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School of Theology

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The University of Auckland  
**School of Theology**  
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Prospectus



# Welcome

Today, religious beliefs are determining not only the way individuals live their lives and make meaning of their world but also the way national and global communities are shaping our world. The University of Auckland's School of Theology provides opportunities to explore religious beliefs and practices within one major world religion, namely Christianity. As the School of Theology is incorporated into the Faculty of Arts from January 2010, it is hoped that, beyond 2010, opportunities can be provided for a study of additional religious traditions.

Currently, however, you can join students from a variety of cultures and traditions as you:

- explore questions about life and death, belief and doubt, and hope and despair in today's complex world
- study the Bible as sacred story and discover how Christianity has understood God and Jesus in different centuries
- learn to recognise the different faces of the church in diverse contexts
- engage with the history of Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand and Oceania
- understand more about yourself and others
- debate cross-cultural issues in theology.

You will study with our highly qualified academic staff. View our profiles online at [www.theology.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.theology.auckland.ac.nz)



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## Undergraduate programmes

Theology opens up opportunities for employment in diverse areas such as teaching, nursing, media, government, counselling, community programmes, church ministries, prison and hospital chaplaincies, and librarianship. You can study Theology as your main degree with a single or double major, as an adjunct to a general or professional degree, or together with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.

### Bachelor of Theology

#### Quick facts – BTheol

Full-time: 3 years (part-time options available)

Points per degree: 360

Majors: Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, Practical Theology

Taught at: City Campus

#### What you'll be studying

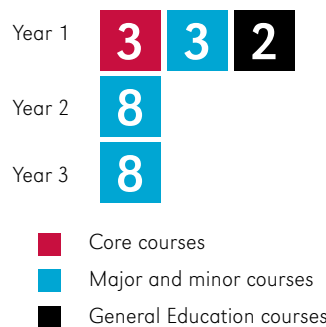
In the first year you will:

- explore the basic skills for doing Theology
- begin to study Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History and Practical Theology
- potentially take some General Education courses.

In subsequent years you will:

- nominate a major and a minor area of study (or a double major)
- develop confidence in communicating Christian theologies, analysing texts, traditions and contexts
- understand how theology inter-relates with other disciplines.

#### Sample BTheol degree structure



#### Stage I

##### Core courses

THEOLOGY 100 – Beginning Theology in Aotearoa New Zealand

THEOLOGY 103 – Reading the Bible

THEOLOGY 104 – Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand

##### Other courses

THEOLOGY 101 – The Bible in Popular Culture

THEOLOGY 105 – Worlds and Cultures of the Bible

##### Biblical Studies – language courses

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Introduction to New Testament Greek



*"I am really interested in theology and I see my study at the School of Theology as a path to ordination. I am currently at St Johns College and am heading towards ordination in the Anglican Church – on completion I would like to work as a priest. Studying at the School of Theology is a great opportunity to study with people from a variety of faith backgrounds. I have really enjoyed my first year of study and have been inspired by many of the courses we have studied so far, I particularly enjoyed looking at contextual theology and using it to explore theology in the New Zealand context."*

*Jordan Greatbatch is studying for a Bachelor of Theology.*

## Stage II and III

### Biblical Studies

Genesis

Prophets: Voices of Protest and Hope

Biblical Wisdom and Psalms

Biblical Texts in Contexts

Gospel of Matthew

Johannine Literature

Paul's Letters

Gospel of Mark

Biblical Hebrew

New Testament Greek

Bible Lands: Study Abroad

### Christian Thought and History

Christian Understandings of God

Being Human

Jesus the Christ

The Christian Community

Exploring Sacraments: Signs of Life (Stage II only)

The First Christian Centuries

Christianity in the South Pacific

Continuity and Change: Topics In Medieval and Reformation Church History

The Church in Revolutionary Times: Post-Reformation to the Present

### Practical Theology

The Self in Pastoral Care

Voices at the Margins

Social Justice in the Contemporary World

Understanding Christian Ritual in Aotearoa New Zealand

Theological Ethics

Race and Culture in Practical Theology

Spirituality in Aotearoa New Zealand

Moana Leadership

Studies in Public Theology

### Theology

Ecotheology

Feminist Theologies

Māori Theology

Missiology

Religious Themes in the Arts

The Gendered Church

Theology of Place

## General Education

As a BTheol student you must take two General Education courses. These can be taken at any time during the degree, but it is recommended that at least one course is taken in the first year.

