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THEOLOGY @ NWU: FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

The NWU Potchefstroom Campus, Faculty of Theology's Unit for Open Distance Learning creates the opportunity for theological education for all. If you are a theological student or wish to become a missionary or youth worker or pastor in any of the reformed, evangelical or related traditions, or if you are already practising as a religion professional and want to further your theological education, the Faculty of Theology's Unit for Open Distance Learning offers a variety of academic theological programmes without you having to relocate to a NWU Campus.

This is a unique and creative way, in which you yourself determine the place, time and tempo of your learning; you can give new momentum to your career through professional training. Electronic as well as telephonic support is available, with personal contact facilitation at the open learning centres.

This is unique because

- It allows you to study full-time while you work.
- It gives you the opportunity for vocationally directed training that speeds up your career.
- You can determine your own tempo of learning on the basis of your circumstances.
- It is affordable.
- You will receive study support.



BTH PROGRAMMES

Admission Criteria

The requirement for all BTh qualifications is a Senior Certificate that complies with the minimum statutory matriculation requirements for admission to a bachelor's degree and an APS score of 24 or higher.

Duration

The minimum study period for this qualification is three years of study. The maximum period is six years. In extraordinary cases, students can apply for an extension of the study period.

Availability at Study Centres

The BTh Programmes are available at all Collaboration Institutions, Open Distance Learning Centres.

Cost

Registration Fee:	R 1 360
First Payment on tuition:	R 7 270
Total cost per year:	R 28 745

Registration fee and the first payment on tuition must be made by 28 February.

Note: The above figures represent an approximate amount and is based on 2014 fees. Should you require a quote, email puk-studyfees@nwu.ac.za or phone 018 299 2667/8/9



**METHODS OF
DELIVERY AND
STUDY CENTRES**

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The Faculty of Theology's Unit for Open Distance Learning offers these Theology qualifications through three methods:

Open Distance Learning

Students who due to circumstances cannot enrol at one of the NWU campuses for a contact programme, can enrol for Theology studies through the Unit for Open Distance Learning.

The qualification programme is completed on a correspondence basis with direct contact between the lecturer and the student through the NWU's eFundi platform. Study material is available electronically and/or in hard copy for registered students. Examinations are written at NWU examination centres nationwide.

Open Learning Centres

Students who are not enrolled as contact students at one of the NWU campuses, but who would like to attend contact classes, can sign up for studies at any of the NWU's Open Distance Learning Centres. Contact classes and the evaluation of assignments are handled by NWU-appointed staff at the Open Distance Learning Centres. Study material is available electronically and/or in hard copy for registered students.

All examinations are conducted at the centre itself, with the staff at the Potchefstroom Campus setting all examination papers and assessing all answer sheets, thus ensuring that all students have achieved the same outcomes after having received the same quality education.

Language Medium

Telematic studies as well as studies at Open Distance Learning Centres are available in both Afrikaans and English.

STUDY CENTRES



Open Learning Centres

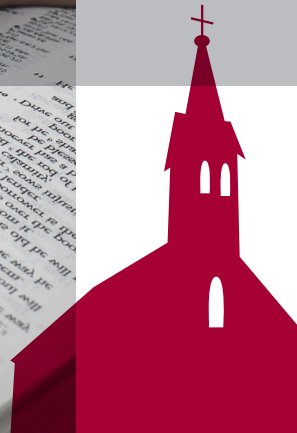
At the time of printing, the following open learning centres have been functional, with quite a number in the process of becoming operational:

