

Fees and enrolment

The fees for 2022 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage.

Online enrolment is now open.

To enrol, go to otago.ac.nz and click on "Apply now"

Postgraduate study options from the Theology Programme

Students wishing to undertake postgraduate study by distance have a range of options:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-based Leadership and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry
- Postgraduate Diploma in Theology
- Master of Chaplaincy
- Master of Faith-based Leadership and Management
- Master of Ministry
- Master of Theology
- PhD

For more information on postgraduate study, contact the postgraduate course advisor at postgrad.theology@otago.ac.nz

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DISTANCE LEARNING



2022

Theology @ Otago by Distance Learning





The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers papers in Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, and Pastoral Studies by distance learning for people throughout New Zealand and overseas. It is possible to complete a Diploma in Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Diploma for Graduates, and a range of postgraduate qualifications, or contribute papers towards other university qualifications, including the Bachelor of Arts. Students can also take individual papers without working towards a qualification.

For undergraduate course advice, contact the undergraduate course adviser at undergrad.theology@otago.ac.nz

Theology

In Theology, students explore the various dimensions of the Christian faith. This includes studying the following subject areas:

Biblical Studies (BIBS) helps students to explore the historical and cultural world of the Bible and to interpret the Biblical texts. Biblical Studies papers are divided into Old Testament and New Testament.

Biblical Languages: The Biblical Studies programme includes the opportunity to study Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew at 100, 200, 300, and 400 level. First-year language papers assume no prior knowledge.

Christian Thought and History (CHTH) includes the study of the development of the Christian Church (Church history) and the critical exposition and analysis of Christian thought (systematic theology). It also includes papers on Christian ethics and the relationship between Christianity and the wider society.

Pastoral Studies (PAST) and **Ministry (MINS)** papers take a multidisciplinary approach to exploring church life and wider ministry and mission. They develop students' practical theological skills of relating theology to life and life to theology.

Papers on offer in 2021 and 2022

Papers in Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages, Christian Thought and History, Pastoral Studies and Ministry are variously offered at 100, 200, 300 and 400-level.

Pre-Christmas Summer School 2021

(15 November – 17 December 2021)

CHTH 224/324 Theology and the Environment

Summer School

(10 January – 18 February 2022)

PAST 323/MINS 415 Christian Ministry in Te Ao Māori (The Māori World) (with intensive, 17–21 January, Te Rau College, Gisborne)

Semester 1 2022

Delivery by videoconference (+ = plus teaching day):

BIBS 121 Interpreting the New Testament
BIBS 131 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 1

BIBS 317/413+ God, Suffering and Justice
CHTH 102 History of Christianity
CHTH 111 Doing Theology
CHTH 218/318+ The Person and Work of Christ
CHTH 320/420 Public Theology and Social Justice
HEBR 131 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 1
PAST 216/316+ Current Perspectives in Pastoral Care
PAST 324/MINS 424+ The Chaplain as Ceremonial Leader

Semester 2 2022

Intensives:

CHTH 217/317 Māori Religion and Theology (27 June – 1 July, Ohope Marae, Bay of Plenty)
PAST 322/MINS 414 Arts and Culture in Christian Ministry and Mission (4–8 July, Dunedin)

Delivery by videoconference (+ = plus teaching day):

BIBS 112 Interpreting the Old Testament
BIBS 132 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 2
BIBS 211/311 God, Land and Exile in the Hebrew Prophets
BIBS 226/326+ Jesus in the New Testament
CHTH 131 God and Ethics in the Modern World
CHTH 231/331 Christianity, War and Violence
CHTH 233/333 Public Theology: Faith in the Public Square
CHTH 416+ Theology of Bonhoeffer
HEBR 132 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2
PAST 314/MINS 408+ Cultures, Migration and Faith
PAST 318/MINS 410+ Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss

Pre-Christmas Summer School 2022

CHTH 235/335 Special Topic: Theology and Science

Full year

Delivery by videoconference:

BIBS 213/313/411 Hebrew Old Testament Exegesis 2 and 3
BIBS 223/323/421 Greek New Testament Exegesis 2 and 3

In addition, it is possible for distance students to do a 400-level research essay. Contact the programme for more details.

Methods of distance learning

Distance learning papers in Theology are taught through videoconferences, one-week intensives, teaching days and online. This allows students to have direct contact with their lecturer and to interact with other students doing the paper. In almost all papers, course materials containing a study guide, reading material and general administrative information, are made available via Blackboard. Students also have access to the University's Distance Library Service.

Videoconferences: Students participate in videoconferences via Zoom. Videoconferences are generally run as tutorials, with discussions around key topics essential to the paper.

Teaching days: Some papers may also include elements of face-to-face teaching (teaching days). These sessions take place near the beginning of the course and are located in Wellington. Students can use this time to meet the lecturer, get to know fellow classmates and discuss the course in depth.

Intensive: Students attend a compulsory one-week, full-time block course, generally at the beginning of the semester. This week covers all the required contact hours with students completing the rest of the paper through submission of assessments during the semester.

Online: Students participate through Blackboard in online forums to discuss questions related to the course materials. Each forum covers about two weeks' worth of material and students can contribute at any time during the discussion. In addition to responding to questions set by the lecturer, students are encouraged to raise for discussion other matters from their reading.

You will find more details on the Theology Programme's website: otago.ac.nz/theology