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GST TUTORS & EXAMINERS

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RECOGNITION IN THE UK

Since 1998, Greenwich School of Theology has provided students with an opportunity to access research degrees in Theology at a distance that are accredited in the internationally accepted meaning of that word: we continue to do so. For those who wish to advance academically, or to study in order to better prepare for ministry or missionary endeavours, GST with TUA are proud not only of the high standard of the PhD theology degree programmes on offer, but also of the level of support provided to individual students. This is distinctive in terms of distance-learning academia, as confirmed in the many testimonials shown on our website.

- * As a non-profit organisation, founded in 1958, we continue to offer students from all backgrounds and from across the globe access to excellence in the academic study of theological and religious subjects at doctoral level.
- * In 1997, a partnership was formalised between the North-West University in South Africa and the Greenwich School of Theology, UK, which will be terminated in April 2021. We are proud to confirm that recently, a legal agreement was confirmed between GST and TUA, enabling GST to continue providing access to theology research degree programmes at a distance. TUA will be the conferring body, providing regulation, scholarly support and accreditation. GST tutors, who are well-qualified and experienced academics, are approved by TUA to provide our community of students and researchers with personalised attention and effective support during their doctoral studies.
- * Following one of its biennial inspections of GST in 2015, 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". As providers of theological education at a distance we were honoured to receive this valued testimonial of our good work. It inspires us to maintain high standards into the future, for the benefit of all concerned and in honour of those who, in the past, have striven to confirm GST's good name.



DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMME OFFERED

Greenwich School of Theology, in co-operation with The Theological University of Apeldoorn (TUA), offers distance learning opportunities in Theology and Religious Studies from a Christian perspective leading to a Doctoral degree in Theology.

PERIOD OF STUDY: MAXIMUM 6 YEARS

The Doctoral degree in Theology is achieved through successful completion of a thesis of approximately 80, 000 to not more than 100,000 words, on a religious/theological research area of the student's choice.

Preferably, new PhD projects should fit into the existing four research programmes of our institutions which are:

- * Biblical Studies
- * Systematic Theology
- * Church History
- * Practical Theology – two main programmes:
 - * Formation in Homiletics and the Mission (chair of Practical Theology)
 - * Formation identity and personhood (special chair of Pedagogy)

The PhD programme is open to those graduates who have gained a research Master's degree in Theology (or a related subject) that is accredited in the internationally acknowledged sense of the word.

The thesis for the Doctoral degree in Theology will embody independent research work of distinction. The PhD thesis is:

- An academic thesis about a certain subject, or
- A compilation of academic publications that may or may not have been published previously.



FEES & TUITION

- * To students globally we offer reasonably priced distance learning opportunities with flexible payment plans.
- * Doctoral degree fees are £5,000. At present, GST will provide the PhD programme only. It requires an application fee of £260 for year 1 and a re-registration fee of £100 for each subsequent year (non-refundable).
- * THREE payment-plans are available for an applicant to choose from.



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION

1. PHD THESIS

A **thesis** for a doctoral degree is defined as:

- * a piece of written research embodying 80,000 to 100,000 words, which forms a distinct contribution to knowledge and professional skills and affords evidence of originality;
- * a compilation of academic publications that may or may not have been published previously.

Selections of a thesis that have been published or submitted for a higher degree or qualification elsewhere must be clearly indicated as such.

A thesis 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.

2. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

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3. RESEARCH PLAN

A **Research Plan (RP)** is required for a thesis and will contain the problem and the objective of the research. The student will indicate how much time he/she expects to be able to invest in the project.

The final RP will be ratified by the Board of Professors in Apeldoorn. They will assess the quality of the research plan (if necessary after consultation with experts from outside the research group), the compatibility with the overall research programme and its affinity with the identity of both institutions. Subsequently, the programme leader will decide whether or not the new researcher is eligible to be admitted to the research group.



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION (continued)

The PhD Board will be notified that the project has been accepted.

If, in the opinion of the programme leader, the proposed research does not fit in the research programme, and yet has sufficient quality, it can be presented to the PhD Board as a project external to the research programme.

PhD students will confirm adherence to the Dutch Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, issued by the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU).

