

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGION AND THEOLOGY (Structured - 6815)

C.118 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree: **Master of Philosophy in Religion and Theology – MPhil (Religion and Theology)**

A candidate must have obtained an Honours degree with an average mark of 60% to gain entrance to a Masters programme. A candidate with an equivalent qualification, prior learning and other forms of relevant experience may, subject to the discretion of Senate, also be admitted to a Masters programme. Rule A.2.4 is applicable and additional requirements may be determined for specific disciplines.

C.119 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

C.120 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration for the degree shall extend over one year's full time study.

C.121 CURRICULUM

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-Thesis	REL803	
2nd Enrolment Code		90
Masters Mini-Thesis	REL804	
OR		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-Thesis	TST803	
2nd Enrolment Code		90
Masters Mini-Thesis	TST804	
OR		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-Thesis	ETH803	
2nd Enrolment Code		90
Masters Mini-Thesis	ETH804	
	Subtotal	90
Electives (Select 3 Modules)		
Old Testament Studies	TST831	30
Old Testament Exegesis	TST832	30
New Testament Studies	TST833	30
New Testament Exegesis	TST834	30
Biblical Hermeneutics	TST835	30
Historical Christianity	TST836	30
History Of Christianity In Sa	TST837	30
History Of Christian Doctrine	TST838	30
Systematic Theology	TST839	30
Theological Hermeneutics	TST841	30
Homiletics And Liturgics	TST842	30

Pastoral Care And Counseling	TST843	30
Contemporary Christian Theology	TST844	30
Theology And Development	TST845	30
Contextual Christian Spirituality	TST846	30
Ethical Theory	ETH831	30
Theories Of Responsibility	ETH832	30
Virtue Theory	ETH833	30
Public Morality	ETH834	30
Contemporary Issues In Ethics	ETH835	30
Professional Ethics	ETH836	30
Theory Of Religion	REL831	30
Religion And Society	REL832	30
	Sub-Total	90
	Total	180

C.122 ASSESSMENT

C.122.1 Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

C.122.2 A module that carries 30 credits will be evaluated in the form of either an examination of 3 hours or a Research Essay/Research Project of approximately 10 000 words. The Research Project may take the form of a portfolio of research-based work done during duration of the module.

C.122.3 In order to be admitted to the examination in a module, a student must obtain a coursework mark of not less than 50% or may qualify for assessment in accordance with Rule A.5.3.5.

C.122.4 For modules evaluated in the form of an examination, the final mark will consist of the Coursework mark of 50% and an examination mark of 50%.

C.122.5 A student who has failed a module may repeat it once with the special permission of Senate (Rule A5.4.2 (d)).

C.122.6 The mini-thesis, based on the approved research proposal, is evaluated by a supervisor, an internal examiner and an external examiner appointed by Senate on the recommendation of Faculty.

C.122.7 A final mark of at least 50% is required for each of the coursework modules and for the mini-thesis.

C.123 PROGRESS RULES

Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor, if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made during the current year.

C.124 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

C.125 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

- C.125.1** In any of the structured Masters programmes listed above, students may include one elective from any of the postgraduate modules offered in other programmes. Recommendations by the relevant departmental chairpersons are required in such a case.
- C.125.2** Please note that not all modules may be offered in a particular year. Candidates are advised to consult the relevant department for more information in this regard.
- C.125.3** A Masters mini-thesis of approximately 20 000 words (90 credits) is required for all the structured Masters programmes in the Faculty of Arts. This mini-thesis will contribute 50% to the final mark. Please consult the brochure on Procedures for Post-graduate research in the Faculty of Arts for detail on the requirements and procedures that have to be followed in this regard.
- C.125.4** Students may not select a module for a Masters programme if they have already been credited for an Honours module with the same title. In most cases, this implies that a student may not select two modules in the same discipline where the last two digits of the module codes are the same. For example: Students who were credited for Linguistics 732 will not be credited for Linguistics 832 because the course content is of a similar nature.
- C.125.5** The module on Research Methodology (Religion and Theology 811) will no longer be offered as part of the curriculum for the structured Masters programme in Religion and Theology.
- C.125.6** Various institutions in the Cluster of Theological Institutions in the Western Cape offer structured masters courses in religious and theological subjects. An agreement has been reached between the following institutions to allow students registered for a structured masters degree at one of the participating institutions (home institution) to complete certain components of the course at any of the participating institutions (host institutions):
- Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape; Faculty of Theology, University of Stellenbosch and relating departments at the University of Stellenbosch.
 - Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town.
 - Andrews University (Michigan, USA) (Extension Campus, Helderberg College).
- C.125.7** On the basis of this agreement, students registered in the Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape, may follow courses towards a structured master's degree offered by any other participating institution. On successful completion of such courses, the University of the Western Cape will credit students for those modules of the structured MTh/MPhil that were substituted by the courses completed at the other institutions. The following procedure applies:
- C.125.8** Written applications must reach the Faculty Office of the Faculty of Arts at least two weeks before the final date of registration at the University of the Western Cape.
- C.125.9** A student must indicate clearly which module or modules offered by the Department of Religion and Theology at the University of the Western Cape he or she wishes to substitute and which course or courses offered at a specified participating institution he or she wishes to do instead.
- C.125.10** The mini-thesis and the compulsory modules in Research Methodology may not be completed through the exchange programme.

- C.125.11** Students may register at the University of the Western Cape for the specified component of the structured master's programme which is to be substituted by taking part in the exchange programme.
- C.125.12** Students do not need to register or meet the financial obligations for registration and tuition at host institutions. Students will therefore register at the University of the Western Cape only.
- C.125.13** Detail concerning structured courses for master's degrees offered at the University of the Western Cape is available from the Department of Religion and Theology and/or from the participating institutions.
- C.125.14** Applicants taking part in this exchange programme are subject to approval of host institutions.