

Are you interested in deepening your lived experience of the Christian faith and discipleship?



Then you should consider enrolling for the Master's in Spirituality

Closing date for applications:
31 October 2021

Online applications
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Overview

This Master's degree provides an in-depth study of Christian spirituality. The following themes are addressed in this programme:

- The development of spirituality as an academic discipline in the Christian tradition and contemporary trends;
- Spirituality as expressed in the reception as well as through a spiritual reading of the Bible; and
- Traditional and new spiritual practices such as, for example, prayer and spiritual formation, embodying the dynamics of growth and transformation.

Four modules must be completed over four semesters.

2022

First semester

IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SPIRITUALITY AS DISCIPLINE

In this module, attention is focused on the various dimensions fundamental to the study of spirituality as Christian practice and academic discipline. The renewed interest in the phenomenon of spirituality is explored, as well as various understandings of the notion, methodological questions, the history of spirituality in the Christian tradition, and contemporary trends.

Second semester

IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SCRIPTURE AND SPIRITUALITY

In this module, two important questions are addressed in detail, namely how spirituality is depicted in specific Old and New Testament writings, and the spiritual reading of pericopes from both the Old and the New Testament. Upon completion of this module, students will not only have a good understanding of the spirituality of some of the writings of the Bible but also be able to do spiritual readings of pericopes independently.

2023

First semester

IN-DEPTH STUDY OF SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

In this module, the dynamics of spiritual growth and transformation are addressed in a theoretical and practical manner. Various practices such as prayer, spiritual direction and spiritual formation are explored systematically. Upon completion of this module, students will be able to reflect personally on the dynamics associated with the practices of spirituality.

Second semester

RESEARCH IN SPIRITUALITY

In this module, an independent mini-dissertation must be completed (+/-30000 words).

Admission requirements:

- A four-year degree in theology (NQF level 8, 480 credits); or
- a three-year bachelor's degree (NQF level 7, 360 credits) followed by an honours degree (NQF level 8, 120 credits), and
- the modules on NQF level 8 should be completed with a weighted average of 60%.

Tuition: Students are required to do self-study using a prescribed reading list and to submit assignments. Once a semester, students are required to attend a face-to-face block contact session on the Bloemfontein Campus of the UFS for a maximum of three consecutive days.

Assessment: Continuous assessment

Duration: Two years – starting in January 2022

Articulation: Upon completion of the MTh in Spirituality, students may apply for admission to a PhD in Spirituality. Admission will depend on institutional requirements (65 %

weighted average on NQF level 9) and departmental selection criteria.

Lecturers: The lecturers responsible for the programme are Profs Rian Venter, Francois Tolmie and Jan-Albert van den Berg.

Projected cost:

Tuition fees (excluding books)*:

- 2022 (Year one) – R15 200;
- 2023 (Year two) – R13 460

* This is not a quote for 2022, but a minimum cost projection based on the fees of 2021. The UFS Fees Yearbook for 2022 will only be available at the end of 2021.

Bursaries: A limited number of small bursaries towards a third of the registration deposit are available to students in need. Send an email with your student number to theologybursary@ufs.ac.za for further information.

Language of instruction: English

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