



PhD Biblical and Religious Studies Religion Studies

Programme code

06265039

The programme line that starts with the BTh (previously BA [(Theology)]) and continues via the BThHons or previously BAHons (Theology) and MTh or previously MA(Theology), or the programme line that starts with the BDiv (previously the four year BTh) and continues with the one year MDiv or the MTh, is concluded with the PhD. The outcome of a PhD is highly specialised, research-based knowledge and expertise.

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Minimum duration

2 years, full-time



Admission requirements

Relevant master's degree At least 65% for the research component at master's level Students who obtained 63% to 64% may be considered for PhD Preparatory studies English language proficiency as determined by a proficiency test An admissions examination may be required

Note: The MDiv qualification or a qualification not directly correlated to Theology may be considered for admission to a preparatory year.