



Advanced Diploma in Theology

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THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

You have a three-year accredited diploma (in any field) and have been in the ministry for a while. You would like to develop your theological knowledge and your ministerial skills, but you cannot afford to attend a university on a full-time basis.

If this description fits you, then the Advanced Diploma in Theology, which is offered over a period of two years, might be what you are looking for. If you enrol for this Advanced Diploma, you will enhance your ministerial skills and develop new insights in no less than seven theological disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology and Ethics, Church History, Practical Theology, Missiology, and Religion Studies. You will also be introduced to research methodology in Theology. You can do the Advanced Diploma while you are working, because you only need to attend lectures every second week on a Friday afternoon, from 12:00 to 18:00. Written examinations will take place twice a year. You can start with this qualification at the beginning of a year, or at the beginning of the second semester in the middle of the year.



Here is a sample of the kind of content that you will be studying in the seven disciplines:

Old Testament

The following elements of the Old Testament are studied:

- the history of the hermeneutics of the Old Testament;
- the exegetical methodology of the Old Testament, and
- the interpretation of selected texts from the Old Testament.

New Testament

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- the history of the hermeneutics of the New Testament;
- the exegetical methodology of the New Testament, and
- the interpretation of selected texts from the New Testament.

Systematic Theology and Ethics

The following elements of Systematic Theology and Ethics are studied:

- the contemporary task of Systematic Theology;
- the contemporary task of Ethics, and
- selected challenges in the African context.

Church History and Polity

Selected themes in global, African and South African church history are studied, as well as some contemporary challenges in Church Polity, considering developments in recent scholarship.

Practical Theology

The following elements of Practical Theology are studied:

Congregational Studies: A study of the interaction between society, faith communities and ministry.

Pastoral Care: A study of pastoral care models to apply selected forms in practice.

Liturgy and Homiletics: A study of liturgy and homiletics to apply selected forms in practice.



Missiology

The following elements of Missiology are studied:

- studies in Theology and Mission in modern Africa;
- the sense and meaning of mission in the midst of the crises and challenges of modern Africa;
- background on modern Africa;
- implications of the new challenges for the Theology of Mission, and the approach, from a Mission Theology perspective, to the crises in Africa.

Religion Studies

The social ethic of the three major religions in Africa – African Traditional Religion, Christianity, and Islam – are studied. Some critical ethical challenges in African society are selected and the contribution of the three religions is explored.

Other important information

Admission requirements and module codes:

Consult the Rule Book under Academic Information
<https://www.ufs.ac.za/theology>

General enquiries:

For information you could not find on the website, please contact the academic advisor, Siphokazi Dlwati at DLwatiS@ufs.ac.za.
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Application, admission and registration:

To become a UFS student in nine steps, visit the website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/kovsielife/unlisted-pages/study/application-documents-for-admission-to-the-ufs-29>

Cost:

Request a quote from tuitionfees@ufs.ac.za or do it yourself on the website <http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/quote/quote.aspx>

Financial aid:

For more information, please contact the Faculty Manager, Ingrid Mostert at MostertIE@ufs.ac.za

