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# **GREENWICH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

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**NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY**

**(Potchefstroom Campus)**

**South Africa**

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# GREENWICH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greenwich School of Theology was founded in 1958 as an independent, non-denominational Theological College. It has its own Directors, Academic Board, External Examiners, Examiners and Tutors. Since 1998, GST has offered accredited degrees in co-operation with North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) SA, a government funded university founded in the Nineteenth Century and a member of the Commonwealth Association. The School of Theology offers distance learning opportunities in Religious Studies and Theology from a Christian perspective leading to:

## BA (Honours) MA/MTh PhD

Each student is supervised and supported by an individually appointed Tutor from GST and one from NWU. Each student is expected to work continuously and closely with the two appointed tutors, using e-mail where possible. These tutors have specific titles:

- for **Bachelors** courses they are **Study-leaders**;
- for **Masters** courses they are **Supervisors**; and
- for **Doctoral** courses they are **Promoters**.

## RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION IN THE UK

At their meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1997, the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council granted accreditation to the Greenwich School of Theology.

The Chief Executive of the Council, Dr David Morley, welcomed the addition of the School to the colleges accredited by ODLQC. He went on to write of Greenwich:

*Its non-denominational, non-sectarian approach to theology is most refreshing, whilst the provision of degrees by distance learning, not just at Bachelors level but at Masters and Doctoral levels as well, is very unusual, and gives the School an important and distinctive role that is not covered by any other accredited college.*

The following paragraph is recommended by the Accreditation Committee for inclusion in the prospectuses of all its accredited colleges:

*Accreditation includes a rigorous assessment, by independent experts, of a college's administration, tutorial support, educational materials and publicity, to ensure that they meet the standards set by the Council. Accredited colleges are monitored by the Council to ensure that students continue to receive good service and are assessed for re-accreditation at intervals of not more than five years.*

# **GST BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

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# AWARDS

Greenwich School of Theology offers the following post graduate degree courses, all accredited by and conferred by North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) South Africa.

## Programme

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours) 2 - 4 years**

**Master of Arts/Master of Theology: 1 - 3 years**

**Doctor of Philosophy: 2 - 4 years**

## REGISTRATION:

### How and When to Apply

Applications may be received by GST at any time during the year, **though please note that registration with NWU will be completed by GST in November of each year for the following January.** A candidate for admission to a degree programme of the School should first read the prospectus, especially the description of the courses available and the entry requirements.

### Tutors

An accredited Tutor will normally be appointed by the GST Liaison Administrators and will work at a distance with the individual student. However, some students may wish to nominate a suitably qualified Tutor in their home area, subject to this appointment being applied for and approved by the University. After submission of the Research Proposal to NWU, each student preparing for a Masters or Doctoral submission will also be supported by a professor of the Faculty of Theology, NWU. The use of E-mail with the 'attachment' facility and Skype enables students and tutors to keep in close contact. All mail communications are 'copied' to Central Office.

### Maximum Period of Registration

The normal period allowed for completion of each degree course from the time of formal registration at NWU is shown in the box above, with an option to extend that for a further two years, each year to be applied for separately. Any student needing an extension must submit a request to the GST Liaison Administrators with details of the re-arranged programme of study and must pay the appropriate extension fee.

## Academic Probation and Disqualification

The Liaison Administrators request that periodic reports on student progress are provided by all tutors. A student whose work proves to be unsatisfactory will be required to revise and re-submit the work, or to consider withdrawing from the study programme.

All work accepted for the degree must first be approved by the student's tutor(s), who will demand the highest possible quality in the work before it is deemed as worthy of submission for examination.

## Degree Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

**This is a post graduate degree.** To access this programme a candidate must already possess a recognised degree or diploma in theology or a related subject. For access to the degree programme any existing qualification in Theology will be considered by the NWU Director of Research. For the **BA Honours (Theology)** course, the School does not supply study notes but will provide suggested reading lists on request. This ensures that students study the recommended texts.

## Graduation

It is the normal policy of the School for all graduating students to attend a biennial Convocation Ceremony in London to receive their degree in person from the Vice-Chancellor of North-West University or his deputy. Where this is not possible, the student must advise the GST Liaison Administrators that he/she will be unable to attend a ceremony either in the UK or at NWU, South Africa and consequently request that the degree be conferred *in absentia*. This is only granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Dean GST.

