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FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

If you wish to study Theology, Kovsies is the right place for you – here you will be stimulated intellectually and feel at home spiritually.

The faculty is the only institution in central South Africa that offers fully-fledged, all-inclusive theological education. It offers training in all theological disciplines, starting at undergraduate level. The faculty embraces values that encourage cultural, gender, and ethnic inclusivity, promote academic and intellectual excellence, innovation, support, and spiritual and ethic integrity. It also strives to establish a sense of community and hospitality within all the spheres of faculty activity. The Faculty of Theology and Religion delivers a unique national and international contribution to the development of the church, society, and the academic theological environment. This is achieved through quality theological education and specialist research based on a classical theological teaching and research framework.

You may enrol with us for a variety of programmes and courses, irrespective of your denomination. Here, the Word of God, as well as its interpretation and use (in history and today), is studied. We equip you with the correct knowledge, skills, and attitude to serve people with humility and to lead with confidence.

Our faculty underwrites high academic standards. Our lecturers focus on research that is acknowledged both nationally and internationally. Even as early as undergraduate level, we offer our students the opportunity to develop a love for research and practice. Theory and praxis go hand in hand. Therefore, teaching and learning receive special attention in the faculty in order for our students to become responsible, innovative, and serving theologians, making a difference wherever they go.

Our subjects are acknowledged universally. In the Bachelor's degree, students are exposed to subjects such as Old and New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, Practical Theology, Missiology, and Religion Studies (more about these subjects later). In the first two years of study, students also have the opportunity to equip themselves in auxiliary study areas. Subjects include Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Psychology, and Religion Studies. You will learn everything you need to know in order to stand your ground in the church as a pastor, or as a spiritual leader in the community. We provide students the opportunity to develop good working relations with students from their own and other church denominations.

What about bursaries? Our faculty offers annual bursaries for postgraduate students. Call us for more information. Some churches also provide bursaries for their students. Enquire from your church, or get in touch with us for the names of contact persons.

"For us, it is about Theology without boundaries."

Welcome to the Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prof SD (Fanie) Snyman, Dean of the faculty

APPLICATION TO STUDY IN 2019

BECOME A UFS STUDENT IN EIGHT STEPS

1

Apply online or in hard copy.

2

Your application form will be captured. You will receive a student number.

3

If you have not submitted the required documents, you will be requested to do so, in order to finalise your application.

4

If you have applied for a residence on campus, you will now receive correspondence from Housing and Residence Affairs.

5

If you are ultimately selected when the final Grade 12 results are released, you will receive final communication regarding your admission.

6

Five (5) days prior to registration early in 2019, you have to make a prepayment. Use your student number as a reference number.

7

Register early in 2019, before classes start.

8

Collect your study material and timetable after registration.

REMEMBER TO WRITE THE NBTs



IMPORTANT APPLICATION OPENING DATES

Date	Programmes for which applications close
1 April 2018	Applications to study any undergraduate programme offered in the Faculty of Theology and Religion in 2019
1 September 2018	Applications to study any University Access Programme (UAP) offered on the South Campus in 2019



APPLICATION TO STUDY AT THE UFS IS FREE

You can apply either online or in hard copy.

ONLINE application: Go to www.ufs.ac.za. Follow the link <https://apply.ufs.ac.za/> – online application. Proceed through all eight easy steps and submit your electronic application.

Upload copies of the following in PDF or JPEG format when you apply for undergraduate studies:

- Your ID or passport
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18 years
- Your Grade 11 final results with the school's stamp
- Your Grade 12 June results with the school's stamp must be emailed to studentadmin@ufs.ac.za as soon as they are available
- Your academic record only if you are a current student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation is the examination board for South African universities. Apply to mb.usaf.ac.za for conditional exemption, foreign conditional exemption, or mature age conditional exemption.

The online application is quick and easy – no hassle, no fuss! It has a modern design and is mobile and tablet-friendly. You can apply using any device. You can expect a quicker response time if you apply online.

HARD COPY application: Go to www.ufs.ac.za. Follow the link 'how to apply' and download the application. Complete and sign the application, and mail it with all the relevant certified documentation to: The Application Office, PO Box 339, Bloemfontein 9300.

