

# School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics (Including Theology and Ethics)



## INTERNAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTERS DEGREE - 2017

**Applications due: 29 August 2016**

Please read the information brochure carefully, and then complete this form.

1. Please complete the **personal profile** below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

2. My previous degrees/diplomas are:

Institution	Degree	Date Completed	Final Mark

3. Please indicate which **programme** you seek admission to:

**Pietermaritzburg Campus**

African Theology (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Biblical Studies (Theology)		Ministerial Studies/Practical Theology (Theology) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religion and Governance</li> </ul>	
Catholic Theology (Theology)		Systematic Theology (Theology)	
Christian Spirituality (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Theology and Development <i>(If so, please see T and D assignment attached)</i>		Gender and Religion <i>(If so, please see G and R assignment attached)</i>	
Philosophy		Religion and Social Transformation	
Ethics Studies			

**Howard College Campus (Durban)**

Religion Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religion and Social Transformation</li> <li>• Religion Education</li> </ul>		Classics	
Philosophy			

4. What academic and work experience would help you to gain access to this Programme? Please attach a letter of motivation in support of your application. Your letter must not exceed 1000 words.

5. Please complete the attached **Initial Research Project Proposal (at least two pages)**.

6. Students entering postgraduate studies who do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least ten years appropriate experience, are required to submit a two-page CV and two reports from referees.

7. If your previous degree was undertaken in a language other than English, you must demonstrate that you have obtained one of the levels in **English Proficiency** as noted in Section 5 of the application form. Failure to comply will jeopardise your application.

8. Please note that the School does not offer bursaries for Masters degrees. However, the University offers financial support to those who have obtained their Honours degree with a 70% average. You are advised not to seek admission to the Masters degree unless you have confirmed access to approximately R11 5350.00 (US \$ 8040) for one year.

9. Please ensure that you have completed all the necessary forms and attached all the necessary documents e required by the University of KwaZulu-Natal, including a **letter of motivation** (see 4 above).

10. These forms together with the UKZN application form must be submitted with and the application fee before **29 August 2016** to:

Mrs. Catherine Murugan, Research and Higher Degrees Officer, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, UZKN, Private Bag X01, Scottsville, 3209, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

*Please use a postal or courier option that provides a tracking number, and keep this information safe in case of a problem with the postal system.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND CLASSICS****APPLICATION FOR MTh or MA in THEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT  
2017**

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If you are seeking admission to the MTh or MA (Theology and Development), please read the Theology and Development brochure, complete the following assignment, typed on a separate sheet of paper, and submit it with your application form.

Note that the MTh and MA degrees are higher academic degrees and require both practical experience and the scholarly ability to read, research and write at an advanced level.

Students who apply for the MTh or MA in Theology and Development will have completed the BTh (Honours) or BA (Honours) in Theology and Development in the School. However, in certain instances / under certain conditions, students may proceed directly to the Masters degree. They may, however, be required to complete certain Honours modules as a prerequisite.

**Assignment**

1. What previous studies have you undertaken, and how has this shaped your thinking about development and social transformation? (500 words)
2. What experience have you had in development, and why do you feel that further studies will help your capacity to engage in social transformation? (500 words)
3. What theme do you propose to focus on in your dissertation and how does this relate to your previous studies and practical experience? (500 words)

Please attach the completed assignment to your application form, and send this together with all the other necessary documents to:

Mrs. C. Murugan  
Research and Higher Degrees Officer  
School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics  
University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Private Bag X01  
Scottsville 3209  
South Africa.

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**SCHOOL OF RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND CLASSICS**  
**APPLICATION FOR MTh or MA in the GENDER AND RELIGION PROGRAMME**  
**(FOCUS ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS)**

**2017**

If you are seeking admission to the MTh or MA degree in the Gender and Religion programme, please read the Gender and Religion brochure attached, complete the following assignment, typed on a separate sheet of paper, and submit it with your application form:

Note that the MTh and MA degrees are higher academic degrees and require both practical experience and the scholarly ability to read, research and write at an advanced level.

Students who apply for the MTh or MA will have completed the BTh (Honours) or BA (Honours) in Gender Studies, Religious Studies, or Theology. Other graduates who apply for the MTh or MA may proceed directly to the Master's degree and may also be required to complete certain Honours modules as a prerequisite. Depending on your previous degree, you will qualify with either an MTh (Gender and Religion) or an MA (Religion and Social Transformation).

Students applying to the Gender and Religion programme may also choose to refine their focus to work on issues of sexual and reproductive health rights. The programme offers ten competitive scholarships valued at R80,000 each for students who focus on sexual and reproductive health rights. Students qualifying for the scholarship are required to complete the Masters degree within one academic year and meet other requirements for this cohort..

As part of your application, please include an essay in which you reflect on the following questions. (Should you be interested in the Masters scholarship programme that focuses on sexual and reproductive health rights, place particular emphasis on these questions):

1. What previous studies have you undertaken, and how have these shaped your views on gender issues or issues of sexual and reproductive health rights? (500 words)
2. What experience have you had in gender issues or issues of sexual and reproductive health rights, and WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT further studies will enhance your capacity to engage in gender issues or issues of sexual and reproductive health rights? (500 words)
3. What theme do you propose to focus on in your dissertation and how WILL this relate to your previous studies and practical experience? (500 words)

Please attach the completed assignment to your application form, and forward these together with all the other necessary documents to:

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