

FACULTY FACT SHEET



THIS IS US

Inspirational theology on a reformational foundation

The Faculty of Theology practises the science of theology on a reformational foundation. This foundation recognises that the Word of God – the Bible – originated through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is therefore authoritative and the guiding light for believers.

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 Mahikeng, Potchefstroom, and Vanderbijlpark campuses in ministry and pastoral counselling, as well as ancient languages and cultures. The faculty's distance qualifications create the opportunity for theological education for all, without the need to relocate to an NWU campus. In this way, our students determine the place, time, and pace of their learning.



ON GOOD AUTHORITY



A message from the executive dean, Dr Hennie Goede

The Faculty of Theology has its roots in the Reformational tradition, while acknowledging the diversity of religious views and convictions in our country. Our faculty is located on all three NWU campuses, where we offer a variety of undergraduate qualifications in the contact and distance modalities.

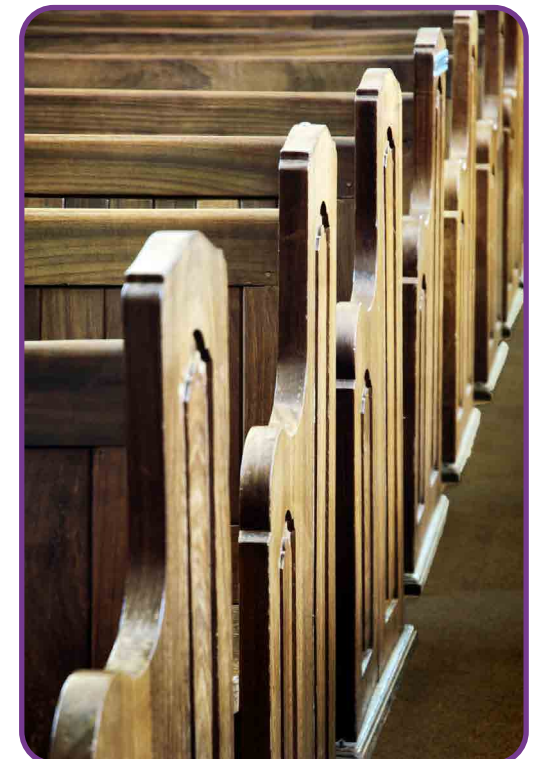
Students are equipped for the ministry, pastoral counselling, youth work, missionary work, as evangelists, Biblical archaeologists, journalists, educationists (overseas), authors, translators, and for other careers. On postgraduate level, we offer various master's and doctoral degrees to students around the world in all theological fields of study, including 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 for excellence in delivering quality service to our students.

NWU – an internationally renowned university

The NWU proudly represents the African continent on the global stage as one of the largest and most respected universities in the world. Known for its excellence in teaching-learning and research, the university's student population is representative of 65 different nationalities, bearing testament to its 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. Consequently, the NWU takes great pride in the worth of its comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as its proven research track record.



Our faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 3 April 2023)



Undergraduate students:
544



Postgraduate students:
110



International students:
34



Academic staff:
91



Support staff:
15



NRF-rated researchers:
18

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROGRAMMES



Shaping your mind for an in-depth Biblical experience

Undergraduate qualifications

In our undergraduate qualifications, 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 impart knowledge on theology but strive to equip students with theological training of a high academic standard to serve our stakeholder denominations, as well as members of independent churches.

RESEARCH

Focus Area Ancient Texts: Text, Context and Reception

In this research entity, researchers investigate Latin, Greek and Semitic languages (including Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Akkadian, Arabic and others).

Unit for Reformational Theology and the Development of the SA Society

This research unit 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.

APPLICATIONS

Admission requirements

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

- National Senior Certificate with admission to B degree studies
 - APS of at least 24
 - English passed on performance level 4 (50-59%)
- Please refer to our [website](#) for detailed information.

How do I apply?

Please refer to our [website](#) for online application.

Money matters

For a wide range of bursaries and financial support, please contact 018 299 2672 or visit our [website](#).

We want to hear from you

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