

Education and Examination Regulations

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Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies

Master Theology

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Paragraph 1 Introductory provisions

Article 1 Purpose of the regulations

1. In these education and examination regulations (hereinafter: regulations) the current procedures and rights and obligations have been laid down for tuition and examination of the degree programme Master's in Theology Croho¹ code (hereinafter: the programme). This programme has been set up by the executive board of the Radboud University and it is offered by the faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies of Radboud University.
2. 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 Academic Research in the third year.
Their third year program consists of ECs to be completed at KU Leuven according to the regulations of the cooperation agreement.

Article 2 Scope of the regulations

1. The regulations apply for all students who are registered in the academic year 2025-2026 for the programme referred to in article 1. The provisions in paragraph 2 of these regulations apply to students who register for that academic year.

Article 2a. Guidelines executive board

1. With a view to the organization and coordination of the provisions in these regulations, the executive board has adopted the following guidelines:
 - a. Guidelines Distinctions Regulation
 - b. Guidelines and Regulations First year Study Recommendation
2. The provisions in these education and examination regulations apply without prejudice to the provisions of the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of the present article.
3. Above mentioned guidelines and other RU-regulations can be found at www.ru.nl/students under Education and Examination Regulations Faculty PTRS.

Article 3 Definitions

1. The terms in these regulations that are also used in the Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*; hereinafter to be referred to as 'the Act') have the same meaning as these terms have in the Act.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph 1 of the present article, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - a. Contact hour: a tuition period during which the lecturer is physically present;
 - b. Examination: an examination with respect to the knowledge, understanding and the skills of the student, as well as the assessment of the outcomes of that examination. An examination may consist of several parts, such as partial exams, that are taken on different dates. For an exam, students are given two opportunities.;
 - c. Resit; the second opportunity of an examination as referred to in article 7.10 paragraph 1 of the Act. Where these regulations refer to examination, this term also includes resits, unless explicitly stipulated otherwise;
 - d. Premaster: a programme as referred to in article 7.30e of the Act to support students who do not meet the admission requirements;
 - e. Regulations on Fraud: the Regulations on Fraud as adopted by the dean in a separate decision.
 - f. Examination date: the date on which the examination is administered by or on behalf of the examiner;
 - g. Working day: Monday until Friday, with the exception of public holidays as referred to in the Bargaining Agreement Dutch Universities (*CAO Nederlandse Universiteiten*) and the collective days off set by the executive board.
3. Where these regulations refer to 'the student', the prospective student is included, wherever relevant.

Paragraph 2 Admission to the programme

Article 4 Registration for the programme

1. The executive board registers the student who meets the admission requirements and procedures set for registration at Radboud University, as referred to and described in chapter IV of the Registration Regulations of Radboud University.
2. For further information, the requirements and procedures referred to in paragraph 1 have been attached to these regulations as appendix I.

Article 4a. Premaster

1. To enhance a smooth transfer of a student to a programme for a student who has a bachelor's diploma related to this programme but who does not meet the admission requirements, this student is offered

the opportunity to do a premaster. The premaster programme has been included in appendix I for your information.

2. The rules with respect to registration for this premaster are laid down by the dean on behalf of the executive board, in a separate decision and these rules have been included in the Registration Regulations of Radboud University..

Article 5. Decision on admission

1. The dean or the admissions committee decides, on behalf of the executive board, on the student's admission to the programme.

Paragraph 3 Admission to tuition and examinations

Article 6. Registration tuition and examinations

1. The student who has enrolled, in due time and in accordance with the applicable procedures, for the tuition and the examinations of the units of study that are part of the programme and who, if applicable, meets the entry requirements laid down in these regulations, is registered for the relevant tuition and the examinations.
2. Registration for tuition and examinations is not made dependent on other financial contributions than tuition fees, unless costs should be involved, to be determined by the dean in a separate decision, in relation to participation in any practical exercises, educational excursions or workshops in the degree programme that follow from the special nature of the programme. If any costs referred to in this paragraph should be involved, these costs have been listed in the course manual for your information. The dean offers an alternative, free of charge, unless the educational facility cannot be replaced.

Article 7. Registration and deregistration for tuition

1. The student registers and deregisters, via Osiris, for tuition of the units of study that are part of the programme.
2. The student registers for tuition at the latest on Friday in the first week of the relevant teaching period. After this date registration can no longer take place, unless the Examining Board decides otherwise, in special cases, on behalf of the dean.

Article 8. Entry requirements for tuition

1. For the tuition of the units of study described in the course catalogue, the entry requirements described in that appendix apply. If entry requirements apply, that student cannot be registered for the tuition before these requirements have been met.

2. In special cases, the Examining Board may exempt the student, on behalf of the dean, from the entry requirements set in paragraph 1, with or without imposing alternative requirements.

