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(Potchefstroom Campus) South Africa

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RECOGNITION & ACCREDITATION IN THE UK

Greenwich School of Theology is renowned for providing first-class degrees in theology (Doctoral and Masters' degrees) through the North-West University in RSA, an accredited institution. We provide for a range of requirements, whether you are wishing to advance academically or studying to better prepare for ministry or missionary endeavours. We are very proud of the high standard of the theology degree programmes and also of the level of support we strive to offer individual students throughout their time with us: these are distinctive in terms of distance-learning academia.

- As a non-profit organisation, founded in 1958, we continue to offer students from all backgrounds access to excellence in the academic study of theological and religious subjects.
- In 1997, a partnership was formalised between the North-West University in South Africa and the Greenwich School of Theology, UK. This enabled GST to provide research theology degrees at a distance to applicants from across the globe, with NWU as the conferring body, providing regulation, scholarly support and accreditation. GST tutors are experienced academics, formally approved by NWU to provide our community of students and researchers with personalised attention and effective support during their studies.
- The NWU is one of the leading universities in South Africa, founded in 1869, merged in 2004 and one of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) that are internationally assessed and recognized.

Following one of its biennial inspections of GST, the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council UK (ODLQC) welcomed GST's "important and distinctive role, which is not covered by any other accredited college". We are honoured by this valued testimonial of our good work as providers of theological education at a distance.



DEGREE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Greenwich School of Theology, in co-operation with North West University (Potchefstroom Campus) South Africa, offers distance learning opportunities in Theology and Religious Studies from a Christian perspective leading to:

MTh – MASTER’S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY (DISSERTATION): 1 – 3 years

MTH - MASTER’S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY (MINI-DISSERTATION): 1 – 2 years

MASTER OF ARTS IN ANCIENT LANGUAGES: 1 – 3 years

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: 2 – 4 years

Master’s degree in Theology (Dissertation)

180 credits

This **Master’s Degree in Theology** is a research degree. Access to this degree programme requires a BA (Hons) in **Theology/Religious Education** or an equivalent theology/religious education qualification, for which grades have been achieved of 60% or above. Success in gaining this degree provides direct access to the Doctoral degree programme.

A dissertation of not less than **35 000 words** on a religious/theological research area of the student’s choice from the following options: **Apologetics; Catechetics; Church and Dogma History; Church Polity; Dogmatics; Ethics; Homiletics; Liturgics; Missiology; New Testament; Old Testament; Pastoral Studies.**

The dissertation must be preceded by an approved Research Proposal.



Master's degree in Theology (Mini-dissertation)

100 credits

Students must be in possession of a modular MDiv or equivalent theology/religious education qualification, for which grades have been achieved of 65% or above. Admission to this degree programme is at the discretion of the Director of Research at the NWU Faculty of Theology and is based on previous assignments and/or research results. Success in gaining this degree provides direct access to the Doctoral degree programme.

A mini-dissertation of not less than **12 000 words** on a religious/theological research area of the student's choice from the following options: **Apologetics; Catechetics; Church and Dogma History; Church Polity; Dogmatics; Ethics; Homiletics; Liturgics; Missiology; New Testament; Old Testament; Pastoral Studies.**

The mini-dissertation must be preceded by an approved Research Proposal.

Master of Arts in Ancient Languages

180 credits


A dissertation of not less than **35 000 words** on a research area of the student's choice from the following options: **Greek; Latin; Semitic Languages. Success in gaining this degree provides direct access to the Doctoral degree programme**

The dissertation must be preceded by an approved Research Proposal.

Doctoral degree in Theology (PhD)

360 credits

The **Doctoral degree in Theology** is achieved through the successful completion of a thesis of **65,000 to 80,000 words** on a religious/theological research area of the student's choice from the following options: **Apologetics; Dogmatics; Ethics; Greek; Homiletics; Catechetics; Church and Dogma History, Church Polity, Liturgics, Missiology, New Testament, Old Testament, Pastoral Studies, Semitic Languages.**



This programme 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 and for which grades have been achieved of 65% or above.

The thesis for the **Doctoral degree in Theology** will embody independent research work of distinction, and successful graduates will be expected to publish at least one article derived from the thesis.

A **Research Proposal** should first be submitted to the promoters, prepared in accordance with NWU guidelines provided specifically for this purpose.

FEES & TUITION

WE OFFER REASONABLY PRICED DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITH FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLANS TO STUDENTS GLOBALLY

GST provides the following post-graduate degree programmes, each requires a registration fee of £260 and a re-registration fee of £100 for each subsequent year (non-refundable):

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| • Master's degree in Theology (Dissertation) | £4,000 |
| • Master's degree in Theology (Mini-dissertation) | £3,000 |
| • Master of Art in Ancient Languages | £4,000 |
| • Doctoral Theology Degree | £5,000 |



REGULATIONS CONCERNING THESES/DISSERTATION AND EXAMINATION

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** is an ordered and critical exposition 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 dissertation for the MTh programme should not normally exceed 40,000 words.
- A mini-dissertation for the MTh programme should not normally exceed 12,000 words.
- A thesis for the PhD programme should not normally exceed 80,000 words.
- Selections of a thesis/dissertation that have been published or submitted for a higher degree or qualification elsewhere must be clearly indicated as such.