Remember to include copies of:

- Your ID or passport
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18 years
- Your Grade 11 final results with the school's stamp
- Your Grade 12 June results, with the school's stamp, must be emailed to studentadmin@ufs.ac.za as soon as they are available
- Your academic record, only if you are a current student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation where the examination body is not in South Africa. Apply to mb.usaf.ac.za for conditional exemption
- Selection form

For assistance, contact +27 51 401 9666 or studentadmin@ufs.ac.za

Confidentiality Clause

The UFS confirms that all personal information provided in your application form will be treated confidentially and will not be sold to a third party or used for commercial or related purposes. The UFS further confirms that your personal information will only be used for purposes relating to your potential relationship with the UFS as a student, including, but not limited to the processing of your application to study at the UFS, effecting registration at the UFS, and for any communication purposes related to your application and/or registration to study at the UFS.

ADMISSION



Pay attention to the following important information:

- The UFS reserves the right to change the minimum requirements of each programme or any other information without notifying you.
- There are specific admission requirements that you should meet if you want to study at any South African university. If you finished school in or after 2008, and have a National Senior Certificate (NSC), you need the following to apply for admission to a Bachelor's degree at any South African university:
 - Four (4) of the seven (7) subjects included in your NSC subject package should be from the designated subject list
 - A performance level of at least 4 (50%) in each of these four (4) subjects
- All admission requirements apply to first-year students in 2019.
- Admission to study at the UFS is dependent on the following:
 - Your application should meet all the minimum requirements for the programme
 - The programme must have available space and capacity to admit students
 - You have to submit valid school results with your application
- Applications for all non-selection programmes close on 30 September 2018.

An admission point (AP) consisting of seven levels is used. Points will be awarded for six academic modules.

No points will be awarded for achievement levels lower than 30%:

NSC Level	7 (90–100) %	7 (80–89) %	6 (70–79) %	5 (60–69) %	4 (50–59) %	3 (40–49) %	2 (30–39) %
UFS AP	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

One point is awarded for Life Orientation (LO) from achievement level 5 (60%) or higher.



FACULTY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES AND REQUIREMENTS

Abbreviations: From this point forward, we will use these abbreviations instead of the full terms:

- NSC: National Senior Certificate
- AP: Admission Point
- BC: Bloemfontein Campus
- AL: Academic Literacy Test
- QL: Quantitative Literacy Test
- N/A: Not Applicable



UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

THE FOLLOWING NON-SELECTION PROGRAMMES ARE PRESENTED ONLY ON THE BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS:

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Rev Marlene Oosthuizen: +27 51 401 2617 | moosthuizen@ufs.ac.za

Programme Description		Minimum Admission Requirements				
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	Language of instruction	Compulsory National Benchmark Test	Campus	
Higher Certificate in Theology HCert (Theology)	BC911000	20	4 (50%)	N/A	BC	
Bachelor in Divinity* BDiv	BC940300	28	4 (50%)	AL,QL	BC	
The Bachelor in Divinity is a qualification in Theology, which focuses on professional ministry.						
Bachelor in Divinity Extended Curriculum Programme* BDiv Ext	BC9403E0	24	4 (50%)	N/A	BC	

The Faculty of Theology and Religion adheres to the general admission requirements of the University of the Free State. Admission requirements are subject to change.



HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY: HCert (Theology)

This one-year Higher Certificate in Theology offers an excellent introduction to the study of Christian ministry. It includes training in applicable skills designed to empower Christian leaders to make a meaningful impact in their communities and in the building of churches. The course is designed for people who find themselves in situations where a need for Christian ministry exists: ministers, pastors, evangelists, members of church councils, Bible-study group leaders, Sunday-school teachers, youth leaders, chaplains, and anybody who wishes to learn more about the Christian ministry. Skills such as the following are taught: communication and listening skills, skills to read and write in a theological context, the use and interpretation of the Bible, counselling and leadership skills. Constructive attention is given to African Theology.

Admission requirements

To be admitted to the Higher Certificate in Theology, a student must have a National Senior Certificate (from 2008) and an AP of at least 20, with a minimum performance level 4 (50%) in one of the official teaching languages of the UFS.