Article 9. Registration and deregistration for examinations

1. The student registers and deregisters, via Osiris, for examinations of the units of study that are part of the programme.
2. The student can register for an examination ultimately at 23.59 on the day preceding a period of five working days prior to the date of the examination. After this date registration can no longer take place, unless the Examining Board decides otherwise, in special cases, on behalf of the dean.
3. Contrary to the provisions of paragraph 2, the student who has registered for tuition of a unit of study is automatically registered for the corresponding first examination of that unit of study.
4. The student who has registered for an examination can deregister ultimately at 23.59 on the day preceding a period of five working days prior to the date of the examination.
5. If the student does not participate in the exam opportunity for which they are registered, the result will be recorded as 'ND' as referred to in Article 30(a).

Article 10. Entry requirements for examinations

1. For the examination of the units of study described in appendix IV, the entry requirements described in the course catalogue apply. If entry requirements apply, that student cannot be registered for the tuition before these requirements have been met.
2. In the case of a practicum and/or seminar, attendance during the sessions is obligatory to gain access to the examination. The attendance level requirement for a practicum and/or seminar series is set at 80%.
3. In special cases, The Examining Board may exempt the student, on behalf of the dean, from the entry requirements referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, with or without imposing alternative requirements. If an exemption is requested from the obligation to participate in practical exercises as referred to in article 7.13, second paragraph under t of the Act, the Examining Board decides on the exemption.

Paragraph 4 Structure and form of the programme

Article 11 Exit qualifications of the programme

The programme intends:

1. *Acquisition of specific knowledge and insight*

- a) The graduate will have 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.
- b) The graduate will 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.
- c) The graduate will have expert knowledge in the chosen field of specialization.
- d) The graduate will 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.
- e) The graduate will have knowledge of and insight into the professional field of qualified theologians.

2. Application of specific knowledge and insight

- a) The graduate is able to apply the above-mentioned knowledge and insight (1a-e) in a differentiated and largely independent manner by adequately describing, analyzing and synthesizing a new problem situation in a research project.
- b) The graduate is able to apply the above-mentioned knowledge and insight (1a-e) in a differentiated and largely independent manner in one of the following professional contexts: theological research, policy making, spiritual care and education.

3. Forming a judgement

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

4. Professional skills

- a) **Communication:** The graduate is able to report the results of their own research both verbally and in writing and to communicate these results to both theologically and non-theologically trained audiences.
- b) **Collaboration:** The graduate is able to work together with others towards a (final) product and to make an active contribution to this work. The graduate organises the work in consultation with others and takes responsibility for their part in the collaboration.
- c) **Feedback:** The graduate is able to evaluate and improve a product, partly based on feedback from others and is able to provide feedback to others that supports them in evaluating and improving their work.

5. Learning skills

1. The graduate possesses the necessary skills to independently reproduce, understand, interpret, analyze, evaluate and develop knowledge about Christianity and its contexts in one of the following professional settings: theological research, policy making, spiritual care and education.

Article 12 Study load of the programme

1. The programme has a study load amounting to 180 ECs. The programme's study load has been set by the executive board, in a separate decision.

Article 13 Form of the programme

1. The programme is taught full-time. The programme's form is determined by the executive board, in a separate decision.

Article 14 Language of the programme

1. The programme is taught in the English language, which is the programme's language of instruction. 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. The programme's language of instruction is determined by the executive board, in a separate decision.

Article 15 Master examination programme

1. The programme has a master examination programme² which is aimed at realising the exit qualifications described in article 11. This examination programme constitutes a coherent complex of units of study, as described in more detail in appendix II.

Article 16 Incorporating units of study (optional courses)

1. With due consideration for the examination programme described in appendix II, the programme allows for the incorporation of 10 ECs of optional units of study from other degree programmes.
2. Upon the student's request the Examining Board incorporates the optional units of study from other degree programmes.
3. For the incorporation of the optional units of study the following conditions apply:

² In this translation, the word 'bachelor or master examination' is used for the Dutch word '*examen*' and the word 'examination' for the Dutch word '*tentamen*'.

