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FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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

Vision of the Faculty of Theology and Religion: The Faculty of Theology and Religion practises theology as an academic discipline with scientific credibility, and is herein committed to compassion for people.

The faculty is the only institution in central South Africa that offers fully-fledged, all-inclusive theological education to train students for a professional career in ministry. 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, as well as spiritual and ethical integrity. It also strives to establish a sense of community and hospitality within all spheres of faculty activities. The Faculty of Theology and Religion delivers a unique national and international contribution to the development of the church, society, and the academic environment. This is achieved through quality theological education and specialist research based on dedicated theological teaching and a solid 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), are 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

PROF RS LETSOSA, DEAN OF THE FACULTY

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS **TO STUDY AT THE UFS**

IMPORTANT APPLICATION OPENING AND CLOSING DATES:

Date	Programmes for which application opens
1 April 2021	Applications to study any undergraduate programme offered on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses in 2022
Date	Programmes for which application closes
30 September 2021	Applications for all undergraduate programmes

Remember to write the NBTs before the end of 2021.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO STUDY IN THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE?

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

For studies in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of the Free State, we expect that you to meet all the minimum admission requirements for the programme you intend to study. Please refer to the section on the programmes offered by the faculty for more information on programme-specific admission requirements.

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



.ac.za Visit https://apply.ufs.ac.za. Keep your mobile phone and an active email address ready, as you require both to access and complete the online application form.

Proceed through all the steps and submit your electronic application. Make sure that you complete the application form properly, e.g. if you need on-campus residence accommodation or financial aid, indicate this in the relevant section.

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

- · Your ID if you are a South African citizen
- · Your passport if you are an international student
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18
- Your final Grade 11 results with the school's stamp
- Grade 12 June results with the school's stamp as soon as it becomes available
- · National Senior Certificate (NSC) if you have already matriculated
- Your academic record, only if you are/were a student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation from 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 an easy and 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. More information on applications and admissions of international students, is available in the Prospectus 2022 at www.ufs.ac.za/prospective.

APPLICATION TO STUDY AT THE UFS IS FREE You can apply online

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

The UFS confirms that all personal information provided on 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.
- · Admission requirements are subject to change.
- 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
 to have a performance level of at least 4 (50%) in four (4) of the seven (7) subjects included in your NSC
 subject package to apply for admission to a Bachelor's degree at any South African university.
- All admission requirements apply to first-year students in 2022.
- Admission to study at the UFS is dependent on the following:
 - Your application should meet all the minimum requirements for the programme
 - You have a minimum Level of 4 (50%) in English Home Language or English First Additional Language
 - The programme must have available space and capacity to admit students
 - You have to submit valid school results with your application
- Applications for <u>all</u> Theology programmes close on 30 September 2021.

An admission point (AP) consisting of seven levels is used. Points will be awarded for six academic modules. **Note:** No points will be awarded for achievement levels lower than 30%:

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

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

DISCLAIMER – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kindly take note that this faculty programme booklet is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply for a place at the University of the Free State (UFS) and who wish to start their studies at the UFS during the 2022 academic year. The faculty programme booklet accordingly describes and outlines the programmes and services offered by the UFS, as well as the minimum admission requirements for each programme, but must be read in conjunction with the policies, rules, and regulations of the UFS (as may be amended from time to time). In order to be considered for selection in a programme, an applicant is required to comply with the programme's minimum admission criteria in respect of the total AP score, subject-specific requirements (as determined per programme), and faculty/department-specific requirements. However, due to limited space, fulfilling all the minimum entry (admission) requirements does not guarantee acceptance to study at the UFS, or admission to any particular programme offered by the UFS.

The UFS makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in this faculty programme booklet is accurate and up to date at the time of going to press. However, it may be necessary for the UFS to make some changes to the information presented in the faculty programme booklet following publication – for example, where it is necessary to reflect changes in policy, practice or theory, or if an accrediting body necessitates requirements to be amended. Furthermore, certain programmes may only be offered if there are a sufficient number of applicants.

The UFS undertakes to implement all reasonable steps to provide the services (including, but not limited to, presentation of the programmes) described in the faculty programme booklet. However, it does not guarantee the provision of such services or the presentation of any or all programmes described herein. Should circumstances beyond the control of the UFS interfere with its ability to provide the services or presentation of any programme described herein, the UFS undertakes to use all reasonable measures to minimise any disruption to the services.

Furthermore, the UFS reserves the right to make amendments to admission requirements if and when necessary. It reserves the right to withdraw, wholly or in part, the delivery of programmes. Applicants and students in affected programmes will be informed before the commencement of their studies for the academic year concerned.

Note: The admission requirements as indicated below are guidelines. Meeting the minimum requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme. Final selection and admission are subject to the availability of space, academic results, and other admission requirements where applicable.

2020 NATIONAL LIST OF OCCUPATIONS HIGH IN DEMAND

The Faculty of Theology and Religion offers programmes that lead to employment in specific occupations that are high in demand in the South African labour market. Occupations in high demand, are those occupations that show relatively high employment growth based on past, present and future trends and that are currently in shortage (Government Gazette, 26 November 2020).

By registering for one of the respected programmes in the Faculty of Theology and Religion, you will contribute to the economic development and growth of South Africa and will increase your chances of employment. Graduates from the UFS are highly sought after.

