

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (Structured – 6803)

C.135 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a student shall be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the **Master of Theology Degree – MTh**:

An applicant must have obtained an Honours degree with an average mark of 60% to gain entrance to a Master's programme. An applicant with an equivalent qualification, prior learning, and any other form of relevant experience may, subject to the discretion of Senate, also be admitted to a Master's programme.

Rule A.2.4 is applicable and additional requirements may be determined for specific disciplines.

C.136 SELECTION

Final selection shall be based on an applicant meeting the criteria as determined by the Faculty.

C.137 DURATION

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

C.138 CURRICULUM

Module Name	Module Code	Credits
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Master's Mini-Thesis	TST803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Master's Mini-Thesis	TST804	90
	Sub-total	90
Electives (select three modules)		
Old Testament Studies 831	TST831	30
Old Testament Exegesis 832	TST832	30
New Testament Studies 833	TST833	30
New Testament Exegesis 834	TST834	30
Biblical Hermeneutics 835 (not offered in 2023)	TST835	30
Historical Christianity 836 (not offered in 2023)	TST836	30
History of Christianity in South Africa 837 (not offered in 2023)	TST837	30
History of Christian Doctrine 838	TST838	30
Systematic Theology 839	TST839	30
Theological Hermeneutics 841	TST841	30
Homiletics and Liturgics 842	TST842	30
Pastoral Care and Counselling 843	TST843	30
Contemporary Christian Theology 844	TST844	30
Theology and Development 845	TST845	30
Contextual Christian Spirituality 846	TST846	30
Ethical Theory 831	ETH831	30
Theories of Responsibility 832	ETH832	30

Virtue Theory 833	ETH833	30
Public Morality 834	ETH834	30
Contemporary Issues in Ethics 835	ETH835	30
Professional Ethics 836	ETH836	30
Theory of Religion 831	REL831	30
Religion and Society 832	REL832	30
	Sub-total	90
	FINAL TOTAL	180

C.139 ASSESSMENT

- C.139.1** Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.
- C.139.2** A 30 credit module will be evaluated in the form of either an examination of three (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 the duration of the module.
- C.139.3** In order to be admitted to the final examination in a module, a student must obtain a coursework mark of not less than 50% or may qualify for the final assessment in accordance with Rule A.5.3.5.
- C.139.4** 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.139.5** A student who has failed a module may repeat it once with special permission of Senate (Rule A5.4.2 (d)).
- C.139.6** 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 the Faculty.
- C.139.7** A final mark of at least 50% is required for each of the coursework modules and for the mini-thesis.

C.140 PROGRESSION RULES

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

C.141 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

Renewal of registration shall be governed by Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1 or as provided for in the faculty rules as contained in this Calendar.

C.142 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

- C.142.1** Modules that are compulsory for a specific programme are indicated where applicable.
- C.142.2** In any of the structured Master's programmes listed above, a student 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.142.3** Please note, not all modules may be offered in a particular year. A student is advised to consult the relevant department for more information.
- C.142.4** A Master's mini-thesis of approximately 20 000 words (90 credits) is required for all the structured Master's programmes. This mini-thesis will contribute 50% to the final mark. Please consult the brochure on Procedures for Postgraduate Research in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities for details on the requirements and procedures that have to be followed.
- C.142.5** A student may not select a module for a Master's programme if s/he has 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 (LIN732) will not be credited for Linguistics 832 (LIN832) because the course content is of a similar nature.
- C.142.6** The module on Research Methodology 811 will no longer be offered.
- C.142.7** Various institutions in the Cluster of Theological Institutions in the Western Cape offer structured Master's courses in religious and theological subjects. An agreement has been reached between the following institutions to allow students registered for a structured Master's 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 related departments at the University of Stellenbosch;
 - Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town;
 - Andrews University (Michigan, USA) (Extension Campus, Helderberg College).
- C.142.8** 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 of the above participating institutions. 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.
- C.142.9** The following procedure applies:
- C.142.9.1** Written applications must reach the Faculty Office at least two weeks before the final date of registration at the University of the Western Cape.
- C.142.9.2** A student must clearly indicate which module(s) offered by the Department of Religion and Theology at the University of the Western Cape s/he wishes to substitute and which module(s) offered at a specified participating institution s/he wishes to select instead.
- C.142.9.3** The mini-thesis may not be completed through the exchange programme.
- C.142.9.4** A student 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 participating in the exchange programme.

- C.142.9.5** A student does not need to register or meet the financial obligations for registration and tuition at host institutions. A student will therefore register at the University of the Western Cape only.
- C.142.9.6** 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.142.9.7** A student who participates in this exchange programme requires approval from host institutions.