

5. MPhil Programmes

5.1 MPhil in Religion and Culture preceded by PGDip (Theology)

5.1.1 Postgraduate Diploma (Theology) (445100)

- *Religion and Culture focus*
 - If you want to specialise in Religion and Culture, you register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology. For your research assignment you should research a theme that relates to Religion and Culture.
- See Postgraduate Diploma in Theology under Postgraduate Diplomas.

5.1.2 MPhil in Religion and Culture (11646:889)

Presentation

- The programme is presented by the discipline of Practical Theology and Missiology of the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin.
- Mode of teaching: class work, lectures, prescribed work.
- Medium of instruction: English.

Specific Admission Requirements

- See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.
- If you hold only a three-year B-degree qualification, you must first complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) and pass with an average of at least 65%, to enrol for the MPhil; or
- If you hold a four-year qualification that is not equivalent to a Honours degree in Theology, this Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) serves as a bridging qualification; but
- If you do hold an appropriate four-year qualification in Theology you can enrol directly for the MPhil without having to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) first, or
- Because the degree is presented in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, a three- or four-year degree from that university or an equivalent qualification from the abovementioned university that complies with the admission requirements will also be accepted.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding your studies.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding your studies.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is at least one year.

Assessment and Examination

To successfully complete this programme, you must do a number of assignments and take tests or examinations orally or in writing. You must also submit a thesis on a relevant research topic.

Programme Structure

The MPhil in Religion and Culture is presented at NQF level 9 and consists of four lectured modules to the value of 80 credits, as well as a thesis to the value of 100 credits that has to be completed on a theme related to Religion and Culture.

Programme Content

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module (credits = 100)

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| Thesis: Religion and Culture | 812(100) |
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Elective Modules (credits = 80)

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

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| Anthropology and Human Identity | 812(20) Religious Studies; OR Religion and Gender |
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plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

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| Forms and Contexts of Religious Discourse | 812(20) Religion and Media; OR Religion and Symbol/Rite; OR Religion within Historical Contexts (Christianity/Islam/Judaism) |
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plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

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| Religion and Contemporary Society | 812(20) Religion, Ecumenics and Interculturality; OR Religion and Economy; OR Religion, Public Theology and Politics |
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plus

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

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| Religion, Spirituality and Life Issues | 812(20) Religion and Reconciliation; OR Religion and the Healing of Life (cura vitae) |
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