- a. No repeats in content are allowed with respect to obligatory or previously included items in the examination programme.
4. A unit of study from a bachelor's programme may not be incorporated as an optional unit of study.
5. Incorporation of a unit of study is only permitted before the relevant unit of study starts unless there are reasons that justify approval after the start of the relevant educational unit. An application after the start of the relevant educational unit may therefore be rejected by the examination committee on this basis.
6.
 - a. If the units of study load of the educational units to be integrated deviate from the provisions of this regulation, a conversion shall take place. A request for this must be submitted to the Examination Board. The Examination Board shall decide on the conversion, taking into account the university memorandum "*Conversion of Study Load and Study Results.*"
 - b. If the units of study results of completed educational units deviate from the provisions of Article 29 of this regulation, these results shall be converted to *Pass (V)*; however, the original results shall, by decision of the Executive Board, be fully included in the diploma supplement.
7.
 - c. In exceptional cases, the Examination Board may, upon request and with due regard to the university memorandum "*Conversion of Study Load and Study Results,*" still apply a conversion. In such cases, a compelling interest must be substantiated—namely, the achievement of a distinction (*judicium*) or the requirement of a weighted average grade as part of the admission criteria for a subsequent program of study. Incorporation of a unit of study from other degree programmes as optional courses takes place in accordance with the relevant rules with respect to procedures and rights and obligations as referred to in article 7.13 paragraph 2 of the Act, in so far as these procedures relate to that unit of study.

Article 17 Not applicable

Article 18 Exemptions from units of study

1. The total number of exemptions is never more than 60 ECs.
2. Upon a student's request, the Examining Board may grant the student exemption from a specific unit of study and the corresponding examination if this student:
 - a. has completed a relevant unit of study as part of a university programme which is similar both as regards content and level; or
 - b. demonstrates adequate knowledge and skills as regards the unit of study in question as a result of relevant work experience or professional experience.
3. In the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 of the present article, the Examining Board checks the current relevance of the knowledge, understanding or skills that were tested in the examination.
4. No exemption as referred is granted for

- a. the final thesis (pre-master and master).
 - b. all units of study of the master's specialisation Spiritual Care of the master's specialisation Spiritual Care
 - c. the Course Research Design
5. The Examining Board does not grant exemptions on the basis of results obtained in the period in which the student was barred from sitting examinations because of fraud, established by the Examining Board, as referred to in the RU Regulations on Fraud.

Article 19 Replacing units of study

1. Replacing compulsory units of study from the bachelor's or master's programme is not permitted.

Paragraph 5 Structure and form of the units of study

Article 20 Units of study organised per study year

1. Each unit of study is offered once per study year, unless stated otherwise in appendix II.

Article 21 Number of examinations per study year

1. Per study year, the student can sit one examination per unit of study and resit this examination once. If the student does not take the first examination opportunity, then the student will in that academic year only have the opportunity to attend the second exam opportunity.
2. The form of the resit is the same as the form of the examination, unless stated otherwise in the course manual.

Article 22 Timetable for tuition and examinations

1. Per academic year, the units of study are organised in two semesters, to be set by the executive board. Appendix II at least arranges in which semester and in which period the opportunity is provided to attend courses and to sit examinations.

Article 23 Language of tuition and examinations

1. In view of the provisions of article 14 tuition and examinations of the units of study are provided in the language of instruction of the relevant programme. If the tuition and/or the examinations are provided in a different language than the language of instruction, this is referred to in the overview in the study guide and the course manual.

Article 24 Learning objectives

1. Each unit of study is aimed at realising the learning objectives described in these regulations. The learning objectives per unit of study have been laid down in further detail in in the study guide and course manual.

Article 25 Format of tuition

1. The format of the tuition has been laid down per unit of study in the overview in appendix II of these regulations.

Article 26 Number of contact hours

1. The number of contact hours per unit of study has been laid down in appendix II.

Article 27 Format of examination

1. The examination format has been laid down per unit of study in the overview in appendix II of these regulations. The programme has the following examination formats:

- a. written examination (WE): a written examination which the student takes at a scheduled time will usually consist of open and/or closed questions. The written examination can also be held digitally;
- b. oral examination (OE): individual examination;
- c. written task (WT): students will work independently on a written product, based on prior detailed criteria. Such a written assignment will usually contain a maximum of 1,500 words;
- d. oral presentation (OP): students will present an independently formed argument, appropriate to the intended public;
- e. The portfolio (PF): an organized collection of work samples, achievements, projects, and other documentation that reflects a student's skills, experience, and accomplishments;
- f. paper (PA): students will produce a written report of independently performed research which will address a range of questions. When producing the paper students will process and analyse the relevant literature appropriate to the questions. A paper will contain between 1,500-6,000 words;
- g. thesis (TH): students will produce a written report of independently performed research addressing a range of questions. The report will process and analyse the relevant literature appropriate to the questions. A report will consist of more than 6,000 words. A report only concerns the internship report, the professional orientation report and the master's thesis.

2. In special cases, the programme coordinator may decide that the format of the relevant examination described in appendix II will be departed from.

3. Written examinations are administered in the RU examination rooms.

4. An oral examinations is held in public. An oral examination is an individual test in which not more than one person is tested at the same time. Oral examinations are to be administered in the presence of a second examiner. In special circumstances, the Examining Board may determine that the provisions in this paragraph are departed from. In special circumstances, the Examining Board may also decide that the examination is recorded.
5. The Examining Board may, on behalf of the dean, allow students with an impairment, by way of special examination facilities, to sit examinations in a format adapted to their individual impairment. Prior to taking a decision in this matter, the Examining Board may seek expert advice. In so far as facilities in the context of a 'digital test' are concerned, the Examining Board, when formatting the facility, may seek advice from the faculty's 'digital testing coordinator'.

