

## INSPIRATIONAL THEOLOGY ON A REFORMATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Faculty of Theology of the North-West University practises the science of theology on a Reformational foundation. This implies recognising that the Word of God, the Bible, originated through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that the Bible is therefore a guiding light and authoritative.

In its practice of theology, the aim of the faculty, within the unique nature of theology, is to serve the church and society, both nationally and internationally, through the enhancement of the Christian faith, the reformation of the church, and the moral renewal of society.

Degree courses are offered on the Mafikeng, Potchefstroom and Vaal Triangle campuses. The faculty's cooperation with the Unit for Open Distance Learning creates the opportunity for theological education for all, without the need to relocate to a NWU campus. This is a unique and creative way, in which you determine the place, time and tempo of your learning.

## NWU – AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED UNIVERSITY

The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the largest and most sought-after universities in the world. Well known for its excellence in teaching-learning and research, the University boasts a student population that is representative of 66 different nationalities. The latter bearing testament to the NWU's global competitive advantage.

Through strategic international collaborations with experts and other institutions of higher learning, the NWU further ensures a global footprint of distinction and quality.

For these reasons, the NWU takes pride in the quality of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record



## ON GOOD AUTHORITY

A message from the acting executive dean, Dr Hennie Goede

The Faculty of Theology of the North-West University has its roots in the Reformational tradition, while acknowledging the diversity of religious views and convictions in our country. Our faculty is based on all three campuses of the NWU, where we offer a variety of undergraduate programmes. Programmes are offered for contact or distance learning. Students are equipped for the ministry, tent-making ministry, pastoral counselling, youth work, missionary work, as evangelist, as Bible archaeologists, journalists, in education (overseas), as authors, and translators and for other careers. On postgraduate level we offer various master's-degrees and doctorates to students across the world in all theological fields of study, as well as in ancient languages and textual studies. Our academic staff deliver excellent research outputs in the form of articles and books, and we engage actively with stakeholders and the communities where we live and work. As management and staff we strive towards excellence in delivering quality service to our students.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Faculty of Theology has the same application requirements for all undergraduate degree programmes.

- National Senior Certificate with admission to B-degree studies
- APS of at least 24
- English Language level passed on performance level 4 (50-59%)

Please refer to this link for detailed information:  
<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/undergraduate-studies/fields-study>

## HOW DO I APPLY?

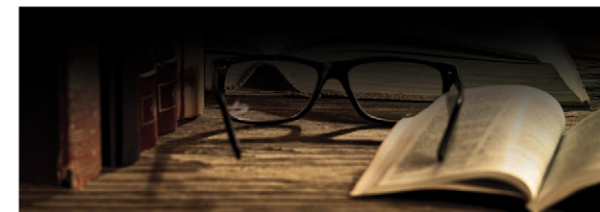
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<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/apply>

## MONEY MATTERS

For a wide range of bursaries and financial support, please contact 018 299 2672 or visit  
<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/financial-support>



Faculty of  
**THEOLOGY**



## THE NUMBERS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES



**Male:**  
584



**Female:**  
298



**Master's degrees:**  
12



**Doctorates:**  
158



**African students:**  
451



**International students:**  
208



**Academic staff:**  
53



**NRF-rated researchers:**  
10



**Total students in faculty:**  
882



■ **Undergrad:** 478  
■ **Postgrad:** 358  
(Occasional students: 46)

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:

shaping your mind towards an in-depth Biblical experience

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

In our undergraduate programmes we are committed to academic excellence, have an innovative approach to the teaching of theology and aim to offer high-quality instruction in all theology subjects. However, we do not merely want to communicate knowledge on theology, but strive to equip students with the necessary theological training and equipment of a high academic standard, to serve the specific denominations.

The faculty offers the following qualifications across its three campuses:

**A Bachelor of Arts in Ancient Languages (BA)** with Translation Studies, with Classical Studies or with Ancient Near Eastern Studies. (Potchefstroom Campus via contact studies)

**A Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Psychology (BA)** is offered on the Mafikeng and Vaal Triangle campuses by means of contact studies.

**A Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv)** over a minimum period of four years, is offered on the Potchefstroom Campus by means of contact or distance learning. This degree equips graduates with an extensive knowledge base, analytical and interpretative skills to guide systematic reflection, critical and valid interpretation and arguing of the theories and established techniques relevant to the different subdisciplines.

**A Bachelor of Theology (BTh)** with Bible and Church Ministry, with Pastoral Counselling and Psychology, or with Bible Languages and Bible Translation over a minimum period of three years is offered on the Potchefstroom Campus by means of contact studies.

**A Bachelor of Theology in Christian Ministry (BTh in Christian Ministry)** is a three-year course offered on the Mafikeng Campus by means of contact and distance learning. Students who obtain a BTh in Christian Ministry are generally able to function effectively in facets of one or more of the following: valid interpretation and application of the Bible, ecclesiastical ministry, pastoral counselling, ethical orientation and establishment of values, community development, and can function in a multicultural and international context.

### SHORT LEARNING COURSES:

- Short Learning Programme on Pastoral Care and Crisis Intervention
- Introduction to Latin for Botany



## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AND RESEARCH

The Faculty of Theology offers three main options for postgraduate studies:

### HONOURS DEGREES

- **BA Honours in:**
  - Theology
  - Ancient Languages
- **BTh Honours**

### MASTER'S DEGREES

- Master of Arts
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Theology

### PHILOSOPHIAE DOCTOR IN:

- PhD with Latin
- PhD in Theology

## RESEARCH

### Research Entity: Ancient Texts: Text, Context, and Reception

This Research Focus Area was established in 2015 by combining the fields of Ancient Languages and Cultures that was previously spread over the Potchefstroom and Vaal Triangle campuses. In the process, researchers investigating the fields of Latin, Greek and Semitic Languages (including Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Akkadian and others) joined forces.

### Unit for Reformational Theology and the Development of the SA Society

The Unit for Reformational Theology and the Development of the South African Society (URT) strives to make a theological-scientific contribution to important debates in South Africa. It offers focus areas in: Bibliological perspectives, Ecclesiological perspectives, Ecumenical perspectives, Missiological perspectives, Moral Development of the Society, Practical-Theological perspectives and Public Practical Theology and Civil Society.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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