## Academic Dress

Details of the Academic Dress of North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) for the purpose of graduation ceremonies are available from the School Secretary, Dr Stuart Sime ([exec@gschooltheol.com](mailto:exec@gschooltheol.com)).

## Fees and Tuition

Details of fees, tuition payments and payment plans are available on a separate information sheet. The School attempts to keep the fees at a reasonable level but reserves the right to increase fees as is necessary without prior notice being given. Fees are payable directly to the Finance Officer, Revd Dr Robert Winston ([finance@gschooltheol.com](mailto:finance@gschooltheol.com)) and remittances should be made payable only to **Greenwich School of Theology**.

## **BA (Honours) Theology - T622P (128 credits)**

### **Compulsory Modules: (Total 80credits)**

*Old Testament [16credits], New Testament [16 credits], Mini-dissertation [48 credits]*

### **Elective modules [Choose any SIX] 8 credits each:**

*Dogmatics, Ethics & Social Action, Sermon Preparation & Preaching, Semitic Languages, Religious & Christian Education, Church History & Dogma, Church Administration, Worship & Liturgy, Mission & Evangelism, Pastoral Studies & Counselling, New Testament (Greek required) Old Testament (Hebrew required)*

## **MA (Research) Theology - a total of 128 credits:**

A **dissertation** of not less than 30,000 words on a religious/theological area of the student's choice from the options below (the dissertation must be preceded by an approved Research Proposal):

*Dogmatics; Ethics; Greek; Homiletics; Catechetics; Church and Dogma History; Church Polity; Liturgics; Missiology; New Testament; Old Testament; Pastoral Studies; Semitic Languages.*

## **MTh ( Modules with mini-dissertation) - a total of 128 credits:**

Students must be in possession of an MDiv or equivalent qualification. Admission to this degree programme is handled by the Director of Research at the NWU Faculty of Theology and is based on previous assignments and/or research results. Specific requirements for optional modules:

- For Pastorate as a major subject in Practical Theology: satisfactory knowledge of Psychology (especially modern trends).
- Catechetics as a major subject in Practical Theology: satisfactory knowledge of Child Psychology and the principles of Education.
- New Testament: Greek & Biblical Hebrew
- Old Testament: Biblical Hebrew and other Semitic Language.

## PhD Theology - a total of 256 credits:

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is gained through the successful completion of a **thesis** of 65,000 to 80,000 words and is open to those graduates who have gained a research Master's degree in Theology (or related subject) that is accredited in the internationally acknowledged sense of the word. Students with a Master's degree in Divinity (MDiv) may not automatically meet the entry requirements for this degree programme but can gain access to the course by first completing a one year degree programme leading to the award of MTh (see page 9).

The **PhD thesis** will embody independent research work of distinction and will be deemed by the External Examiner(s) and the Director of Research at the University to be worthy of publication. Applicants should first submit a Research Proposal to the promoters prepared in accordance with NWU guidelines provided specifically for this purpose.

### General Degree Regulations

- A Research Proposal completed to meet the University's regulations must be submitted first to the GST Tutor and then to the NWU co-Tutor. With the approval of both tutors the RP will be examined by the NWU Faculty of Theology. The student and the Tutor will receive a detailed report on the feasibility of the RP. If modifications are required, these must be completed promptly and the RP re-submitted for full approval by the University's Committee for Advanced Degrees (CAD).
- All degree submissions will be examined by at least one Examiner appointed by GST; submissions are also examined by an Examiner from the Faculty of Theology of the University and at least one External Examiner appointed by NWU. The criteria for assessment are provided to students in a separate document.
- Students are required to employ the **Harvard System of Citation**. A guide to the use of this is made available.
- A candidate may **pass**, **fail**, or be **referred** at the end of any course. In cases of referral, the NWU faculty, together with the Examiner(s), will recommend to the student via his/her tutor the remedial steps to be taken.

- **All** students are required to contact the tutor at the outset of the course and thereafter to submit work as it develops and at regular intervals. No student may submit work for examination that has not been assessed and approved by both tutors. (Students need to be aware that should they experience difficulty in their relationship with the appointed tutor, they may contact either the GST Dean or Liaison Administrator, who will attempt to mediate a satisfactory resolution. An appeals system is also available at NWU.)
- **All** modules for the BA (Hons) course must be submitted to the tutor at regular intervals to be assessed. The tutor will submit the module with his/her recommended mark and written comments to the GST Examiner. The modules will be returned to the tutor with the assessment of the Examiner. The student will receive a report on his/her work and the final grading. Preparation of the mini-dissertation must be preceded by the submission of a Research Proposal, which needs to be approved by the GST examiner. A Guide is provided for this purpose.