The PhD student will

- * hand in the manuscript to the promoters and co-promoters in chapter sections
- * make alterations as agreed
- * submit the manuscript to the promoters and co-promoters for approval.

The proposal of the PhD student must be available to the promoters to enable them to provide a substantial amount of supervision over the preparations for and writing of the PhD thesis.

4. PROMOTERS AND CO-PROMOTERS

A promoter of GST and a co-promoters of Apeldoorn will be allocated to the PhD student.

They will be responsible for accepting the manuscript as a PhD thesis and will ensure that the PhD thesis meets the academic standards that generally apply to a PhD thesis. The Netherlands Qualification Framework (<https://nlqf.nl/english>) will serve as a guideline for this standard.

In writing the thesis, the PhD student will be supervised by the promoter and co-promoter. They will also ensure that the deadlines that have been agreed are met.

The promoter and co-promoter will take note of the content of the manuscript of the PhD thesis, assess the manuscript submitted, and consider whether or not it meets the requirements set by the promoter and co-promoter by virtue of their responsibility for the PhD thesis.

The promoter and co-promoter may suggest alterations and/or additions to the manuscript. The PhD student will follow these suggestions wherever possible.

A promoter may only withdraw in exceptional cases, stating the reasons. He/she will notify the PhD student, the PhD Board and the Rector without delay.



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION (continued)

5. CONTENT OF THESIS

The PhD thesis must include:

- * A title page which complies with the requirements of the university
- * A table of contents
- * An introduction which at least includes the research question of the thesis
- * The academic analysis
- * The conclusion
- * The bibliography
- * The academic summary
- * If possible a name and subject index and/or a source index
- * A short biography of the PhD student

If required, the PhD student may include a brief and concise foreword and a summary for the non-experts.

The promoters see to it that the thesis is of reasonable length. A guideline is that the body text of the thesis (including the notes) does not exceed 100,000 words.

Printing & binding of thesis:

The PhD thesis and the propositions that go with it will be made available in both printed and digital form.

After receiving a notification of admission, the Rector will give permission to have the PhD thesis printed. Three weeks before the defence, at the latest, the printed copies must be delivered

- * to the secretarial office of TUA, number of copies determined by the Rector
- * to the library of TUA, number of copies determined by the librarian and
- * for the Communication Office and the Repositories of TUA the digital versions of the 2 short abstracts



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION (continued)

6. ASSESSMENT OF THESIS

The promoter and co-promoter will submit their well-argued assessments of the thesis in writing by e-mail.

If the promoter and co-promoter are of the opinion that the PhD thesis meets the required academic standard and can be regarded as an adequate demonstration of competence to carry out independent academic research, they will give their approval and notify the PhD Board.

The response of the promoter and co-promoter to a written request by the PhD student for approval of his or her PhD thesis must be provided within six weeks and, if it states that approval is withheld, the reasons must be provided.

The PhD student will submit the approved PhD thesis, with a submission letter to the Rector and the members of the Assessment Committee.

The PhD student will also submit to the Rector the title page of the PhD thesis, in keeping with the designated format.

7. ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

After receiving the approval of the PhD thesis, the PhD Board will appoint an Assessment Committee. The promoter and co-promoter may not be appointed as members of the Assessment Committee. The promoter will make a recommendation regarding the composition of the Assessment Committee. After approval by the Rector, the promoter will ascertain whether the candidates are prepared to be members of the Assessment Committee.

Only full professors employed by a university who have not co-authored with the PhD student may be members of the Assessment Committee. This committee will consist of two professors from the TUA and one professor from another university; alternatively, one professor from the TUA and two professors from another university in the Netherlands or another country. For honourably discharged professors, the rule applies that they may be members of the Assessment Committee for up to five years after their honourable discharge.

Within six weeks following the Committee's appointment, a verdict on the PhD thesis will be provided. The Assessment Committee will evaluate the thesis on the basis of the research question, as agreed upon by the supervisors and co-supervisors and the PhD student.



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION (continued)

The chairman of the Assessment Committee will notify the PhD student, the promoter and the co-promoter and, if necessary, the members of the Assessment Committee of this decision.

