

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Theology [BTh] (06130010)

Department Systematic and Historical Theology

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 373

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

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	
4	28

Applicants who indicate Bachelor of 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.

Other programme-specific information

Notes:

- The modules referred to are offered per semester.
- Academic literacy: The modules ALL 110 (not compulsory if the candidate is exempted on the grounds of the NSC-symbol for English) and ALL 120 must be completed during the first year of study. All students must pass ALL 120 as part of the prescribed curriculum.
- Computer literacy: The modules AIM 111 and AIM 121 must be completed during the first year of study.
- Certain modules are prerequisites to later modules.
- The lecture timetable 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.

Examinations and pass requirements

Special examinations

See also General Regulations 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 second year of study, a student must pass at least eight semester modules, unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- 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 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 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

Dean's merit list for top achievers

- In order to qualify for the Dean's list, a student must have an outstanding academic record for completed studies.
- Undergraduate students must have achieved an average of 75%(GPA) or above in all of their years of study. No modules should have been repeated, and all modules must be registered in the same year for the specific year.
- Honours students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more. The degree must be completed in one year for full-time students and two years for part-time students. No modules should have been repeated.
- Master's students must achieve an average of 75% (GPA) or more, and the degree must be completed in the minimum prescribed time.
- The top achievers of the Faculty selected to become part of the Dean's list will annually be acknowledged at a function hosted by the Dean.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 128

Two semester modules from any faculty must be taken. The list of electives is an example only, and students are not limited to these modules. Two semester modules from any faculty can be taken, providing that the requirements for the modules are met.

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

All core modules must be taken at second year level.

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

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

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

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 125

All core modules must be taken at final year level.

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

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.