

# EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

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Faculty of Philosophy, Theology  
and Religious Studies

Master Theology

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## **PART 2                    Regulations governing specific degree programmes**

### **Paragraph 13.    General provisions Master Theology**

#### **Article 13.1    Applicability general part**

The master's degree programme Theology will be subject to the provisions laid down in the general part of these regulations in so far as the following provisions do not provide otherwise.

**Article 13.2    Joint degree** Not applicable.

#### **Article 13.2a    Different times of enrolment**

Contrary to the provisions of article 1.3a of these regulations, the master's degree programme Theology will have the following entrance moments:

- a)        1 September;
- b)        1 February.

#### **Article 13.3    Double degree**

1.    Students who wish to obtain an S.T.L in the framework of a cooperation agreement with the University of Leuven must follow the specialisation as researcher in the third year.
2.    Their third year program consists of two courses to be completed in Leuven (10 EC, including 2 EC literature review), a scientific paper (20 EC), a research proposal (10 EC) and a second thesis, co-supervised by a lecturer from Nijmegen and Leuven.

### **Paragraph 14.    [deleted]**

### **Paragraph 14a.    Structure and teaching periods Theology**

#### **Article 14a.1    Specific exit qualifications**

Without prejudice to the exit qualifications referred to in the general part of these regulations, the master's degree programme Theology intends, on successful completion of the programme, for students to possess an academic approach with the following attributes:

1.        *Acquisition of specific knowledge and insight*
  - Students have a thorough knowledge of and insight into the hermeneutic, systematic, critical and constructive tasks of theology, and the academic methods (literary, historical, systematic

and empirical) needed for this.

- Students have a thorough understanding of and insight into the historical and contemporary situation of Christianity as regard to its source texts, its philosophical and doctrinal content, and the practices in which it is manifested.
- Students have a thorough knowledge of and insight into the many contexts in which the meaning of Christianity has been expressed in the past, and more specifically is expressed in the context of contemporary society.

## 2. *Application of specific knowledge and insight*

Students are able to apply the above-mentioned knowledge and insight (1a-c) in a differentiated and largely independent manner by adequately describing, analysing and synthesising a new problem situation in a research project.

## 3. *Forming a judgement*

Students can form an independent judgement of societal, ecclesiastic and/or theological developments based on a reasoned and synthesised synopsis of the knowledge and insight specified in 1a-c by gathering and interpreting relevant information and evaluating it independently according to academically justified internal and external criteria.

## 4. *Communication*

Students can communicate orally and in writing with both specialist and non-specialist audiences about the analysis, synthesis and evaluation of specific phenomena in Christian religious practice and its contexts.

## 5. *Learning skills*

Students possess the necessary skills to independently reproduce, understand, interpret, analyse and evaluate new information about Christianity and its contexts in one of the following professional settings: theological research, policy making, spiritual care and education.

### **Article 14a.2 Structure master's degree programme**

Students can choose to specialise in one of four disciplines of the theology programme:  
the specialisations

- Systematic Theology,

- Practical Theology,
- History of Church and
- Biblical Exegesis.

1. With due observance of the provisions of paragraph 2 of these regulations, the first and second year of the degree programme consists of the following components and study loads:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Specialisation Systematic Theology</b>	
1	Seminar on Systematic Theology	10 EC
2	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
3	Elective course	10 EC
4	Specialisation course Systematic Theology	10 EC
		60 EC
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Specialisation Programme Systematic Theology</b>	
5	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC
6	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
7	Master's Thesis	20 EC
		60 EC

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Specialisation Practical Theology</b>	
1	Seminar on Practical Theology	10 EC
2	Seminar on Systematic Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
3	Elective course	10 EC
4	Specialisation course Practical Theology	10 EC
		60 EC
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Specialisation Practical Theology</b>	
5	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC
6	Seminar on Systematic Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
7	Master's Thesis	20 EC
		60 EC

<b>Year 1</b>	<b><i>Specialisation History of Church and Theology</i></b>	
1	Seminar on History of Church and Theology	10 EC
2	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on Systematic Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
3	Elective course	10 EC
4	Specialisation course History of Church and Theology	10 EC
		60 EC
<b>Year 2</b>	<b><i>Specialisation History of Church Theology</i></b>	
5	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC
6	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on Systematic Theology Seminar on Biblical Exegesis <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
7	Master's Thesis	20 EC
		60 EC

<b>Year 1</b>	<b><i>Specialisation Biblical Exegesis</i></b>	
1	Seminar on Biblical Exegesis	10 EC
2	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Systematic Theology <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
3	Elective course	10 EC
4	Specialisation course Biblical Exegesis	10 EC
		60 EC
<b>Year 2</b>	<b><i>Specialisation Biblical Exegesis</i></b>	
5	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC
6	Seminar on Practical Theology Seminar on History of Church and Theology Seminar on Systematic Theology <i>Students can replace one seminar by another seminar or specialisation course, to the discretion of the examination board.</i>	10 EC 10 EC 10 EC
7	Master's Thesis	20 EC
		60 EC

2. In the third year of the degree programme students will choose one of the following four *professional specialisations*. The chosen *professional specialization* will determine the structure of the third year.

- Professional specialisation Religion and Policy

- Professional specialisation Spiritual Care
- Professional specialisation Teacher Education in Religious Education
- Professional specialisation Academic Research.