**A Research Proposal is required for all mini-dissertations, dissertations and theses. The Guidelines for these are supplied to students on registration.**

**The library at NWU is able to carry out a literature search for any student fully registered with the University: the student number is required for the purposes of identification and will be available from NWU after the registration process is completed.**

**In modified essay form the RP becomes CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTON of the mini-dissertation/dissertation/thesis. The references used in the original RP submission must be integrated into the full bibliography.**

## Specific Regulations concerning Theses, Dissertations and Examinations

### For the purpose of these regulations:

... *a thesis for a doctoral degree is defined as a piece of written research embodying 65,000 to 80,000 words and which forms a distinct contribution to knowledge and professional skills and affords evidence of originality.*

... *a (mini-) dissertation and a module are ordered and critical expositions of existing knowledge.*

**A thesis or (mini-) dissertation must not have been submitted in substantially the same form for the award of a higher degree or qualification from another University or College. Before submission, each student is required to sign the 'Solemn Declaration' document to confirm this.**

- A mini-dissertation for the degree of **BA (Hons)** should not normally exceed 12,000 words.
- A dissertation for the degree of **MA** should not normally exceed 40,000 words.
- A thesis for the degree of **PhD** should not normally exceed 80,000 words.
- Sections of a thesis/dissertation that have been published or submitted for a higher degree or qualification elsewhere must be clearly indicated as such.

There are two submission dates in any year for **Bachelors, Masters** and **Doctoral** degrees:

**May** (results due out in September) and  
**November** (results due out in February).

However, to enable the required language editing prior to submission for examination, Masters and Doctoral students need to submit by

**31 March** (results out by the end of August) or  
**30 September** (results by the following February).

- **ONE electronic** copy of each completed mini-dissertation for **BA (Honours)** must be submitted to the Liaison Administrator for examination purposes.
- **Masters and Doctoral students must submit ONE** electronic copy of the dissertation/thesis to the GST /NWU Liaison Administrators. This enables the Faculty of Theology to produce **FOUR unbound** versions for examination purposes.
- Once the degree has been awarded, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) requires **SEVEN bound copies** and GST requires **ONE bound copy**. These are printed and bound at NWU.

**BA Honours students** are required to provide **ONE bound copy** to GST.

## **Format for the Presentation of Theses and (mini-) Dissertations**

Students are expected to make arrangements for the printing & binding of personal copies using the specifications provided below.

### **Binding**

The binding must be of a fixed kind in which the leaves are permanently secured. The boards must be sufficiently rigid to support the weight of the work when the book is standing on a shelf. The covering must be in the standard form of black waterproof buckram cloth except in the case of Doctoral degrees, which must be bound in scarlet.

### **Cover Title**

The outside front cover must bear the following: a full title and sub-titles (if any) of the work at the top in at least 18pt (5mm) gold lettering; the initials and surname of the candidate; the qualification in brackets for which the thesis is submitted and the year of submission. The lettering must read from top to bottom, i.e. so as to be readable when the volume is lying flat with the front cover uppermost. If the work consists of more than one volume, the spine and front cover must also bear the number of each volume. The title and candidate name may also be suitably arranged on the spine of the bound work.

### **Type**

Theses and dissertations must be presented in electronic form. White paper of A4 size must be used, which must be of good quality and of sufficient opacity for normal reading and printed on one side of the paper only.

### **Lay-out**

- **Margins** at the binding (left hand side) edge must be not less than 40mm, and other margins not less than 20mm.
- **Line spacing** should be 1.5 (except for indented quotations, where single spacing must be used).
- **Font sizes** vary but 12 is a good standard size to use.
- **Paragraphs** must be blocked and separated by double spacing.
- No **section** must be started within the last 5 lines of any page.
- **Footnotes** may be used only with the permission of the tutor

### **Pagination**

Pages must be numbered centrally at the foot of each page throughout the thesis including photographs and/or diagrams where possible.

## Title Page

The title page must give precise information. The title must not be capitalized; it must replicate the exact style as provided on the Registration of Title document from NWU.

## Chapters

Chapters should each start on a fresh page. Chapter headings should be placed to the left of the page; chapters and subsections of chapters should be numbered to correspond with those designated in the Research Proposal. Numbering should be numerical up to tertiary headings only, not alphabetical; hence 1.1 (please note the use of **boldening** for the chapter number only).