Paragraph 6 Testing and administering examinations

Article 28 Rules when examinations are administered

For the proper course of events during examinations that are administered in Radboud University examination rooms, the dean has adopted house rules in a separate decision..

Article 29 Establishing the examination results

1. The examiner establishes the result of an examination in writing and registers this result in Osiris.
2. The result of an examination is rounded to and expressed in full or half points between 1 and 10.
If a mark is below .25 then this mark will be rounded down to .0. Results ending between .25 to .75 will be rounded off to .5. Results ending in .75 and above will be rounded up to .0.
3. Contrary to the provisions of paragraph 2 of the present article, the result of an examination is not set at 5.5 points. An arithmetical score lower than 5.5(0) is rounded to 5 and a score equal to or higher than 5.5(0) is rounded to 6.
4. If the result of an examination equals or is more than 6.0 points, the examination is considered to have been passed. If the result of the examination equals 5.0 or is less than 5.0 points, the examination is considered not to have been passed.
5. Contrary to the provisions of paragraph 2, the examiner may, if necessary, express the result of an examination in a qualification 'requirements (not) met' (*'(niet) voldaan'*) rather than in points. If the result of an examination should be established in this way, this is described in more detail in the overview in the course manual.
6. If an examination that has already been sat is resat, the more recently obtained result always determines the result.

7. If the result of a module test equals or is more than 5.5 points, the module test is considered to have been passed. If the result of an module test is less than 5.5 points, the module test is considered to have been failed.
8. A passed (partial) grade cannot be retaken.
9. A failed partial grade can only be retaken if the final grade is failed.

Article 30. Non-numeric results

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 29, the following non-numeric results are established and registered in Osiris in the following cases:
 - a. 'ND' – no participation (*'niet deelgenomen'*), if the student is registered for an exam, but did not participate;
 - b. 'VR' – exemption (*'vrijstelling'*), if the Examining Board has granted an exemption, with due consideration for the provisions in these regulations, for a unit of study from the examination programme;
 - c. 'FR' – fraud (*'fraude'*), if the Examining Board has established that fraud was committed when the examination was administered and the Examining Board has declared the result of the examination in question invalid, with due consideration of the provisions of the Regulations on Fraud attached to these regulations as appendix I;
 - d. 'EFR' – serious fraud (*'ernstige fraude'*), if the Examining Board has established that serious fraud was committed when the examination was administered and the Examining Board has declared the result of the examination in question invalid, with due consideration of the provisions of the Regulations on Fraud attached to these regulations as appendix I.

Article 31. Publication of the examination results

1. Within three working days after the result of an examination has been established, the examiner (with the assistance of the student administration office) processes the data required for the publication of this result in Osiris.
2. The examiner publishes the result of a written examination, with the exception of the thesis, within fifteen working days after the date the (partial) examination was administered. Contrary to what is previously stated, immediately following an oral examination, but no later than five working days after it was administered, the examiner informs the student about the result and provides the student with a written statement of it. With respect to an examination other than a written or oral examination, the examiner decides, prior to the relevant examination, in which way and within which period of time the student is informed of the result. In that case the term of fifteen working days may not be exceeded.

3. Contrary to the provisions in paragraph 2, the following deadlines apply to examinations in period 4. The examiner will publish the results from the first examination opportunity within ten working days after the day on which the examination was taken. The examiner will publish the results of a resit within 15 working days after the day on which the examination was taken.
4. In special circumstances and upon request, the Examining Board may extend or reduce the periods referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present article.
5. When a result of an examination is published, the student is informed about the perusal and inspection rights as meant in these regulations.
6. When the result of an examination is published, the student is informed about the possibility to appeal at the examinations appeals board within the applicable appeal period.

Article 32. Perusal and inspection rights

1. For a period of at least twenty days following the publication of the result of a written examination, the student is entitled, upon his/her/their request, to peruse and inspect the work assessed.
2. Contrary to the provisions in paragraph 1, the inspection of examinations from period 4 will be held no later than two working days after the publishing of the results. For resits from period 4 of the propaedeutic phase, inspections of examinations will be held no later than two working days after the publishing of the results. The provision concerning the minimum number of working days between inspection and the next resit does not apply to these examinations.
3. For the period referred to in paragraph 1, any interested party is entitled to inspect, during the perusal, both the questions asked and the assignments set for the relevant written examination and the standards applied for the assessment.
4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, the examiner may decide that perusal will take place for all students at the same time, on a date and at a time and place set in advance. If a student should not be able to attend this perusal because of circumstances demonstrably beyond the student's control, a separate perusal can be arranged, upon the student's request, preferably within the period of time referred to in paragraph 1 of the present article.
5. In the event the format of the examination should not allow for the perusal and inspection procedure referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, the course manual provides information on how perusal can take place.
6. In no event, the opportunity for perusal is offered fewer than five working days prior to the first following opportunity to sit the examination.