Location	Institution
Kalk Bay, South Africa	Bible Institute of SA
Cape Town, South Africa	Church Ministries Institute (CT)
Johannesburg, South Africa	Church Ministries Institute (Gauteng)
King Williamstown, South Africa	Dumisani Theological Institute and Bible School
Muizenberg, South Africa	George Whitefield College
Randburg, South Africa	John Wycliffe Theological College
KwaMahlanga, South Africa	Mukhanyo Bible College
London, United Kingdom	Greenwich School of Theology
Nairobi, Kenya	Nairobi College of Intercultural Studies and Theology
Kampala, Uganda	Reformed Theological College
Akwa, Nigeria	Trinity College of Nigeria
Mozambique (SADC)	Hefsiba Christian Training Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa	Auckland Park Theological Seminary
Polokwane, South Africa	Taberna Dei Academy
Kempton Park, South Africa	Kaleideo Congregation
Centurion, South Africa	AFM of South Africa
Witriver, South Africa	Africa School of Missions
Irene, South Africa	Full Gospel Church of God College
Cullinan, South Africa	Berea Bible School
Parow, South Africa	Cape Town Bible Collage



PROGRAMMES

1. BTH IN BIBLICAL STUDIES
2. BTH IN CHURCH PLANTING
3. BTH IN CHURCH MINISTRY
4. BTH IN THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS
5. BTH
6. HONS BA IN THEOLOGY



1.

BTh in Biblical Studies

This programme provides a basic introduction and overview of Christian Theology and Counselling, focusing on Biblical Studies (Old Testament and New Testament). Successful completion of this programme provides articulation possibilities to Hons BA in Theology.



FIRST SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Greek Language Competence	Dogmatics: From the Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin	Dogmatics: Modern Theologians and their Value for Practical Ministry
Biblical Hebrew Linguistic Skills	Fundamentals of Homiletics	Theory of Intercultural Communication of the Gospel
Introduction to the New Testament: Revelation History and General Canonics	The Relationship between Mission and Theology	General Canonics, Pauline Epistles
Introduction to the Old Testament 1: Origin and Structure	Introduction to Exegesis of the New Testament and its Socio-historical Context	Interpretation of the Writings (Ketubim)
Church History: The Reformation	Introduction to Interpretation of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch	Philosophy: Reality and Knowledge
Introduction to Theology		
Introduction to Academic Literacy		
SECOND SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Academic Literacy	Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology	Dogmatics: Calvin's Institutes
Fundamentals of Church and Dogma History	Mission as an Africa Initiative	Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics
The Synoptic Gospels	Acts, the General Epistles, Hebrews and the Pauline Epistles	The Reformation and Modern Church and Dogma History
Narrative Texts: The Early Prophets	Prophetic Literature	Key Themes of Revelation History, the Johannine Books
Biblical Counselling	Philosophy: History of Philosophy	Old Testament: Special Themes; the Old Testament and Practical Ministry
Total credits: 412		

2.

BTh in Church Planting

This programme provides a basic introduction to and overview of Christian Theology and Ministry with a particular focus on Missiology and Practical Theology. Successful completion of this programme provides articulation possibilities to HONS BA in Theology.



FIRST SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Greek Language Competence	Dogmatics: From the Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin	Early Christian and Mediaeval Churches
Biblical Hebrew Linguistic Skills	Fundamentals of Homiletics	Missionary Apologetics
Introduction to the New Testament: Revelation History and General Canonic	The Relationship between Mission and Theology	Pastoral Cases in Counselling
Introduction to the Old Testament 1: Origin and Structure	Introduction to Exegesis of the New Testament and its Socio-historical Context	Reality and Knowledge
Church History: The Reformation	Introduction to Interpretation of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch	
Introduction to Theology	Setswana: Introductory Grammar and Language Skills	
SECOND SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Academic Literacy	Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology	Dogmatics: Calvin's Institutes
Fundamentals of Church and Dogma History	Mission as an African Initiative	Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics
The Synoptic Gospels	Setswana: Grammar and Language skills	The Reformation and Modern Church and Dogma History
Narrative Texts: The Early Prophets	Acts, the General Epistles, Hebrews and the Pauline Epistles	Prophetic Literature
Biblical Counselling	Philosophy: History of Philosophy	Intercultural Communication of the Gospel
Fundamentals of Ethics		
Total Credits: 420		

3.