Curriculum



The Higher Certificate in Theology requires 148 credits at NQF Level 5 and takes a minimum period of one academic year to complete. It consists of eight compulsory theology modules (128 credits) and two compulsory university modules (20 credits). The Higher Certificate in Theology is presented on a full-time (one academic year/two semesters) basis.

EIGHT COMPULSORY MODULES				
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS
Introduction to the Bible	5	TBIB1514		16
Interpreting and Proclaiming the Bible in Africa	5	TPIP1514		16
Pastoral Ministry in African Context	5	TPPM1514		16
Christian Leadership in an African Context	5	TPCL1514		16
Mission in Africa	5		TPMA1524	16
Contemporary Expression of Religiosity in Africa	5		TRER1524	16
Vitality of African Theology	5		THAT1524	16
Memory and the Christian Church	5		THMC1524	16
THEOLOGY MODULES				128
UNIVERSITY MODULES				
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS
Undergraduate core curriculum	5		UFS101	16
Computer Literacy	5	CSIL1511		4
UNIVERSITY MODULES				20

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY: BDiv



The four-year Bachelor degree is a full-time professional course providing the opportunity to study the Bible, the history of Christianity, and systematic interpretation of the Bible and Christian faith. We also provide you the opportunity to study some of the ancient languages (Greek, Hebrew, and Latin) or other subjects from the Humanities, such as Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Criminology or Music. In the third year the focus is on practice, with subjects such as Practical Theology, Missiology, and Religion Studies. If you would like to become a preacher, pastor or a spiritual leader in your community, this degree will suit your needs perfectly.

Admission requirements



To be admitted to the Bachelor programme, a student must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate (from 2008), an AP of 28, and a level 4 (50%) in the language of instruction. Students who do not meet these requirements may be admitted to the Extended Curriculum Programme with an AP of 24 and Certificate as mentioned above.

A degree in Theology qualifies you for various career possibilities

Minister, preacher or pastor in a congregation | Missionary or evangelist (locally or internationally) | Chaplain in the SAPS, SANDF or Correctional Services | Youth worker | Journalist or broadcaster on religious topics | Project leader in community development | Bible translator | Pastoral counsellor | Researcher | Lifestyle coach | Lecturer in Theology

* Some careers require special subjects, further specialisation, or other requirements.



BDiv Curriculum: First year

SIX COMPULSORY MODULES				
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS
Introduction to the Old Testament	5	TOTT1513		12
Introduction to Practical and Missional Theology	5	TPMT1512		8
Introduction to the History of Christianity	5	THIS1512		8
Introduction to the New Testament	5		TNTT1523	12
Introduction to the Study of Theology	5		TIST1522	8
Introduction to the Christian Faith	5		TSYS1522	8
TOTAL CREDITS FROM COMPULSORY MODULES				128



Elective modules

Students must select another **64 credits** at a minimum NQF Level 5. The Faculty of Theology and Religion recommends both Hebrew and Greek (a total of 64 credits). However, both or one of either Hebrew or Greek may be exchanged for other modules.

Students are advised to choose the elective modules in accordance with the requirements of their own faith communities and/or career goals.

The University modules consist of				
MODULE CODE	MODULE	NQF	SEMESTER (1/2) OR YEAR	CREDITS
UFS101	Undergraduate Core Curriculum	5	Year	16
CSIL1511	Computer Literacy	5	1	4
TOTAL CREDITS FROM UNIVERSITY MODULES				20

The foundational provisional modules consist of				
MODULE CODE	MODULE	NQF	SEMESTER (1/2) OR YEAR	CREDITS
EALH1508	Academic Language Course in English	5	Year	32



BDiv Extended Curriculum: First year

The compulsory modules consist of				
MODULE	NQF	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
Introduction to Practical and Missional Theology	5	TPTM1512		8
Introduction to the History of Christianity	5	THIS1512		8
Introduction to the Study of Theology	5		TIST1522	8
Introduction to the Christian Faith	5		TSYS1522	8
TOTAL CREDITS FROM COMPULSORY MODULES:				32

The University modules consist of

MODULE	NQF	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
Computer Literacy	5	CSIL1511		4
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	5		UFS101	16
TOTAL CREDITS FROM UNIVERSITY MODULES				20

