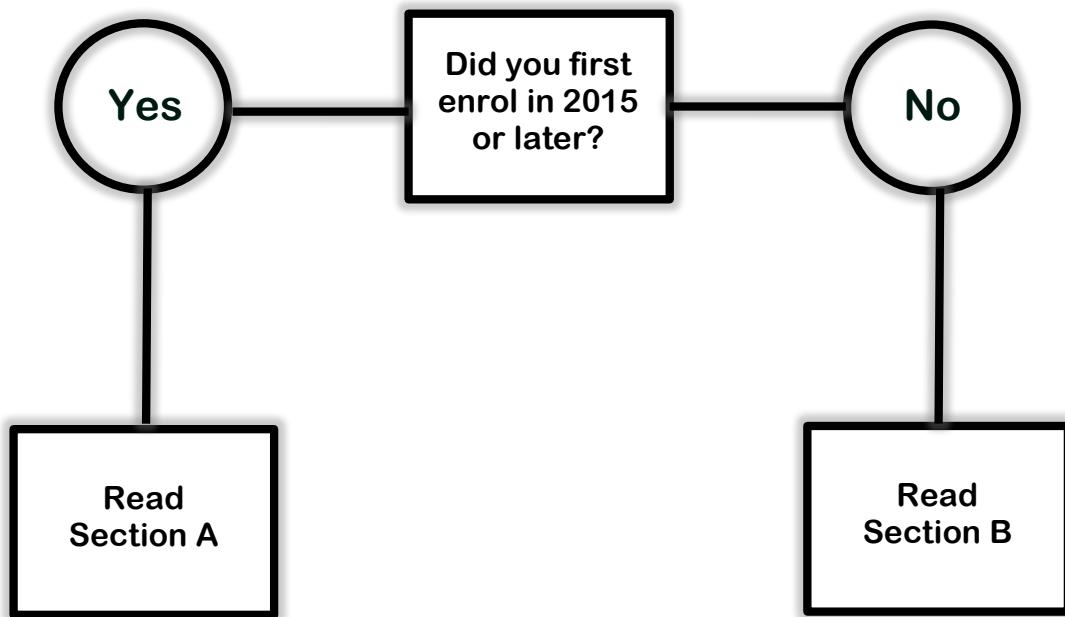


## PLANNING YOUR BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

This document offers our interpretation of the regulations for the Bachelor of Theology. These regulations changed in 2015 so it's important to know which set of regulations apply to you. It depends on when you *first* enrolled in the degree. Did you first enrol in the Bachelor of Theology in 2015; or did you first enrol in 2014 or earlier?



## SECTION A: THE CURRENT REGULATIONS

- These regulations apply to you if you first enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology in 2015 or later -

There are twenty papers in the Bachelor of Theology. At least fifteen of those papers must be in Theology and Religion. Within those fifteen papers there are three types:

**Compulsory Core Papers:** you must do these papers to complete the requirements of the degree

**Elective Core Papers:** you must choose at least one from each of four pairs of papers

**Elective Papers:** you can choose these papers from within Theology and Religion

These fifteen papers are specified in the following table:

7 Compulsory Core Papers	BIBS112, BIBS121
	CHTH102, CHTH111, CHTH131
	CHTH218/318
	PAST215/315
4 Elective Core Papers	At least one of RELS101 or RELS102
	At least one of BIBS211/311 or BIBS218/318
	At least one of BIBS221/321 or BIBS226/326
	At least one of CHTH206/306 or CHTH233/333
4 Elective Papers	Four papers of your choice in BIBS, CHTH, PAST or RELS <i>[We encourage you to include papers in Hebrew or Greek]</i>