BTh in Church Ministry

The programme provides a basic introduction and overview of Christian Theology and Ministry, focused on Practical Theology. Successful completion of this programme provides articulation possibilities to Hons BA in Theology.



FIRST SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Greek Language Competence	Dogmatics: From the Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin	Early Christian and Mediaeval Churches
Biblical Hebrew Linguistic Skills	Fundamentals of Homiletics	Intercultural Communication of the Gospel
Introduction to the New Testament: Revelation History and General Canonics	The Relationship between Mission and Theology	Pastoral Cases in Counselling
Introduction to the Old Testament 1: Origin and Structure	Introduction to Exegesis of the New Testament and its Socio-historical Context	Reality and Knowledge
Church History: The Reformation	Introduction to Interpretation of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch	Biblical Fundamentals of Catechetics
Introduction to Theology		
SECOND SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Introduction to Academic Literacy	Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology	Dogmatics: Calvin's Institutes
Fundamentals of Church and Dogma History	Prophetic Literature	Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics
The Synoptic Gospels	Acts, the General Epistles, Hebrews and the Pauline Epistles	The Reformation and Modern Church and Dogma History
Narrative Texts: The Early Prophets	History and Philosophy	Elements of Liturgics
Bible Counselling		Pastoral Treatment of Stress, Trauma and Inner Healing
Fundamentals of Ethics		
Total credits: 404		

4.

BTh in Theological Foundations

The programme provides an introduction and overview of Christian Theology and Ministry, focusing on Systematic Theology, Ethics and Church and Dogma History. Successful completion of this programme provides articulation possibilities to HONS BA in Theology.



FIRST SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Greek Language Competence	Dogmatics: From the Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin	Dogmatics: Modern Theologians and their Value for Practical Ministry
Biblical Hebrew Linguistic Skills	Human Rights	Contemporary Ethical Themes
Introduction to the New Testament: Revelation History and General Canonic	The Relationship between Mission and Theology	South African Church History
Introduction to the Old Testament 1: Origin and Structure	Introduction to Exegesis of the New Testament and its Socio-historical Context	Introduction to Interpretation of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch
Church History: The Reformation	Early Christian and Mediaeval Churches	Reality and Knowledge
Introduction to Theology		
SECOND SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Introduction to Academic Literacy	Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology	Dogmatics: Calvin's Institutes
Fundamentals of Church and Dogma History	The Reformation and Modern Church and Dogma History	Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics
The Synoptic Gospels	Acts, The General Epistles, Hebrews and the Pauline Epistles	Church History: The Reformation
Narrative Texts: The Early Prophets	History and Philosophy	Prophetic Literature
Biblical Counselling		Mission as an African Initiative
Introduction to Theology Hermeneutics		
Total Credits: 412		

5.

BTh

This programme is only available to students who complete their studies at an Open Distance Learning Centre of the NWU. The programme provides a basic introduction and overview of the Christian Theology and articulation possibilities to the Hons BA in Theology.



FIRST SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Greek Language Competence	Select any 5 of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogmatics: From the Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin • Human Rights • Greek Grammar II and Semantics • Scriptural Fundamentals of Homiletics • Catechetics: Creative Bible Instruction • The Relationship between Mission and Theology • Introduction to Exegesis of the New Testament and its Socio-historical Context • Introduction to Interpretation of the Old Testament and the Pentateuch • Development of Pastoral Skills • Biblical Hebrew Grammar III 	Select any 3 of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Translation and Analysis of Texts • Dogmatics: Modern Theologians and their Value for Practical Ministry • Contemporary Ethical Themes • Missionary Apologetics • General Canonic, Pauline Epistles • Interpretation of the Writings (Ketubim) • Pastoral Cases in Counselling • Biblical Hebrew Language Structure and Textual Study
Biblical Hebrew Linguistic Skills		
Introduction to Academic Literacy		
Introduction to the New Testament: Revelation History and General Canonic		
Introduction to the Old Testament 1: Origin and Structure		
Church History: The Reformation		
SECOND SEMESTER		
Year level 1	Year level 2	Year level 3
Introduction to Academic Literacy	History and Philosophy	Dogmatics: Modern Theologians and their Value for Practical Ministry
Fundamentals of Church and Dogma History	Select any 3 of these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology • Greek Composition • Mission as an African Initiative • Acts, the General Epistles, Hebrews and the Pauline Epistles • Prophetic Literature • Biblical Hebrew Grammar IV and Conceptual Language System 	Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics
The Synoptic Gospels		Church History: The Reformation
Narrative Texts: The Early Prophets		Prophetic Literature
Biblical Counselling		Mission as an African Initiative
Introduction to Theological Hermeneutics		
Total Credits: 412		