## Abbreviations

Where abbreviations are used a key should be provided. As a general rule, however, abbreviations should be avoided where possible.

## Drawings, Maps, etc

Wherever practicable, such illustrative matter must have a binding margin of at least 40mm and, if possible, be bound in the thesis near the appropriate text. Material that cannot be conveniently bound in the work must be included in a pocket inside the back cover or presented in such a way as may be determined by the NWU tutor.

## Consistency

Whatever style is used, for instance for writing numbers (ie words or digits), for layout etc, it is important to be consistent throughout the work.

## Bibliography

Specific regulations **must** be followed in the presentation of this aspect of the thesis. A separate document provides details of these.

## Language Read

It is now stipulated by the NWU that all essays, monographs, mini-dissertations, dissertations and theses be subject to a full language read (ie proofread) **prior** to final submission. This facility is arranged through the GST Central Office for a fee of £3.00 per thousand words or part thereof, which is based on the presented draft, NOT the final copy. Students are reminded, therefore, of the requirement to delimit the focus of their study as detailed in the compilation document.

As soon as you are registered as a student of GST/NWU, you will have access to our library on our webpage. Please use your **Surname** (as username) and **Student number** (as password) when required.

You will be able to gain access to our webpage at:

<http://www.nwu.ac.za/library/index.html>



A hard copy of the North West University Publication  
*“Quoting Sources”* is available from GST Central Office at  
the cost of £5.00 (Sterling) or the equivalent.

## **GST MISSION STATEMENT**

**Greenwich School of Theology is committed to the academic study of theological and religious subjects. Students from all backgrounds, who are prepared to adopt a broad scholarly and critical approach, are welcome.**

**The vision of the School is to enable, equip and empower all those whose aspirations are focused on extending their theological education to do so, irrespective of circumstances that might otherwise hinder their progress.**

## **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

Faculty of Theology North-West University POTCHEFSTROOM South Africa

The Faculty of Theology practises Theology on Reformed basis, and holds a view of unity between faith and science. Theology and Church has a close affiliation, from the perspective of the Kingdom of God. The Faculty does not underwrite the viewpoints of a single church denomination. The Faculty is research driven, where excellence in research and teaching/learning is mutually supportive. Students, who want to qualify themselves professionally in Theology, are equipped - specifically for ministry to and in churches.

**The Directors wish to make it clear that Greenwich School of Theology has no connection with the University of Greenwich in England.**

**All references to "the University" are to North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus), South Africa.**

Greenwich School of Theology is:

a Member of the Association of Centres of Adult Theological Education; an Associate of the Professional Council for Religious Education; a Registered Charity in the UK – N° 1097904

The former Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education was - and, after its merger with the University of the North West, the new North-West University (NWU) is - a public university in terms of the South African Higher Education Act (1997). The NWU is a full member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and its programmes are recognised and accredited internationally. The ACU website at [www.acu.ac.uk](http://www.acu.ac.uk) may be helpful to anyone interested in the NWU.

***This Prospectus has been revised in accordance with the Trading Standards required by the Education Reform Act of 1988 (Sections 214-216)***

*The School reserves the right to make changes in fees, course programmes, and all administrative structures described in this Prospectus and elsewhere without prior notice being given. This Prospectus does not form any part of any contract between the School and any student.*

## The Application/Registration Process

### First...

On enquiry to the GST Liaison Administrator SA, Ms Tienie Buys (see contact details below), all applicants receive the following:

- An Initial Enquiry Form (IEF)
- The current prospectus
- The appropriate fee document
- The GST History
- NWU/GST Accreditation document

To proceed with the application the completed IEF **with transcript copies** need to be returned to Tienie Buys [admin@gschooltheol.com](mailto:admin@gschooltheol.com)

### Then...

The information provided in the IEF will determine the degree programme that can be offered and will 'trigger-off' the next part of the process. The following documents will be made available to the applicant:

- The NWU full Application Form
- The appropriate Course Code Form
- Methods of payment document

**Students are reminded that they need to produce essential documents with the completed application form, as specified in instructions:**

- Transcripts of existing academic qualifications
- ID
- The Registration Fee of £200 (see fee document for details).

### Finally...

The application documents will be processed at NWU and the applicant will be informed when the application is accepted. Registration is confirmed with a student number. It is at this stage that the registered student receives from the GST Central Office the NWU guidance documents with details of the appointed tutors and other essential documentation.

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