Youth care worker Careers Pastor Ancient classics Minister Ancient studies Lifestyle coach Youth leader Religion studies Community developer

FACULTY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

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

- NSC: National Senior Certificate
- AP: Admission Point
- N/A: Not Applicable
- AL: Academic Literacy Test (NBT)
- QL: Quantitative Literacy Test (NBT)

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Programme Description			Minimum Admission Requirements				
Programme	Academic Plan Code	AP	Language of instruction	Compulsory National Benchmark Test	Campus		
Higher Certificate in Theology HCert (Theology) (subject to selection)	BC911000	20	4 (50%)	N/A	BC		
Bachelor of Divinity BDiv	BC940300	28	4 (50%)	AL, QL*	BC		

The Bachelor of Divinity is a qualification in Theology that focuses on professional ministry.

*Although the Academic and Quantitative Literacy tests (NBT) are written, only the results of the Academic Literacy test are used during the registration process.

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.

EXTENDED CURRICULUM PROGRAMMES

Prospective students who do not meet the minimum requirements to enrol for mainstream programmes, may be considered for placement in the Extended Curriculum Programme (ECP). Placement is subject to the availability of space.

The ECP is designed to equip students who do not meet the minimum requirements with the necessary competencies to be successful in their studies. Academic support and skills development are integrated with regular academic work. To be considered for placement in the ECP, prospective students have to apply for the mainstream programmes.

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 faith communities. The course is designed for 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. The qualification also serves to provide students with the basic introductory knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools, and practical techniques for further higher education studies in 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. Note that admission to the Higher Certificate in Theology is subject to selection.

Curriculum

The Higher Certificate in Theology requires 134 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 one university module, TTCL1510 (6 credits).

The Higher Certificate in Theology is presented on a full-time (one academic year/two semesters) basis.

EIG	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		
Computer Literacy	5	TTCL1510		6		
UNIVERSITY MODULE						
TOTAL CREDITS IN THE HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY						

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY: BDiv

The four-year Bachelor of Divinity degree offers in-depth training to preachers, pastors, and church leaders for a professional career in Christian ministry. The degree is designed in consultation with churches and takes into account contemporary social issues such as justice, human dignity, violence, and ecology. The training is comprehensive, and students will be thoroughly grounded in disciplinary knowledge in Old and New Testament Studies, Historical and Constructive Theology, Church History, Church Polity, and Ethics. Students will also have the option to study the ancient languages of Greek and Hebrew. Practical ministry skills, such as pastoral care, youth work, preaching, leadership, and evangelism will also be acquired.

Students can also combine their studies in Theology with subjects from the Humanities (Psychology, Philosophy, Communication, Political Governance), Economic and Management Sciences (Management and Entrepreneurship), and Education to expand their career possibilities.

Admission requirements

To be admitted to the bachelor's programme, a student must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate (from 2008), an AP of 28, and a Level 4 (50%) in English Home Language or English First Additional Language. 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

COMPULSORY MODULES						
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS		
Introduction to the Study of Theology	5	TIST1512		8		
Introduction to the Old Testament	5	T0TT1513		12		
Introduction to the History of Christianity	5	THIS1512		8		

COMPULSORY MODULES						
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS		
Introduction to the New Testament	5		TNTT1523	12		
Introduction to Practical and Missional Theology	5		TPMT1522	8		
Introduction to the Christian Faith	5		TSYS1522	8		
TOTAL CREDITS FROM COMPULSORY MODULES						

ELECTIVES 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. It is the responsibility of students to consider the module and venue timetable to avoid timetable clashes. Students are advised to choose the elective modules in accordance with the requirements of their own faith communities and/or career goals.

MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS	
Grammar of Biblical Hebrew	5	HEBR1514		16	
Grammar of Biblical Hebrew Prose	6		HEBR1624	16	
Introduction to New Testament Greek	5	CLGR1514		16	
Continuation of New Testament Greek	5		CLGR1524	16	
TOTAL CREDITS FROM ELECTIVE MODULES					

UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDATIONAL PROVISIONAL MODULES

UFSS1504 and TTCL1510 are compulsory modules for students registering for a first qualification at the UFS. Students who have not obtained a UFS proficiency score of 64% or have not written the NBT, must register for EALH1508.

MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS
Undergraduate Core Curriculum	5	UFSS1504		16
Computer Literacy	5	TTCL1510		6
Academic Language Course in English	5	EAL	32	
TOTAL CREDITS FROM UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDATIONAL PROVISIONAL MODULES				
TOTAL CREDITS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BDIV				

BDiv EXTENDED CURRICULUM PROGRAMME: FIRST YEAR

COMPULSORY MODULES						
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS		
Introduction to the Study of Theology	5	TIST1512		8		
Introduction to the History of Christianity	5	THIS1512		8		
Introduction to Practical and Missional Theology	5		TPMT1522	8		
Introduction to the Christian Faith	5		TSYS1522	8		
TOTAL CREDIT	S FROM COMPULS	ORY MODULES		32		

UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDATIONAL PROVISIONAL MODULES						
MODULE	NQF LEVEL	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	CREDITS		
Computer Literacy	5	TTCL1510		6		
Academic Language Course in English	5	EALH1508		32		
Mathematical Literacy	5	MTDH1508		32		
Skills and Competencies in Lifelong Learning	5	SCLL1508		32		
TOTAL CREDITS FROM UNIVERSITY AND FOUNDATIONAL PROVISIONAL MODULES						
TOTAL CREDITS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BDIVECP						

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 grip 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 insight into the main theological trends of 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?'; and 'How can one formulate the message of the New Testament writings in the most adequate way?

HISTORICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE THEOLOGY Systematic Theology

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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 $20^{\rm th}$ 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 aith 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 Practical Theology

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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 facilitation 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 Enquiries: Prof P Verster: versterp@ufs.ac.za Tel: +27 51 401 2972

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 engage meaningfully with learners in both primary and high schools.

For further enquiries about these departments and programmes, please contact the faculty.

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