The Foundational Provisional modules consist of

MODULE	NQF	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
Mathematical Literacy	5		MTDH1508	32
Skills and Competencies in Lifelong Learning	5		SCLL1508	32
Academic Language Course in English	5		EAHL1508	32
TOTAL CREDITS FROM FOUNDATIONAL PROVISIONAL MODULES				96

THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION CONSISTS OF FOUR ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES



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Old Testament

The Old Testament is a library of books containing stories of people and their encounters with God; encounters that repeatedly gave meaning to their lives. When one embarks on a study of the Old Testament, one will find that its stories, poems, words of wisdom, heroic tales, and, in some cases, its narratives of misfortune, are gripping stuff. To gain an understanding of this part of the Bible, one will start on a journey of interesting and creative interplay between the world of the Old Testament and oneself as the present-day reader.

To get a grasp on the richness of the Old Testament, one needs to study the texts of the Old Testament, exploring their fascinating literary and historical features. At the same time, one must also have an insight into the main theological trends in the Old Testament; therefore different theologies of, and in the Old Testament are also studied.

The history of Israel, the cultural-historical background of the Old Testament, the geography of Israel, and the hermeneutics of the Old Testament help to open up the meaningful messages of the Old Testament.

New Testament

In the New Testament discipline, we attempt to thoroughly understand the 27 writings of the New Testament. We do this by placing each piece of writing within the original situation in which it was written. In this way we do not only attempt to understand what the first author(s) tried to communicate to a particular group of Christians, but also what the Lord wants to communicate to modern believers. Therefore we investigate issues such as, 'Who was/were the author(s) of a particular writing?'; 'When was it written?'; 'What background information is vital for understanding the writings of the New Testament?'; 'What methods can help us to understand the New Testament adequately?'; 'How did it happen that these 27 writings became part of the New Testament?'; and 'How can one formulate the message of the New Testament writings in the most adequate way?'





CONSTRUCTIVE AND HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

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Systematic Theology

This academic field of study entails a number of disciplines, e.g. Encyclopaedia, Symbolics, Systematic Theology, Ethics, and Apologetics.

Encyclopaedia attends to the development of Theology as a scientific discipline and to the contemporary challenges for the public university.

Symbolics focuses on the phenomenon of the creeds and confession of the church from the Early Church to the 20th Century.

Systematic Theology studies the content of the Christian faith in a coherent manner. Questions pertaining to the faith of the church, e.g. about God, salvation, and the church, are addressed. This is done from various perspectives, e.g. Biblical, Reformational, Contemporary, and African.

Human behaviour in terms of certain norms is the subject field of Ethics. Contemporary dilemmas in relation to social justice, sexuality, and digital communication are studied.

In the subject of Apologetics, challenges from modernism and postmodernism to the truth of the Christian faith are addressed, as well as how theology should respond to that.



Church History and Polity

Ecclesiology mainly consists of two subjects: Church History and Church Polity.

Church History is subdivided into general (from 33 AD until the present) and South African church history, and includes the history of missions, the history of the relation between churches, and the development of the doctrine of the church. This history is studied with theological insight and a proper knowledge of the discipline of church history writing.

Church Polity is studying issues such as the offices in the church, meetings in the church, i.e. synods, church discipline, and the relationship between church and state and church and education. We focus on two sides of this coin: Biblical principles for the governance of the church, and how this was addressed throughout history.



PRACTICAL AND MISSIONAL THEOLOGY



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Practical Theology



The Word of God for the people of today – this is the world that Practical Theology leads you into. The study field of Practical Theology covers four terrains of study:

- Homiletics and liturgy, where attention is given to preaching and the worship service.
- Pastoral care has to do with caring for people, from individual to family problems, to community challenges.
- Congregational studies and leadership investigate the environment and community where the faith community is called to make a difference; the question is asked – what happens in congregations.
- Faith formation looks at the transfer of our faith, especially to young people within a new and challenging context.

On a postgraduate level, a structured programme is presented at honours and master's levels. This is a unique qualification which may open doors for students at different levels. Read more on the website at www.ufs.ac.za/praxis.

