

## Fees and enrolment

The fees for 2023 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage.

Online enrolment is now open.

To enrol, go to [otago.ac.nz](http://otago.ac.nz) and click on "Apply now"

## Postgraduate study options from the Theology Programme

Students wishing to undertake postgraduate study by distance have a range of options:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy
- Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-based Leadership and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry
- Postgraduate Diploma in Theology
- Master of Chaplaincy
- Master of Faith-based Leadership and Management
- Master of Ministry
- Master of Theology
- PhD

For more information on postgraduate study, contact the postgraduate course advisor at [postgrad.theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:postgrad.theology@otago.ac.nz)

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DISTANCE LEARNING



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# Theology @ Otago by Distance Learning



# Theology@Otago. Explore faith, yourself and the world...



The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers papers in Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, and Pastoral Studies by distance learning for people throughout New Zealand and overseas. It is possible to complete a Diploma in Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Diploma for Graduates, and a range of postgraduate qualifications, or contribute papers towards other university qualifications, including the Bachelor of Arts. Students can also take individual papers without working towards a qualification. For undergraduate course advice, contact the undergraduate course adviser at [undergrad.theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:undergrad.theology@otago.ac.nz)

## Theology

In Theology, students explore the various dimensions of the Christian faith. This includes studying the following subject areas:

**Biblical Studies (BIBS)** helps students to explore the historical and cultural world of the Bible and to interpret the Biblical texts. Biblical Studies papers are divided into Old Testament and New Testament.

**Biblical Languages:** The Biblical Studies programme includes the opportunity to study Biblical Greek and Biblical Hebrew at 100, 200, 300, and 400 level. First-year language papers assume no prior knowledge.

**Christian Thought and History (CHTH)** includes the study of the development of the Christian Church (Church history) and the critical exposition and analysis of Christian thought (Systematic theology). It also includes papers on Christian ethics and the relationship between Christianity and the wider society.

**Pastoral Studies (PAST)** and **Ministry (MINS)** papers take a multidisciplinary approach to exploring church life and wider ministry and mission. They develop students' practical theological skills of relating theology to life and life to theology.

## Papers on offer in 2022 and 2023

Papers in Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages, Christian Thought and History, Pastoral Studies and Ministry are variously offered at 100, 200, 300 and 400-level.

### Pre-Christmas Summer School 2022

(14 November – 17 December 2022)

CHTH 235/335 Special Topic: Theology and Science  
CHTH 237/337 Moana Pasifika Theology (with intensive, 13–17 November, Mangere, Auckland)

### Summer School

(9 January – 24 February 2023)

PAST 323/MINS 415 Christian Ministry in Te Ao Māori (The Māori World) (with intensive, 16–20 January, Te Rau College, Gisborne)

### Semester 1 2023

#### Semester 1 paper with an intensive:

PAST 322/MINS 414 Christian Theology and the Arts (13–17 February, Dunedin)

#### Delivery by videoconference (+ = plus teaching day):

BIBS 112 Interpreting the Old Testament  
BIBS 131 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 1  
BIBS 221/321 The Gospels  
BIBS 227/327 Mātauranga Māori and the Bible  
CHTH 102 History of Christianity  
CHTH 111 Doing Theology  
CHTH 235/335 Special Topic: Theology, Money and Markets  
CHTH 305/405 + Roots of Public Theology  
HEBR 131 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 1  
PAST 321/MINS 413 + Missional God, Missional People  
MINS 406 Theological Perspectives on Leadership

### Semester 2 2023

#### Semester 2 paper with an intensive:

CHTH 236/336 Māori Theology & Religion (Ohope Marae, 3–7 July)

#### Delivery by videoconference (+ = plus teaching day):

BIBS 121 Interpreting the New Testament  
BIBS 132 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 2  
BIBS 218/318 Judaism in the Time of Jesus  
BIBS 322/423 + The Epistles  
CHTH 131 God and Ethics in the Modern World  
CHTH 212/312 Spirit, Church and Sacraments  
CHTH 319/415 + Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology  
CHTH 323/423 + Theology and Human Wellbeing  
HEBR 132 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2  
PAST 219/319 + Christian Witness in a Secular World  
MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts

### Pre-Christmas Summer School 2023

(13 November – 16 December 2023)

CHTH 224/324 Special Topic: Theology and the Environment

### Full year

#### Delivery by videoconference:

BIBS 213/313/411 Hebrew Old Testament Exegesis 2 and 3  
BIBS 223/323/421 Greek New Testament Exegesis 2 and 3

In addition, it is possible for distance students to do a 400-level research essay. Contact the programme for more details.

### Methods of distance learning

Distance learning papers in Theology are taught through videoconferences, one week intensives and/or teaching days. This allows students to have direct contact with their lecturer and to interact with other students doing the paper. In almost all papers, course materials containing a study guide, reading material and general administrative information, are made available via Blackboard. Students also have access to the University's Distance Library Service.

**Videoconferences:** Students participate in videoconferences via Zoom. Videoconferences are generally run as tutorials, with discussions around key topics essential to the paper.

**Teaching days:** Some papers may also include elements of face-to-face teaching (teaching days). These sessions take place near the beginning of the course and are either held in Wellington or via Zoom. Students can use this time to meet the lecturer, get to know other students and discuss the course in depth.

**Intensive:** For papers with an intensive, students attend a compulsory one-week, full-time block course, generally at the beginning of the semester. This week covers all the required contact hours with students completing the rest of the paper through submission of assessments during the semester.

**Online:** Students participate through Blackboard in online forums to discuss questions related to the course materials.

You will find more details on the Theology Programme's website: [otago.ac.nz/theology](http://otago.ac.nz/theology)