Article 33. Validity term of examinations

1. The validity term of an examination that has been passed is indefinite.

2. The validity term of the results of a module test always ends when the result of the examination corresponding to the relevant unit of study has become irrevocable.

Article 34. Master's examination

1. The programme is finalised by the master's examination.
2. The Examining Board establishes the result of the master's examination in writing as soon as the student has passed all the examinations corresponding to the units of study in the examination programme pertaining to the programme in question. The master's examination date is the date of the last examination.
3. When determining the result of the master's examination, the Examining Board also sets the master's examination date. The master's examination date is the date of the last examination as referred to in paragraph 2.

Article 35. Degree and distinction

1. The student who has passed the programme's master's examination is awarded the degree Master of Arts.
2. The Examining Board may award a distinction to the student who has successfully completed the master's examination of the programme. The rules that apply to awarding distinctions have been laid down in the Guidelines Distinctions Regulations as referred to in article 2a of these regulations.

Paragraph 7 Study progress, counselling and recommendations

Article 36 Registration of study progress

1. The dean is responsible for the registration of the study results in such a way that the Examining Board can provide every student, upon the student's request and within a reasonable period of time, with an updated overview of the results obtained.

Article 37 Student counselling and study facilities

1. The dean is responsible for providing adequate student counselling.
2. Apart from the student counselling provided by programme, the student can in any case make use of student counselling provided by the Radboud University.

Paragraph 8 Evaluation of tuition

Article 38 Tuition evaluation method

1. With due observance of the quality assurance system of the institute, as laid down in the Handbook Quality Assurance System Degree Programmes Radboud University (*Handboek Kwaliteitszorg Onderwijs Radboud Universiteit*), the dean ensures that the tuition in the degree programme is systematically evaluated.

Paragraph 9 Transitional provisions

See appendix III for the transitional provisions concerning the pre-master's programme in 2025-2026.

Paragraph 10 Final provisions

Article 39 Safety net scheme and hardship clause

1. In cases not or insufficiently covered by these regulations, the dean decides.
2. In the event these regulations differ from those in the applicable statutory stipulations. The provisions in the Act prevail.
3. In the event these regulations differ from those in the course catalogue , the provisions in the EER prevail.

Article 40 Adoption, employee participation and amendments

1. These regulations are laid down or amended by the dean, after the programme committee (*opleidingscommissie*) has delivered its opinion on them and after the faculty joint assembly (*facultaire gemeenschappelijke vergadering*) has consented to them.
2. Amendments to these regulations do not take effect in the current academic year, unless such amendment does not cause undue harm to the interests of the student.

Article 41 Implementation

These regulations enter into effect on 1-9-2025 and remain valid until 31-8-2026.

Article 42 Publication

1. The dean is responsible for the appropriate publication of these regulations and of any amendments of them.
2. Any interested party is entitled to collect a copy of these regulations at the faculty office.
3. If the programme's language of instruction is the English language, the translation of these regulations is also published and made available for inspection

Article 43 Evaluation

The dean ensures that these regulations are evaluated on a regular basis.

These regulations were laid down by the dean on 16 June 2025.

Appendix I Admission Requirements and Procedures³

Admission requirements for the academic year 2026-2027

1. Applicants will be granted admission to the master's degree programme if they have successfully completed one of the following bachelor's programmes:
 - a) Bachelor of Religion, Politics and Society (RPS)
 - b) Bachelor of Islam, Politics and Society (IPS)
 - c) Bachelor of Theology
 - d) Bachelor Philosophy or PPS
2. Applicants will be granted admission to the master's degree programme if they have successfully completed one of the following premasters programmes at Radboud University Nijmegen
 - e) Premaster Religious Studies
 - f) Premaster Islam, Politics and Society (IPS)
 - g) Premaster Theology
 - h) Premaster Orthodox Christianity
3. An applicant will also be granted admission to the master's degree programme if:
 - a) he/she/they has obtained a degree that the Admissions Board judges to be at least equivalent to the diploma referred to in paragraph 1;
4. A student will also be granted admission to the programme if the Admissions Board judges that the student has adequately demonstrated his/her/their suitability for the programme.
5. Before students are granted admission to the third-year professional specialisation 'Spiritual Care', students are required to attend a match meeting.

