

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

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.
- Final-year students may not deregister any modules for the final year of study without permission from the Dean.
- 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 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here](#) for this Faculty Brochure.

Minimum requirements	
Achievement level	
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS
NSC/IEB	
3	24

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.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.
Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.
Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.
Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.
Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2025: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), available at [click here](#).

International students: [Click here](#).

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

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, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

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



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

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

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.