8. PHD EXAMINATION

PhD Board and Assessment Committee

Soon after being notified of the decision, the Rector will give the PhD student permission to proceed to the defence of the thesis in the PhD ceremony, which will take place in the presence of the PhD Board as well as the members of the Assessment Committee.

Date, time & location

All PhD students, including international students at a distance, will be required to attend the PhD ceremony at Apeldoorn. Financial assistance to meet the cost of attending, will be considered by TUA. The PhD student will discuss the date of the PhD ceremony with the promoter, co-promoter and the Rector as soon as possible after receiving notification of the approval of the manuscript. Subject to the approval of the Assessment Committee, the date, time and place will be fixed by TUA's secretarial office. The PhD ceremony must be open to the public.

Opposition and defence of the PhD thesis

Before the ceremony commences, the chairman will propose the sequence and the average time allowed for the opponents to speak. The promoter will always have the right to present objections and will be granted opportunity to do so at the beginning or the end of the ceremony, according to his/her choice.

The promoter will ensure that sufficient members of the PhD Board and the Assessment Committee are prepared to act as opponents by making objections.

After the opening address, the Chairman will request the PhD student to give a brief explanation of the thesis. Subsequently he will, in the agreed order (as far as possible), invite the opponents to present their objections. The objections and the defence will be delivered in the form of a personal speech. If so desired, this speech may be accompanied by written notes and/or quotations.



REGULATIONS CONCERNING A PHD THESIS AND EXAMINATION (continued)

The Chairman will ensure that the opponents expound their views in a brief and concise manner.

Unless the Chairman decides otherwise, the public defence will be terminated one hour after commencement.

Decision-making

After the defence has been terminated, the PhD Board will withdraw for private deliberation in order to decide upon awarding the PhD degree. The promoter will be excluded from voting.

When deciding whether or not to award the PhD degree, the committee will take into account the decision of the Assessment Committee and the student's defence of the PhD thesis.

Cum Laude

If a PhD student has shown outstanding ability to conduct independent academic research, the PhD Board may decide to confer the *cum laude* distinction.

8. PHD CERTIFICATE

As proof that the PhD degree has been awarded, the new PhD will receive a certificate in Latin, signed by the Rector, the secretary of the PhD Board and the promoter(s) and a statement written in English.

If the PhD degree has been awarded the *cum laude* distinction, this will be stated on the certificate.



ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY

As a registered student of GST/TUA you have access to the Library of the TUA.

Send an e-mail to library@tua.nl to request a library number.

You will receive instructions on how to access and find the following:

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

Please click **HERE** to open the Library webpage:

- for more information on the library; or
- should you need research assistance; or
- if you cannot get access to the databases.



APPLICATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Applications may be received by GST at any time during the year. Registration with TUA is managed by the GST Liaison Administrators. Please note that re-registration with GST is required for each subsequent year of the degree programme. The TUA academic year runs from September to August. A candidate for admission to a degree programme of the School should first read the prospectus, especially the description of the PhD courses available and the entry requirements.

PLEASE NOTE that TUA does not accept for the PhD programme an applicant who already holds that degree from any other accredited institution.

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.

PROMOTERS

GST promoters are appointed by GST and approved by TUA, to work at a distance with the individual student. In addition, each student preparing for the doctoral submission will also be tutored throughout the degree programme by a professor of the TUA. 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 promoters 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 promoters.

Students need to be aware that should they experience difficulty in their relationship with the appointed promoter, 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 TUA.

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.



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.

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TUA DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Grateful for God's blessing on our university as a provider of theological training for the Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands, we want to dedicate ourselves to the development of the Reformed Theology practice. Our desire is to be useful for the progress of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be of significance for society. We educate people to the ministry of preacher, or to another service in God's Church and Kingdom and to conduct scientific theological research. In addition, we provide services and training for churches and Christian organizations.

In all this we hope to promote the development of the Christian Reformed Churches and the unity of the Church of Christ.

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 the Theological University of Apeldoorn (TUA), Apeldoorn, The Netherlands.
- * Greenwich School of Theology (GST) is a registered Charity in the UK – No 1097904.



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