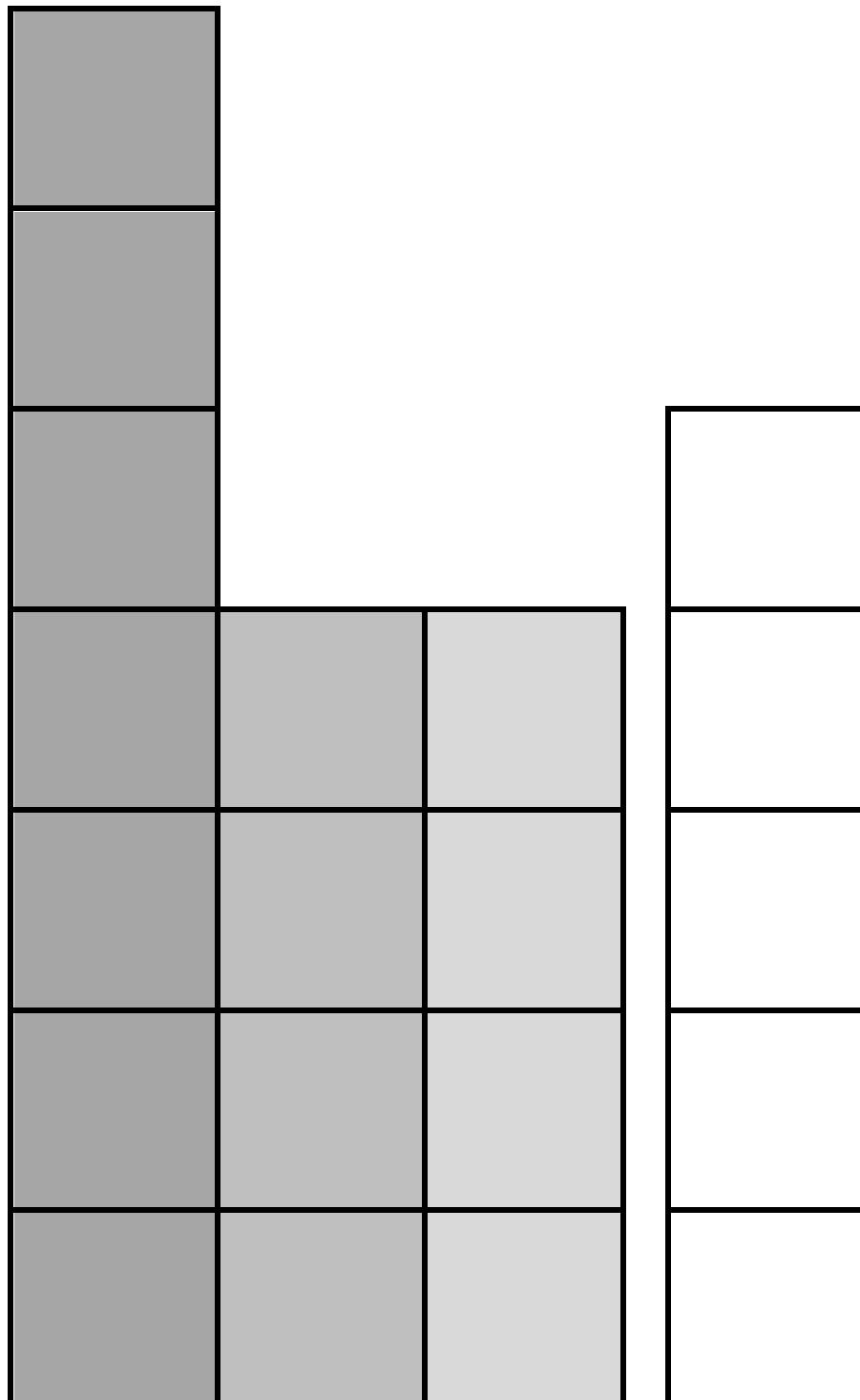
The purpose of the core is to ensure that all students who complete the degree receive a balanced grounding across the breadth of subject areas within Theology and Religion and encounter what we consider to be the most important topics.

While language study is not required in the core we warmly encourage all students to consider including papers in one or more of the biblical languages in their degree. Papers are offered at all levels in both Hebrew and Greek. Language study is really essential for a thorough understanding of the biblical texts, and indispensable if you intend to continue to higher level qualifications in Biblical Studies. The University of Otago is the only university in New Zealand to offer four years of study in the biblical languages, which can be taken either on campus or by distance at all levels. The 400-level Hebrew paper also includes the opportunity to read passages of the Bible in Aramaic, the language of some of the biblical authors, and of Jesus.

It might be helpful to see the twenty papers in the degree laid out like this:

PAST 215/315			
CHTH 218/318			
CHTH131			
CHTH111	CHTH 206/306 or CHTH333		
CHTH102	BIBS 221/321 or BIBS 226/326		
BIBS121	BIBS 211/311 or BIBS 218/318		
BIBS112	RELS101 or RELS102		
Compulsory Core Papers	Elective Core Papers	Elective Papers	5 papers may be outside Theology & Religion

You can use the chart below to plan your degree. Write in any papers you have already completed, and then work out what papers you still have to do to finish your degree.