Missiology



Being a missionary is to spread the glorious Good News of Jesus Christ into the world. With us, you will learn what the Bible has to say about missions; what people believe about God and the gods, and how a Christian should proclaim the Good News in a comprehensive manner. The needs of people are confronted, for example, poverty and HIV/Aids. A student will also learn how the gospel can be realised and expressed in the congregation to reach others. The inspiring story of how the gospel was spread throughout the ages is also told. The challenge to become personally involved in mission work is posed, and methods for reaching people in the best possible way are determined and explained.

RELIGION STUDIES



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Religion Studies



Although the majority of people in South Africa are Christians, the country is regarded as a pluralistic and multi-religious society. In this sense, South Africa is the land of many Religions. Religion Studies focuses on the sociological study of major religions and how they are practised in South Africa. Thus, in this subject, these major religions are studied thematically. The motivation for Theological students to study other religions is to equip them to better understand and meaningfully engage with other religions, either in discussions or for the purpose of missions. Religion Studies therefore opens up a world of religions to the Theological student.

In the Religion Education course, Religion Studies focuses on a basic introduction to different religions, as well as how to meaningfully engage learners at both primary and high schools.

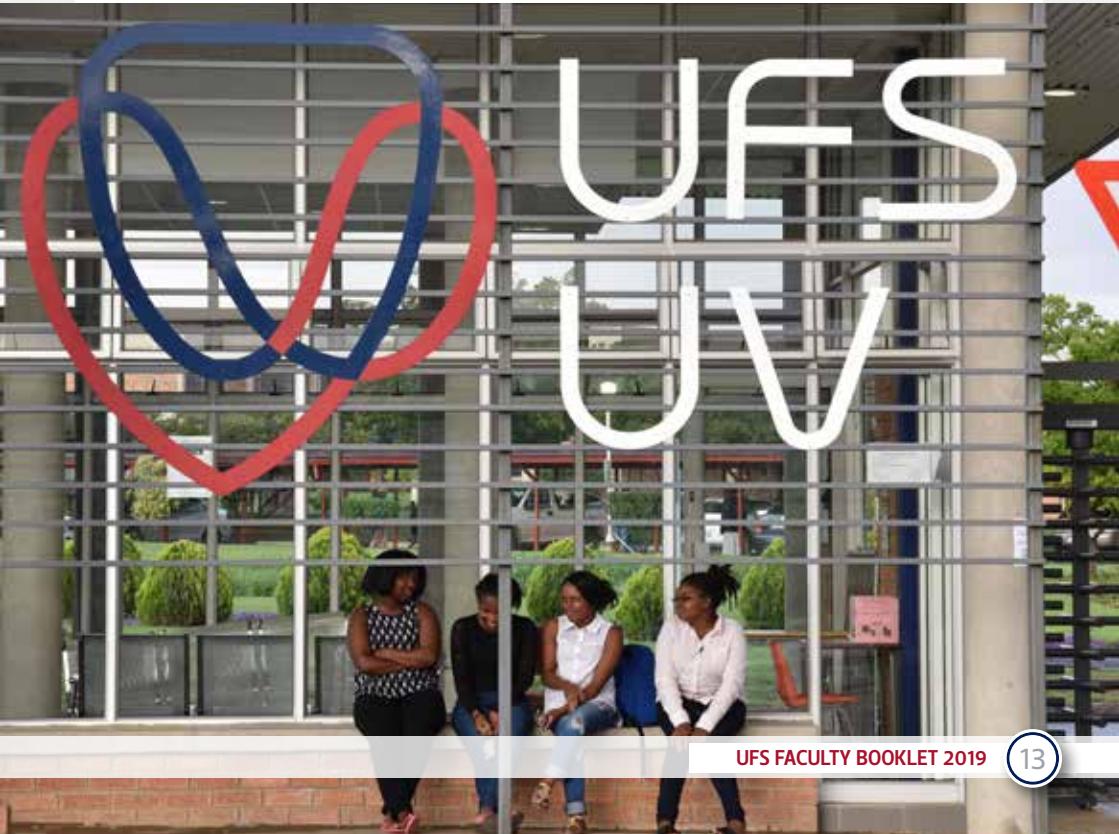
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