



Faculty of Theology

FACULTY FACT SHEET



ON GOOD AUTHORITY



A message from the executive dean, Prof. Risimati Hobyane

Although the Faculty of Theology has its roots in the reformed tradition and recognises the authority of the Bible, we acknowledge the diversity of theological and religious views and convictions in our country and elsewhere. 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 church ministry, pastoral counselling, youth work, missionary work, as evangelists, Biblical archaeologists, journalists, educationists, 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, as well as ancient languages, cultures and text studies.

Our academic staff deliver excellent research outputs in the form of articles and books, and we engage actively with stakeholders and the communities in which we live and work. As management and staff, we strive for excellence in our teaching and learning, research and innovation and community engagement.

THIS IS US

Impactful theology through proven expertise

We strive to be a faculty of theology in Africa that impacts community needs through our expertise in diverse theological traditions and ancient languages and cultures expressed in our teaching and learning, research and innovation, higher-degree supervision and community engagement.

The Mahikeng, Potchefstroom, and Vanderbijlpark campuses offer degree courses in ministry and pastoral counselling, as well as ancient languages and cultures. The distance qualifications of the faculty 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.

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 student population of the university 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 1 April 2026)



Undergraduate students:
389



Postgraduate students:
167



International students:
38



NRF-rated researchers:
15



Academic staff:
105



Support staff:
11



QUALIFICATIONS AND PROGRAMMES

Shaping your mind through in-depth knowledge and skills

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 holistically to serve our stakeholders, as well as members of independent churches.

[Click here to see which undergraduate programmes we offer](#)

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[Click here for our M and PhD programmes](#)



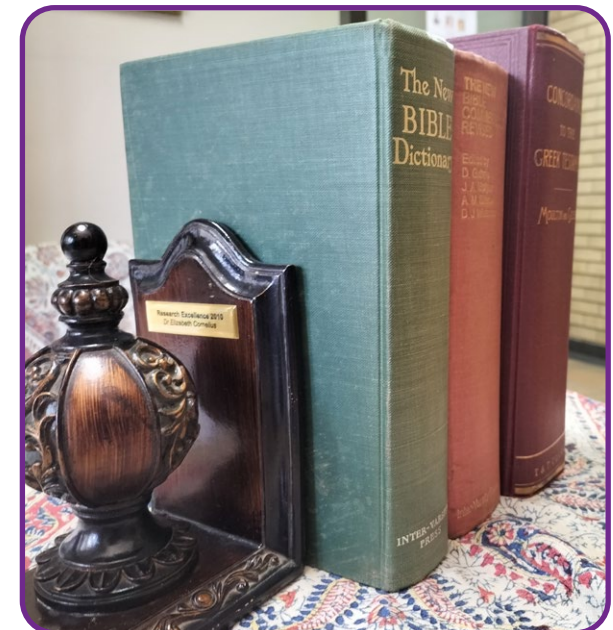
RESEARCH

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 society, practical theological perspectives and public practical theology and civil society.





APPLICATIONS

Admission requirements

The Faculty of Theology has different admission requirements for different undergraduate qualifications.

- National Senior Certificate with admission to B degree studies
- APS of at least 24 (26 in the case of BA in Pastoral Psychology)
- English passed on performance level 4 (50-59%)

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How do I apply?

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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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