Compulsory  
Core  
Papers

Compulsory  
Elective  
Papers

Elective  
Papers

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To be clear, the fifteen papers in the first three columns must all be drawn from BIBS, CHTH, PAST or RELS. The remaining five papers may also be drawn from BIBS, CHTH, PAST or RELS, but they do not have to be.

There are no Majors or Minors within the Bachelor of Theology but you can have your degree ‘endorsed’ in BIBS, CHTH or PAST. Here are the requirements for endorsement:

**Biblical Studies:** In addition to the 11 core papers listed above you must complete at least four further BIBS papers, taking the total BIBS papers within your degree to at least eight. You must include at least three 300-level BIBS papers.

**Christian Thought and History:** In addition to the 11 core papers listed above you must complete at least three further CHTH papers, taking the total CHTH papers within your degree to at least eight. You must include at least three 300-level CHTH papers.

**Pastoral Studies:** In addition to the 11 core papers listed above you must complete at least four further PAST papers. Because BIBS121, CHTH102 and CHTH131 can be considered PAST papers for the purpose of endorsement this takes the total PAST papers within your degree to at least eight. You must include at least three 300-level PAST papers.

If you have completed some previous study that is NZQA-approved at Level 5 or above, the University may be able to grant credit for previous learning. For a three-year fulltime-equivalent degree the University will ordinarily grant 90 points of credit (effectively the five papers in the final column) usually comprising 72 100-level points and 18 200-level points. For each fulltime-equivalent year of a Diploma, the University will ordinarily grant 36 points of credit up to a maximum of 90 points (again, reducing the final column).

Individual papers that have not been part of a completed qualification may also be credited to your degree.

If you have completed some previous tertiary study that you think may be eligible for credit it is important to let us know. When you apply for credit you will need to provide original or witnessed copies of your relevant academic transcript(s). The University will charge an administration fee to process your credit. See this page for more information on the process:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/administration/otago029056.html>

It is your responsibility to plan your course of study so that you complete the requirements, but if you would like some help with your degree planning feel free to ask:

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## SECTION B: THE PRE-2015 REGULATIONS

*- These regulations apply to you if you first enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology before 2015 -*

The schedule on the next page outlines the papers you need to do to complete a Bachelor of Theology in your choice of Major and Minor (a Major is compulsory; a Minor is optional). You will see that all three Majors share the same 100-level papers – these are all compulsory for the degree. On the remaining pages you will find a planning chart that will help you to map out your degree.

It is your responsibility to plan your course of study so that you complete the requirements listed under each Major, but if you would like some help with your degree planning feel free to ask:

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:

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**Majoring in Biblical Studies...**

BIBS 112, 121	36
CHTH (101 or 102), 111, 131	54
1 paper from BIBS 211-216, RELS 211	18
1 paper from BIBS 221-226	18
1 other paper from BIBS 211-226, RELS 211	18
2 200-level papers in CHTH, PAST or RELS	36
18 other 200-level points in BIBS, CHTH, PAST or RELS	18
4 papers from BIBS 300-level and RELS 311	72
90 points that can be taken from outside Theology	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>

**Majoring in Christian Thought and History...**

BIBS 112, 121	36
CHTH (101 or 102), 111, 131	54
1 paper from CHTH 201-206	18
1 paper from CHTH 211-232	18
1 other paper from CHTH 201-232	18
2 200-level papers in BIBS, PAST or RELS	36
18 other 200-level points in BIBS, CHTH, PAST or RELS	18
4 300-level CHTH papers	72
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**Majoring in Pastoral Studies...**

BIBS 112, 121	36
CHTH (101 or 102), 111, 131	54
3 200-level papers from PAST <u>OR</u>	
2 PAST 200-level papers and 1 of CHTH 231, 232	54
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4 300-level papers from PAST and CHTH 331, 332	72
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**Note:** Students who first enrolled in 2012 or later must include at least one RELS paper in their degree.

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:

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A Minor (which is optional) may be in any Arts subject. These are the Minor subjects taught within the Department:

	<i>100-Level Requirements</i>	<i>Above 100-Level</i>
<b>Biblical Studies</b>	BIBS or HEBR papers worth at least 36 points.	At least 54 points of BIBS papers, including at least 18 points above 200-level. May include either RELS 211 or RELS 311.
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<b>Religious Studies</b>	RELS 101 and RELS 102.	At least 54 points of RELS papers, including at least 18 points above 200-level. May include BIBS 317.

