

The NWU, 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, pentecostal or related traditions, or if you are already practising as a religion professional and want to further your theological education, the North-West University's Unit for Open Distance Learning offers you the opportunity without you having to relocate to a NWU Campus.

Method of delivery

This is a unique and creative way, in which you yourself determine the place, time and tempo of your learning. It allows you to study full-time while you work and gives new momentum to your career through professional training. Electronic as well as telephonic support is available, with personal contact facilitation at learning support centres if you desire it.

The qualification programme is completed on a correspondence basis with direct contact between the lecturer and the student through the NWU's eFund platform. Study material is available electronically. Students are responsible to buy prescribed text books. All examination papers are set, assessed and moderated by NWU staff members. Examinations are written at NWU examination centres nationwide. Studies are available in both Afrikaans and English.

Programmes offered

BTh in Christian Ministry

Admission criteria - The requirement for the BTh qualification 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 3 years of study. The maximum period is 6 years. In extraordinary cases, students can apply for an extension of the study period.

Bachelor of Divinity

Admission criteria - Applicants must adhere to the minimum statutory requirements for B-degree studies at a university in SA. English level 4 (50-59%) and an APS score of at least 24.

Duration - The minimum study period for this qualification is 4 years of study. The maximum period is 8 years. In extraordinary cases, students can apply for an extension of the study period.

Further studies - The BDiv degree provides admission to an applicable Masters Degree (provided the final year of the BDiv curriculum was completed with an average of at least 65%).

BTh Hons

Admission criteria - Admission requirement for this programme is a BTh degree with an average of at least 60% in the third year. Students who have completed a B degree that includes sufficient theological subjects can apply for BTh Hons. If a student's B degree does not include theological subjects, he/she can enroll for the B-Status in Theology. After successful completion of the B-Status exam, the student can enroll for BTh Hons.

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

Further studies - The BTh Hons 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 a MTh degree.



Application

Applications close 30 September. A student can also apply in March to start in the second semester. Application forms are available on the NWU's website. <http://jbossprd.nwu.ac.za/aaa-webclient/StudentWebCommand.do?sf=143369&lng=3#/top>

Registration

Students whose applications were successful, register annually through the Unit for Open Distance Learning. The process involves payment of the prescribed registration fee and minimum payable fee, and completing the registration forms, with the necessary signatures. A proof of registration will be issued to the student by the Unit for Open Distance Learning as soon as the student is registered.

Fees

Email PC-Studyfees@nwu.ac.za or phone 018 299 2667 8/9 for a quote of the qualification programme you are interested in.

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