HONS BA in THEOLOGY



Admission Criteria

Admission requirement for this programme is a BTh degree with an average of at least 60%. Students who have completed a B degree that includes sufficient theological subjects can apply for B status in Theology, which gives the student access to the programme Hons BA in Theology.



Duration

The minimum duration for fulltime study is one year, and the maximum duration is two years. The minimum duration for part-time study is two years, and the maximum duration is three years.



Availability at Open Distance Learning Centres

The programme Hons BA in Theology is available at all Open Distance Learning Centres.



Cost

Registration Fee: R 1 360
 First Payment on tuition: R 7 270
 Total cost per year: R 32 045

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First semester	Second semester
Compulsory modules	Compulsory modules
Interpretation and Study of the Old Testament, with Special Attention to the Revelation History (Theology) of the Old Testament	Introduction to New Testament Exegesis
Dogmatics: Fundamentals of Dogmatics, Doctrine of Scripture to the Doctrine of Sin, Christology and Eschatology	Mini-dissertation
Research Methodology	
Electives (Select any 2 modules)	Electives (Select one of the following modules)
Dogmatics: Christology to Eschatology	Dogmatics: Calvin's Institutes
General and Specific Counselling	Liturgical Practice
Human Rights	Perspectives on Missiology
General Church and Dogma History	
Total Credits: Min: 136, Max: 144	



Curriculum

The Hons BA is an advanced degree in Christian Theology, which builds on a first degree in Theology / Biblical Studies or an equivalent qualification. Successful completion of the programme provides articulation possibilities to an MA in Theology.

APPLICATION

Applications close in November of the previous year. Application forms are available at the various institutions with which the NWU has a cooperation agreement, at all Open Distance Learning Centres, at any of the NWU campuses and also on the NWU's website.

REGISTRATION

Students whose applications were successful, register annually for the duration of the study through the Unit for Open Distance Learning. The process involves payment of the prescribed registration fee, and completing the registration forms, with the necessary signatures. The registration form must be submitted at the registration section of the Unit for Open Distance Learning, or at the registration office of a Open Distance Learning Centre. A proof of registration will be issued to the student by the Unit for Open Distance Learning.

CALL CENTRE AND CUSTOMER CARE

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and click on Open Distance Learning link.





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Who we are?

The NWU is a unitary multi-campus institution with campuses spread across two provinces. These are the Potchefstroom and Mafikeng campuses in North West province and the Vaal Triangle campus in Gauteng. The Institutional Office (head office) is situated in Potchefstroom in close proximity to the Potchefstroom Campus.

Our vision

The vision of the NWU is to be a “pre-eminent university in Africa, driven by the pursuit of knowledge and innovation”.

THE SPIRIT OF
THE NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY IS REFLECTED IN THE WAY IT UNLOCKS
THE FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND
ENABLES THEM TO MAKE
THEIR **DREAMS COME TRUE**



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The North-West University is celebrating 10 years of excellence

The NWU is the

2nd
largest

university in the country with more than 65 000 enrolled students.

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WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR



Undergraduate pass rate of 88,2%



Formidable teaching staff



140 researchers with a NRF rating



150 community outreach programmes



Multilingualism embedded in our campuses with interpreting services in classrooms