REGULATIONS

- A Research Proposal (RP) is required for all mini-dissertations, dissertations and theses. The Guidelines for these are supplied to students on registration.
- The Research Proposal (RP), completed to meet the University's regulations, must be submitted to the GST Tutor and 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 tutors 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 NWU Committee for Advanced Degrees (CAD).

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- In modified 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.
 - All degree submissions are examined by one internal examiner appointed by either GST or NWU and by two external examiners appointed by NWU. The criteria for assessment are provided in a separate document.
 - Students are required to employ the Harvard System of Citation. A guide (NWU Referencing Guide) is made available in hard copy as part of the guidance package.
 - Masters and Doctoral degree submissions are required by **April** (results due out in August) and **October** (results due out in February). However, to enable the required language editing to be completed prior to submission for examination, Masters and Doctoral students need to submit one month before the date of submission: **March** and **September**.
 - Masters and Doctoral students must submit TWO electronic copies (one pdf and one Word document) of the dissertation/thesis to the GST/NWU Liaison Administrators. This enables the Faculty of Theology to produce unbound versions, if required for examination purposes.
 - A candidate may pass, fail, or be referred at the end of the examination process; 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 undertaken.
 - Once the degree has been awarded, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) and GST will require SIX bound copies which includes TWO personal copies for the student. These are printed and bound at NWU. The student will be charged for all the binding costs at the end of the degree programme.



ACCESS TO LIBRARY

As a registered student of GST/NWU you have access to the Library of the North-West University.

- Access to databases
- Electronic books
- Journal articles
- Interlibrary loans
- Research support

You can find the Library webpage at www.nwu.ac.za/library

For access to databases you will be prompted for:

Username: **Surname**

Password: **Student number**

The subject-specific services and databases for Theology can be found at the LibGuide for Theology: <http://libguides.nwu.ac.za/theology-potch>

The librarians at NWU are able to carry out literature searches 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.

Please contact the librarian, Hester Lombard, should you need research assistance, or if you **cannot** get access to the databases: Hester.Lombard@nwu.ac.za



APPLICATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Applications may be received by GST at any time during the year. Registration with NWU is managed by the GST Liaison Administrators and completion of the process is marked by the issue of a Certificate of Registration Form. Please note that re-registration with NWU is required for each subsequent year of the degree programme. The NWU academic year runs from January to December. 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

GST Tutors are accredited by NWU and appointed by the GST Liaison Administrators to work at a distance with the individual student. In addition, each student preparing for a Masters or Doctoral submission will be tutored throughout the degree programme by a professor of the Faculty of Theology, NWU. The use of E-mail with the 'attachment' function and Skype enables students and tutors to maintain close contact.

All students are required to contact their tutors at the outset of the course and thereafter to agree a Work-plan and to submit work as it develops 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 the Liaison Administrators, who will attempt to mediate a satisfactory resolution. An appeals system is also available at NWU.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION

The normal period allowed for completion of each degree programme from the time of formal registration at NWU is shown above, with an option to extend that for a further one year. Any student needing an extension must complete and submit the relevant form to the GST Liaison Administrators with details of the re-arranged programme of study and must liaise with the Finance officer to pay the appropriate extension fee.



ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISQUALIFICATION

A student's progress is monitored throughout the degree programme and any concern felt by the tutor or student should be referred to the Liaison Administrators. 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 worthy of submission for examination.

GRADUATION & REGALIA

It is the normal policy of the School that all graduating students should attend the biennial Convocation Ceremony in London to receive their degree in person from the Vice-Chancellor of North-West University or his deputy. If 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 the NWU, South Africa and, consequently, request that the degree be conferred in absentia.

Details of the Academic Dress of North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) for the purpose of graduation ceremonies are available from the Liaison Administrator, GST Office NWU.

FEES & TUITION

Details of fees, tuition payments and payment plans are available from the GST Finance Officer, on a separate information sheet. The School attempts to keep fees at a reasonable level but reserves the right to increase fees as necessary without prior notice being given. Fees are payable directly to GST by arrangement with the Finance Officer and remittances should be made payable only to Greenwich School of Theology.



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.

NWU DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Faculty of Theology practises Theology on a Reformed basis, and holds a view of unity between faith and science. Theology and Church have 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 professionally in Theology, are equipped - specifically for ministry to and in churches.

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 may be helpful to anyone interested in the NWU.

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 (GST) is a registered Charity in the UK – No 1097904.