<b>Professional specialisation Religion and Policy</b>		
1	Foundations: Religion and Diversity Management	5 EC
2	4 Religion and Policy modules	20 EC
3	Methodology	5 EC
4	Work Placement	15 EC
5	Theological Reflection	15 EC
		60 EC

<b>Professional specialisation Spiritual Care</b>		
1	Foundations: Religion and Health Care	5 EC
2	4 Religion and Policy modules	20 EC
3	Methodology	5 EC
4	Work Placement	15 EC
5	Theological Reflection	15 EC
		60 EC

<b>Professional specialisation Teacher of Religious Education</b>		
1	Institute component (Radboud Teacher Education Academy)	30 EC
2	Teaching Work Placement	30 EC
		60 EC

<b>Professional specialisation Academic Research</b>		
1	Research in the area of specialisation	30 EC
2	Research proposal	10 EC
3	Academic article	20 EC
		60 EC

4. In addition to education provided in the form of lectures, tutorials and seminars, the Methodology components in the **professional specialisations** ‘Religion and Policy’ and ‘Spiritual Care’, as referred to in paragraph 14.a2 sub 2, include practical assignments. The examination for these components cannot be taken until the relevant practical assignment has been successfully completed.

#### **Article 14a.3 Different language in programme and interim examinations**

Contrary to the provisions of article 2.1a of these regulations, the master’s degree programme Theology in the third year in the professional specialisations ‘Religion and Policy’, ‘Spiritual Care’ and ‘Teacher of Religious Education’ will be taught in the Dutch language and the interim

examinations and the examinations in the professional specialisations ‘Religion and Policy’, ‘Spiritual Care’ and ‘Teacher of Religious Education’ will be taken in the Dutch language.

Paragraph 15. [deleted]

## Paragraph 15a. Admission Master Theology

### **Article 15a.1 Admission requirements Master Theology**

1. Applicants will be granted admission to the master’s degree programme if they have successfully completed one of the following bachelor’s programmes at Radboud University Nijmegen:
  - Bachelor of Religious Studies
  - Bachelor of Theology
2. An applicant will also be granted admission to the master’s degree programme if:
  - a. he/she has obtained a degree that the examination board judges to be at least equivalent to the diploma referred to in paragraph 1;
  - b. he/she has successfully completed the pre-master’s for the degree programme.
3. A student will also be granted admission to the programme if the examination board judges that the student has adequately demonstrated his/her suitability for the programme.
4. Before students are granted admission to the third-year professional specialisation ‘Spiritual Care’, students are required to attend an interview.

### **Article 15a.2 Pre-master**

1. In the event not all admission criteria have been met but the admissions board is nevertheless of the opinion that the deficiencies can be remedied within a reasonable period of time, the scope and the content of a pre-master programme will be determined upon request.
2. An applicant is granted admission to the pre-master’s if:
  - a. he/she has obtained a university bachelor’s degree;
  - b. he/she has obtained a bachelor’s degree from a university of applied sciences with a grade point average of 7.5 or higher.
3. An applicant may be granted admission to the pre-master programme based on a selection interview if he/she has obtained a bachelor’s degree from a university of applied sciences with a grade point average of 7 to 7.5.

4. The pre-master's programme covers the following components with the course load specified:

1	History of the Church and Theology I	5 ECs
2	Fundamental Theology	5 ECs
3	Philosophy of Religion	5 ECs
4	Contemporary Christianity	5 ECs
5	Pastoral Theology I	5 ECs
6	Exegesis of the Old and New Testaments	5 ECs
7	Liturgical Studies	5 ECs
8	Theological Ethics I	5 ECs
9	Dogmatic Theology I	5 ECs
10	Canon Law	5 ECs
11	Thesis	10 ECs
		60 ECs

### **Article 15a.3 Language requirements for master's degree programme**

1. In view of the provisions on this subject in paragraph 2, adequate command of the English language is required to be able to participate in the master's degree programme Theology. In order to take part in this programme, students need to have fluency in both written and spoken English. Non-native speakers of English without a Dutch Bachelor's degree or VWO diploma need one of the following:

- A TOEFL score of >550 (paper based) or >213 (computer based) or >80 (internet based);
- An IELTS score of >6.0 ;
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) or Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) with a mark of C or higher.

2. In order to take part in the specialisation of Biblical Exegesis, students need to have a basic knowledge Hebrew and Greek. Students need to be able to show, in the form of successfully completed electives or degrees that they have the required proficiency.

**Article 15a.4 Registration capacity** Not applicable.

**Article 15a.5 Admission procedure master's degree programme** Not applicable.

### **Article 15a.6 Restrictions for moving on to the master's degree programme**

The examination board can decide to grant students who are registered for the bachelor's programme at the university, as defined in article 15.a1, paragraph 2, and who wish to be admitted to the master's programme, but who have not yet obtained the required bachelor's degree, may be granted admission to certain components of the master's degree programme in anticipation of their registration for the



master's degree programme. The examination board will only decide on the admission if:

- a) the student in question demonstrates that he has completed the bachelor's final paper with sufficient result;
- b) the student has at least obtained 160 ECs of the bachelor's degree programme. ECs that have been awarded in the context of exemptions may be included as well.

**Article 15a.7 Entry requirements** not applicable.

## Paragraph 16. Interim examinations and examinations master Theology

**Article 16.1 [deleted]**

**Article 16.2 Limitation of validity period of the results obtained** not applicable.

**Article 16.3 Participation in interim examinations**

Students may sit the relevant interim examinations twice per study year.

**Article 16.4 Standard exemptions** Not applicable.

**Article 16.5 [deleted]**

**Article 16.6 Degree**

1. The student who has successfully passed the examination of the master's degree programme Theology will be awarded the university degree of "Master of Arts".
2. The degree awarded will be stated on the examination certificate. If the degree is a joint degree, this will also be stated on the examination certificate.