Language requirement

1. 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 need one of the following:
 - a) a Dutch academic Bachelor's degree or
 - b) an academic Bachelor's degree from an English-speaking country or
 - c) one of the following certificates:
 1. *TOEFL iBT*: ≥ 100 , subscores ≥ 22
 2. *IELTS Academic*: $\geq 7,0$ overall & subscores $\geq 6,5$
 3. *Cambridge C1 Advanced* or *C2 proficiency*: at least C
2. In order to take part in the specialisation of Biblical Exegesis, students need to have a basic knowledge of Hebrew and/or Greek. Students need to be able to show, in the form of successfully completed electives or degrees, that they have the required proficiency.

Programme-specific entry requirements

The examining board can decide to grant students who are registered for the bachelor's programme at the university and who wish to be admitted to the master's programme, but did not yet obtain the required bachelor's degree, admission to certain components of the master's degree programme (not being

³ After the publication of the OER, changes to assessment methods can only be made in exceptional circumstances and with the decision of the program coordinator.

(partial)exams) in anticipation of their registration for the master's degree programme. The examining board will only decide on the admission if:

- a) the student has submitted or completed the bachelor's final paper with sufficient result;
- b) the student has at least obtained 170 ECs (including those that were awarded as exemptions) of the bachelor's degree programme;
- c) the student has developed a study plan in consultation with the study advisor.

Different times of enrolment

The master's programme in Theology has the following entry points:

- 1 September;
- 1 February.

Premaster

1. 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 on the final list of the entire program of study, including the first-year phase.
 - c) those who have obtained a Bachelor's degree without numerical results and whose results on the final list of the entire program of study, including the first-year phase, are the equivalent grade of 7.5 or higher.
2. If a student has obtained a bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences (HBO) and has achieved an average grade or numerical equivalent of less than 7.50, but at least a 7,00 on the final transcript for the entire program, including the propaedeutic phase, the admissions committee may, upon the PTRS program's recommendation, decide to admit the student to the pre-master's program based on their affinity with the field of study and/or demonstrated (work) experience and/or personal motivation.
3. The pre-master's programme covers the following components with the course aspects specified:

Pre-master Religious Studies

See the pre-master programme in the Education and Examination Regulations Master Theology and Religious Studies.

Premaster Theology

Course	Study Load	Teaching method	Examination method	Semester	Contact hours	Code
Academische vaardigheden voor theologen	5	WC	PA	1	24	FTR-THEPM100
Liturgiewetenschap*	5	WC	ST	1	24	FTR-THBA200
The Bible: an introduction	5	WC	PA	1	24	FTR-THBA101

Inleiding geschiedenis christendom	5	WC	ST	1	24	FTR-THEBA201
Theologische ethiek**	5	WC	ST	1	24	FTR-THEBA108
Dogmatiek**	5	WC	PA	2	24	FTR-THBA105
Keuze uit:				2	24	
– Exegese OT	5	WC	PA			FTR-THBA110
– Exegese NT	5	WC	PA			FTR-THBA203
Religie wereldwijd	5	WC	ST+MP	2	24	FTR-RTIBA101
Christendom in de 20 ^{ste} eeuw	5	WC	PA	2	24	FTR-THEBA202
Pastoraaltheologie	5	WC	ST	2	24	FTR-THEBA101
Onderzoeksproject	10	PR	SO+PA+MP	2	24	FTR-RTIBA201

*May be exchanged for another course in the practical pillar (Church Law or World Christianity and Intercultural Dialogue).

**May be exchanged for another course in the systematic pillar (The Human Search for God or Spirituality).

Premaster students who intend to enroll in the Master's specialisation in Biblical Exegesis must complete 10 EC in either Hebrew (Bijbels Hebreeuws I & II) or Greek (Bijbels Grieks I & II), in place of two of the pillar courses with the exception of Exegesis OT and/or NT.

Academic Skills can only be exempted for students who have taken Academic Skills at a university level in the humanities or social sciences.

Exemption from the Research Project is only possible if the student has explicitly followed methodological training at an academic level in the humanities or social sciences and/or has written a BA or MA thesis at an academic level in the humanities or social sciences (or has completed doctoral research).

Appendix II Examination programme⁴

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

The specialisations:

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

1. The first and second year of the degree programme consists of the following components, study loads, teaching methods, examination formats and contact hours.

Legend:

- Lecture (LE): Students acquire reproducible knowledge provided by the teacher to support self-study. Students are encouraged to ask both clarifying and in-depth questions. There is also room for substantive discussions.
- Seminar (SE): The primary function of this format is for students to apply and engage with the material. This format does not prohibit the teacher from providing instructions. The teacher facilitates an environment in which active participation from all students shapes the content of the class. Students are expected to meet this requirement. Attendance is therefore mandatory.
- Practicum (PR) (attendance is obligatory): students will learn specific skills following assignments set by the teacher. Command of these skills is a learning objective in itself. The interaction and mutual feedback by students is an integral part of the learning process. This is why attendance is obligatory.