That degree structure can be put another way, in the format below. (Note that if you first enrolled in 2012 or later you will need to include at least one Religion paper in your degree.) Here are the twenty papers in your degree:

		One Other		
		Not Your Major		
		Not Your Major	Major	
CHTH131				
CHTH111			Major	
CHTH102 (or 101)		Major	Major	
BIBS121		Major	Major	
BIBS112		Major	Major	

**100-level Theology**    **200-level Theology and Religion**    **300-level Theology**    **5 papers at any level may be outside Theology**

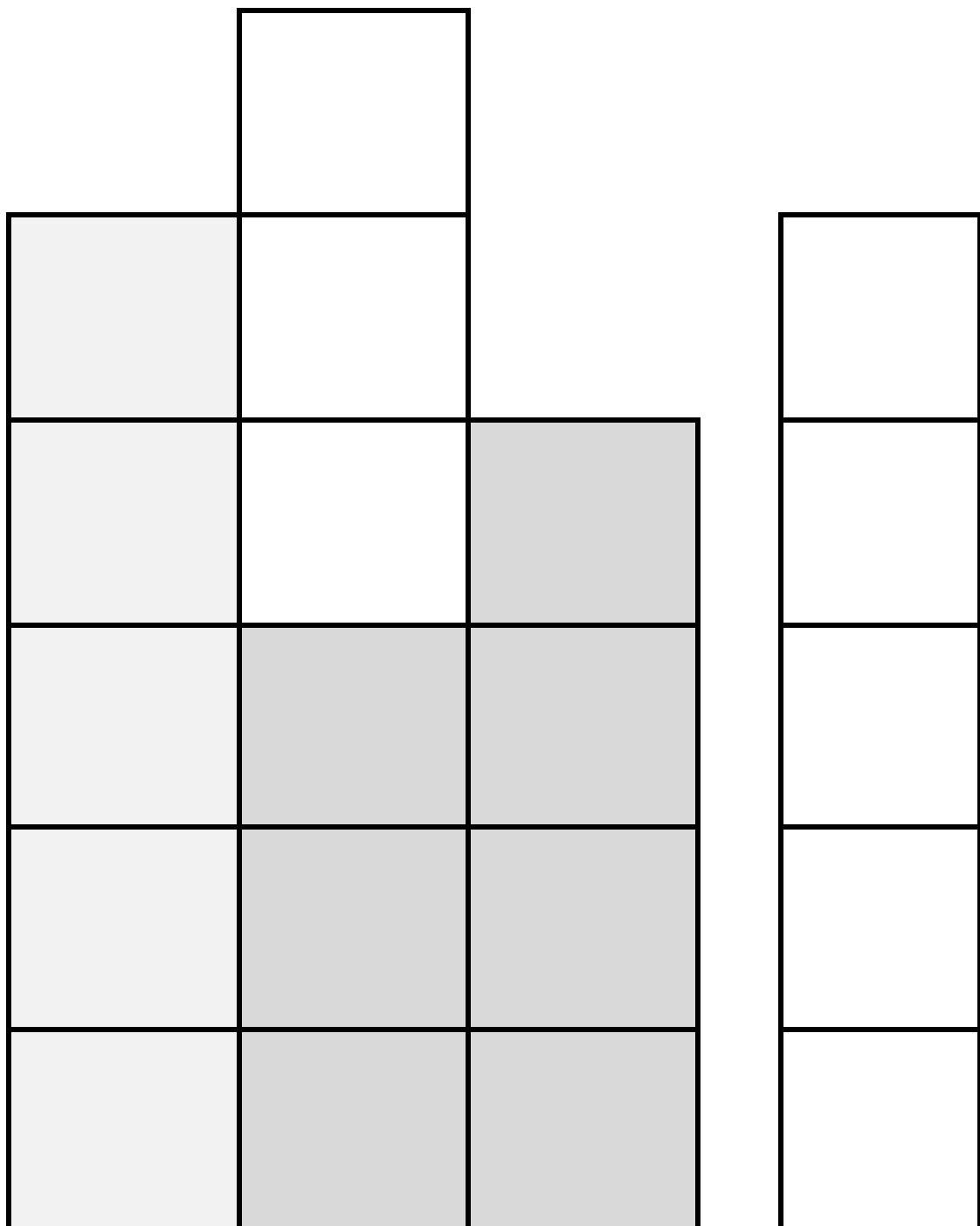
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Theology  
and Religion**

**300-level  
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