



Practical and Missional Theology: Honours Programme

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1. INTRODUCTION

In a rapidly changing world with a focus on effectivity, one seeks a relevant theology. As part of the mission of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, the Department of Practical and Missional Theology endeavours to make a relevant theological contribution to, and involvement in the community at large. In order to understand theology as a term with public significance, the postgraduate Honours programme in Practical and Missional Theology affords the student the opportunity to communicate this significance.

2. AIM OF THE QUALIFICATION(S)

In recent years, the Honours programmes have met the various needs of prospective students to be meaningfully involved in congregations and the community. However, on the basis of recent research and challenges in practice, it is a fact that the needs in the church and society demand an increasingly more comprehensive and interdisciplinary contribution. In order to meet these needs, the Honours qualification affords the student the opportunity to select a relevant programme from a number of modules with a view to a meaningful and relevant contextual ministry.

3. STRUCTURE

The structured programme is presented on NQF Level 8, with a credit value of 128. The modular nature of the programme implies that a student must attend a number of sessions per year. The programme extends over a minimum of two years.

4. PREREQUISITES

- ☒ Any B. degree at NQF Exit Level 7.
- ☒ A cognate Advanced Diploma in Theology.
- ☒ Selection procedure as determined by the Department.



5. MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

All modules are Year Modules that have 16 credits, except for the Research Report that has 32 credits.

DESCRIPTION	
1	<p>Research Report in Practical Theology OR Missiology</p> <p>In their final year of study, students can, in consultation with both the programme coordinator and the relevant study leader, decide on a topic for their mini-dissertation within the discipline of Practical Theology or Missiology. The mini-dissertation forms an important part of the Honours programme and calls for creative and independent work by the student. The research report will deepen the student's expertise in the discipline and will develop the student's capacity to apply research methodology and technique according to academic standards.</p>
2	<p>Advanced Study in Research Methodology and Theory in Practical and Missional Theology</p> <p>The aim of this module is to orientate students in the fundamental knowledge, theories and practices related to practical and missional research. This includes the development of a research proposal, the selection of an appropriate epistemology and methodology in conducting a research study, and the completion of a research report.</p>
3	<p>Advanced Study of Practical and Missional Theology as Academic Discipline</p> <p>This module will study the development and historical contours of Practical and Missional Theology as an academic discipline. The role of the context and new trends within this field of study will be explored and discussed, in order to develop a relevant framework.</p>
4	<p>Advanced Studies in Missional Theology and Reconciliation</p> <p>In this module, Missional Theology and the practical application of mission are studied in the context of contemporary crises, with the emphasis on the ministry of reconciliation and missionary diaconate.</p>
5	<p>Advanced Studies in Missional Theology in a Multi-Religious Context</p> <p>Missional Theology is studied with a focus on engaging a selection of world religions in this module.</p>



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6	<p>Advanced Studies in Pastoral Care and Counselling In this module, pastoral care and counselling as well as related theories, conceptualisations and models will be studied on an advanced level, with a specific focus on pastoral theologies that relate to different contexts of care (e.g., marriage and the family, illness and loss, and crisis and trauma).</p>
7	<p>Advanced Studies in Narrative Pastoral Therapy The primary theories, concepts and models of a narrative pastoral therapy will be introduced, explored and mastered on an advanced level, with a specific focus on the techniques related to narrative pastoral therapy and its application to different contexts of care.</p>
8	<p>Advanced Studies in Congregational Studies The missional congregation and her ministry will be explored. The congregation will be evaluated from different perspectives and positioned within a changing context. Congregation and community interact with each other, and a framework will be developed to describe this interaction.</p>
9	<p>Advanced Studies in Leadership This module will explore the nature and character of Christian leadership. Various models of leadership directed towards change will be described in a contextually relevant way.</p>
10	<p>Advanced Studies in Faith Formation In this module, students will be given the opportunity to develop a model for intergenerational faith formation in a local congregation.</p>
11	<p>Advanced Studies in Homiletics This module will explore different theoretical approaches in the practice of Christian preaching. Different textbooks will be closely studied for some advanced homiletical knowledge and discernment to be put into practice. Common ground, specific developments, creative tensions, and even some differences and contradictions will be highlighted in this advanced and comprehensive introduction to the current state of homiletics.</p>
12	<p>Advanced Studies in Liturgics Different theoretical approaches in the practice of Christian worship will be explored. Different textbooks will be closely studied for some advanced liturgical knowledge and discernment to be put into practice. Common ground, specific developments, creative tensions, and even some differences and contradictions will be highlighted in this advanced and comprehensive introduction to the current state of liturgics.</p>



7. PLANNING YOUR CURRICULUM

COMPULSORY MODULES	
1. Research Report in Missiology	1. Research Report in Practical Theology
2. Research Methodology and Theory	2. Research Methodology and Theory
3. Practical and Missional Theology as Academic Discipline	3. Practical and Missional Theology as Academic Discipline
4. Missional Theology and Reconciliation	
5. Missional Theology in a Multi-Religious Context	
ELECTIVE MODULES	
Select any 2 of the following	Select any 4 of the following
	4. Missional Theology and Reconciliation OR 5. Missional Theology in a Multi-Religious Context
6. Pastoral Care and Counselling	6. Pastoral Care and Counselling
7. Narrative Pastoral Therapy	7. Narrative Pastoral Therapy
8. Congregational Studies	8. Congregational Studies
9. Leadership	9. Leadership
10. Faith Formation	10. Faith Formation
11. Homiletics	11. Homiletics
12. Liturgics	12. Liturgics

Closing date for new applications: 30 September

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