Legend:

HC: hoorcollege – LE: lecture

WC: werkcollege – SE: seminar

PR: practicum – PR: practicum

SO: schriftelijke opdracht – WT: written task

MP: mondelinge presentatie – OP: oral presentation

ST: schriftelijk tentamen – WE: written exam

PF: portfolio

PA: paper

WS: werkstuk – TH: thesis

Examination formats may vary from year to year. Please consult the Course Catalogue for the most up-to-date information.

⁴ After the publication of the OER, changes to assessment methods can only be made in exceptional circumstances and with the decision of the program coordinator.

Year 1	Specialisation Practical Theology	Study load	Teaching Method	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
1	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103/203	1
2	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105/205	2
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106/206	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104/204	2
<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>						
3	Elective course	10 EC	SE	36		1 or 2
4	Specialisation course Practical Theology: Pastoral Theology or Missiology	10 EC	SE	12	FTR-THMA150-7	1
					FTR-THMA150-8	2
<i>Total</i>		60 EC				
Year 2	Specialisation Practical Theology					
5	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103	1
6	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105	2
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104	2
<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>						
7	Research Design	5	SE	24	FTR-RTMA110	1
8	Master's Thesis	15 EC			FTR-RTIMA300	2
<i>Total</i>		60 EC				

Year 1	Specialisation Systematic Theology	Study load	Teaching Method	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
1	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105/205	1
2	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103/203	1
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106/206	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104/204	2
<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>						

3	Elective course	10 EC	SE	36		1 or 2
4	Specialisation course Systematic Theology: Dogmatic Theology or Theological Ethics	10 EC	SE	12	FTR-THMA150-5 FTR-THMA150-6	1 2
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC				

Year 2	Specialisation Programme Systematic Theology	Study load	Teaching Method	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
5	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105	1
6	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103	1
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104	2
	<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>					
7	Research Design	5	SE	24	FTR-RTMA110	1
8	Master's Thesis	15 EC			FTR-RTIMA300	2
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC				

Year 1	Specialisation History of Church and Theology	Study load	Teaching Method	Contact hours	Code	Sem
1	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106/206	1
2	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103/203	1
	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105/205	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104/204	2
	<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>					
3	Elective course	10 EC	SE	36		1 or 2
4	Specialisation course History of Church and Theology: Church History or Canon Law	10 EC	SE	12	FTR-THMA150-3 FTR-THMA150-4	1 2
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC				
Year 2	Specialisation History of Church Theology					
5	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106	1

6	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103	1
	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105	1
	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104	2
	<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>					
7	Research Design	5	SE	24	FTR-RTMA110	1
8	Master's Thesis	15 EC			FTR-RTIMA300	2
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC				

Year 1	Specialisation Biblical Exegesis	Study load	Teaching Method	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
1	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104/204	1
2	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103/203	1
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106/206	1
	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105/205	2
	<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>					
3	Seminar Greek	5EC	SE	24	FTR-THMA100	1
4	Seminar Hebrew	5 EC	SE	24	FTR-THMA101	1
5	Specialisation course Biblical Exegesis: Old Testament or New Testament	10 EC	SE	12	FTR-THMA150-1	2
					FTR-THMA150-2	2
	<i>total</i>	60 EC				
Year 2	Specialisation Biblical Exegesis					
6	Seminar Biblical Exegesis	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA104	1
7	Seminar Practical Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA103	1
	Seminar History of Church and Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA106	1
	Seminar Systematic Theology	10 EC	SE	36	FTR-THMA105	2
	<i>Students can substitute one seminar with another TH or TH/RS seminar or specialisation course at the discretion of the examining board.</i>					
8	Research Design	5 EC	SE	24	FTR-RTMA110	1

9	Master's Thesis	15 EC			FTR-RTIMA300	2
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC				

In the third year of the degree programme students will choose one of the following four *professional specialisations* or they may complete their third year with a combination of MA TH or TH/RW seminars and an internship, study abroad, or non FTR- seminars with approval from the Examination Board.. The chosen *professional specialization* will determine the structure of the third year.

- Professional specialisation Religie en Beleid
- Professional specialisation Geestelijke Verzorging
- Professional specialisation Educatieve Master
- Professional specialisation Academic Research.

