.00

[History of Christianity in Southern Africa 121](#) (SHT 121) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

[Introduction to Community development 110](#) (CYE 110) - Credits: 10.00

[Researching communities 120](#) (CYE 120) - Credits: 10.00

[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: 120

Additional information:

All core modules must be taken.

Electives are optional and registration for these are subject to approval by Student Administration.

Core modules

Gospels: Luke-Acts 211 (NTL 211) - Credits: 10.00

Johannine literature 221 (NTL 221) - Credits: 10.00

Old Testament exegesis and former prophets 211 (OTL 211) - Credits: 10.00

Poetry and apocalypses 221 (OTL 221) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting I 211 (PRT 211) - Credits: 10.00

Practical Theology: Understanding and interpreting II 221 (PRT 221) - Credits: 10.00

Key concepts and topics in missiology 211 (RSM 211) - Credits: 10.00

Theologies of the South 221 (RSM 221) - Credits: 10.00

Faith and beliefs 211 (SHT 211) - Credits: 10.00

Being human 221 (SHT 221) - Credits: 10.00

Theology in history 224 (SHT 224) - Credits: 10.00

Christian spirituality: Christian spiritual practices 220 (SRY 220) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

Leadership and Community Development 212 (CYE 212) - Credits: 10.00

Social and missional entrepreneurship 222 (CYE 222) - Credits: 10.00

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

Ancient religions and health 220 (REL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Christian spirituality: Origins and dynamics 210 (SRY 210) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 125

Additional information:

All core modules must be taken.

Electives are optional and registration for these are subject to approval by Student Administration.

Core modules

[Community engagement 301](#) (CYE 301) - Credits: 15.00

[Paul 311](#) (NTL 311) - Credits: 10.00

[Deutero- and Trito-Pauline writings 321](#) (NTL 321) - Credits: 10.00

[The Pentateuch 311](#) (OTL 311) - Credits: 10.00

[The Prophets 321](#) (OTL 321) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Discerning and imagining 311](#) (PRT 311) - Credits: 10.00

[Practical Theology: Living the faith 321](#) (PRT 321) - Credits: 10.00

[Mission in practice 311](#) (RSM 311) - Credits: 10.00

[Church planting 321](#) (RSM 321) - Credits: 10.00

[Church and community 311](#) (SHT 311) - Credits: 10.00

[Living as Christians 314](#) (SHT 314) - Credits: 10.00

[Contemporary theological discourses I 321](#) (SHT 321) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

[Community Development Praxis in community engagement I 312](#) (CYE 312) - Credits: 10.00

[Community Development Praxis II 322](#) (CYE 322) - Credits: 10.00

[Material religion 310](#) (REL 310) - Credits: 30.00

[Sociology of religion 320](#) (REL 320) - Credits: 30.00

[Christian spirituality and theology 310](#) (SRY 310) - Credits: 10.00

[Contextual and contemporary spirituality 320](#) (SRY 320) - Credits: 10.00

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.