

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



## INTERNAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MASTERS DEGREE - 2015

### Applications due - 31 August 2014

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

1. Please complete the **personal profile**

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

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

Contact address at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

2. My previous degrees/diplomas are:

Date Completed	Institution	Degree	Mark

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

**Pietermaritzburg Campus**

African Theology (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Biblical Studies (Theology)		Ministerial Studies (Theology)	
Catholic Theology (Theology)		Systematic Theology (Theology)	
Christian Spirituality (Theology)		History of Christianity (Theology)	
Theology & Development <i>(If so, please see T&amp;D assignment attached)</i>		Gender and Religion (Theology)	
Religion & Governance(Theology)		Religion & Social Transformation	
Philosophy		Classics	
Ethics Studies			

**Howard College Campus (Durban)**

Religion Education		Religion & Social Transformation	
Classics		Philosophy	
Philosophy			

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

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

6. Students to enter postgraduate studies that do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least 10 years if appropriate experience are required to submit a CV (2-PAGES) and 2 referees reports.

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

8. Please note that the School does not offer bursaries for the 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 for the Masters degree unless you have confirmed access to approximately R89, 000-00 (US \$ 8600) for one year.

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

10. These forms must be submitted – together with the UKZN application form and application fee – by **31 August 2014** 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  
2015**

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If you are seeking admission into 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.

Ordinarily 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. In certain situations, 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 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.

The full application must reach us no later than 31 August 2014.

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

**2015**

If you are seeking admission into the MTh or MA (Gender and Religion), please read the Gender and Religion 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.

Ordinarily students who apply for the MTh or MA in Gender and Religion will have completed the BTh (Honours) or BA (Honours) in Gender Studies, Religious Studies, or Theology in the School. In certain situations, other graduates who apply for the MTh or MA in Gender and Religion may proceed directly to the Masters degree. They may, however, be required to complete certain Honours modules as a prerequisite.

Students applying to the Gender and Religion programme may also chose 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 of students.

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 a particular emphasis on this):

1. What previous studies have you undertaken, and how have these shaped your thinking about 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 how do you think 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 does this relate to your previous studies and practical experience? (500 words)

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

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