Year 3	Professional specialisation Religion and Policy	Study load	Teaching Method	Examination format	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
1	Filosofie van religie, staat en samenleving	5 EC	LE	PA	24	FTR-RSMAB100	1
2	Religie, culturele diversiteit en overheidsbeleid	5 EC	LE+SE	WE+OP+WT	24	FTR-RSMAB101	1
3	Religie en recht	5 EC	LE+SE	OP+WT+PA	24	FTR-RSMAB102	1
4	Religie en diversiteitsmanagement	5 EC	LE+SE	PA	24	FTR-RSMAB103	1
5	Beleidsplanning en implementatie	5 EC	SE	WE+PA+OP	24	FTR-RSMAB104	1
6	De plaats van pijn en lijden in het menselijk leven	5 EC	LE+SE	WE	24	FTR-THMA209	2
7	Health Care Humanities Paper	5 EC	SE	PA	24	FTR-THMA210	1 of 2
8	Stage	15 EC		WT+PA		FTR-RSMAB125	2
9	Theologische reflectie	5 EC	SE	WT+PA	24	FTR-RTMAG109	1
10	Verplichte keuze uit : - Health and Illness - Technologie en toekomst van gezondheid en zorg - Mondiale problemen, lokale gezondheidszorg	5 EC				LET-CIWM477 LET-CIWM478 MED-HCHMPLG	P3 P4 P1
	<i>total</i>	60 EC					

Year 3	Professional specialisation Spiritual Care	Study load	Teaching Method	Examination format	Contact hours	Code	Sem.
1	Rituele expressie	5 EC	LE+SE	WE+WT	36	FTR-RTMAG100	1
2	Grondslagen geestelijke verzorging	5 EC	LE+SE	WT+MP+WE	24	FTR-RTMAG101	1
3	Spirituele counseling	5 EC	SE+PR	WT+PA	36	FTR-RTMAG103	1
4	Ethiekondersteuning	5 EC	SE	WE+PA+OP	24	FTR-RTMAG104	1
5	Spirituele diagnostiek	5 EC	SE	WT+MP+PA	24	FTR-RTMAG105	1
6	Pijn en lijden	5 EC	LE+SE	PA	24	FTR-THMA209	2
7	Health Care Humanities Paper*	5 EC	SE	PA	24	FTR-THMA210	1 or 2
8	Beroepsstage en supervisie	15 EC		WT+PA	28-35	FTR-RTMAG125	1 or 2
9	Theologische reflectie	5 EC	WE	WT+PA	24	FTR-RTMAG109	1
10	Verplichte keuze uit : – Health and Illness – Technologie en toekomst van gezondheid en zorg – Mondiale problemen, lokale gezondheidszorg	5 EC				LET-CIWM477 LET-CIWM478 MED-HCHMPLG	P3 P4 P1
	<i>Total</i>	60 EC					

**or replace it with a master's course specified in the course or study guide.*

In addition to education provided in the form of lectures, tutorials and seminars, the methodology components in the **professional specialisations** ‘Religion and Policy’, ‘Spiritual Care’ and ‘Pastoral Studies’, 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.

Year 3	Professional specialisation Teacher Education in Religious Education	
	Opleiding tot docent: eerstegraads lesbevoegdheid	Study load
1	Instituutsgedeelte (Radboud Docenten Academie)	30 EC
2	Stage	30 EC
	<i>total</i>	60 EC

Year 3	Professional specialisation Academic Research	
	Opleiding tot docent: eerstegraads lesbevoegdheid	Study load
1	Choose 30 EC from the following: Noster seminars/course, master seminars FTR/PTRS or study abroad	30 EC
2	Research proposal	10 EC
3	Academic article	20 EC
	<i>total</i>	60 EC

Appendix III Transitional provisions pre-master's programmes 2025-2026

General Provisions

1. The transitional provisions apply to students in pre-master's programmes until 31 August 2027.
2. All other, older transitional arrangements will expire as of 31-08-2026.
3. Earned study results (ECs) can be carried over into the program for students who have been continuously enrolled. In the case of an interrupted enrollment, the student falls under the applicable examination program as laid down in the EER (Education and Examination Regulations) of the academic year of re-enrollment. The student may submit a request to the examination board to transfer previously obtained study results (ECs).
5. For courses that will be removed from the premaster's curricula, one or more replacement courses will be designated (see document Replacement Courses Theology). For courses that are replaced on a one-to-one basis, changes in the examination programs will be implemented automatically. For discontinued courses with multiple possible replacement options, students will indicate their choice. The program coordinator will assess whether this choice complies with the transitional provisions and will then ensure that the examination program is adjusted accordingly.
6. If the designated replacement electives are not suitable for a student's situation (due to content-related reasons, risk of study delay, etc.), the student may propose alternative replacement courses to the examination board for approval. The student must include a brief explanation in the request to the examination board, clarifying why the listed replacement courses are unsuitable and why the proposed alternative(s) are appropriate.
7. If the above provisions lead to unreasonable or unfair consequences for a student, the student may request an exemption from the examination board.

For the replacement courses in the pre-master's programme, please refer to the Excel file associated with the bachelor programme in Theology.