BTheol and conjoint students can choose their General Education courses from the following areas: Music, Art and Contemporary Society; Business and Society; Life Sciences; Physical Sciences; Mathematical and Information Sciences; and Languages. BSc/BTheol conjoint students can also select General Education courses from Communication.

The School of Theology offers the General Education course in Semester Two: THEOLOGY 101G The Bible in Popular Culture. This course does not satisfy the General Education requirements for BTheol and BTheol conjoints, however, the equivalent non-General Education course, THEOLOGY 101 The Bible in Popular Culture can be included in the BTheol.

For further information about General Education see [www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation)



Theology students in the school's reception area, which is always warm and welcoming.

## Double your options

Conjoint degrees give you the opportunity to study two degrees concurrently. You can complete them in less time than it would take to do them separately.

The conjoint combinations currently available with Theology are:

- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Theology (BA/BTheol)
- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Theology (BSc/BTheol)

BTheol conjoint programmes can be completed within four years of full-time study (or equivalent). They consist of 270 points for each of the BTheol and BA or BSc components with a total value of 540 points.

You must meet the subject requirements for both degrees and gain a sufficiently high ranking for selection. You will be ranked according to your best 80 credits at NCEA Level 3 (or higher) over a maximum of five approved subjects, weighted by the level of achievement attained in each set of credits.

Conjoint degree programmes require careful planning. You should consult the advisers from both faculties responsible for your conjoint programme before applying for a conjoint programme.



*"Theology has fascinated me since I was a child, though I did not know the term then. I questioned why I believed what I believe in. I was introduced to philosophy whilst in the seminary and I started to critically analyse life in general and ask critical questions about God and God's existence. I chose to study two degrees (with majors in Biblical Studies and Philosophy) because I believe they will lead me in answering my personal faith questions. The University of Auckland was the only place that enabled me to study both subjects as a conjoint - as well as being the top university in New Zealand. I hope to go further in studying theology. My aim is to teach theology and be able to share what I have learned with the next generation."*

*Denis Brown Tutaka is studying for a Bachelor of Theology (majoring in Biblical Studies) and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Philosophy) conjoint.*



Young Scholars Programme participants Kera Sherwood-O'Regan, Ashleigh Nicholas and Monique Poirier from Marist College, and Sarah Hall, St Mary's College, are Year 13 students studying the Theology 100 Stage 1 course under the Bachelor of Theology programme.

## Graduate Diploma in Theology

### Quick facts – GradDipTheol

Full-time: 1 year (part-time options available)

Points per degree: 120

Taught at: City Campus (some courses available online)

If you have a degree or a professional qualification or experience, and approval from the Head of School, you can apply for admission.

### GradDipTheol online (part-time)

Courses available online in 2010:

- THEOLOGY 100 Beginning Theology in Aotearoa New Zealand (Semester One)
- PTHEO 217/317 Spirituality in Aotearoa New Zealand (Semester Two)
- other courses to be advised.



Wouldn't it be wonderful to read the Bible in its original languages? Through the study of Theology you can learn the Biblical Greek and Hebrew script with students from various cultures and perspectives.

# Postgraduate programmes

The School of Theology provides opportunities for you to pursue further academic learning along a variety of graduate and postgraduate pathways.



## Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

### Quick facts – BTheol(Hons)

Full-time: 1 year (part-time options available)

Points per degree: 120

Taught at: City Campus

You can apply for admission if you have a degree in Theology or equivalent and have passed the specified pre-requisite courses for one of the subject areas listed in the BTheol(Hons) schedule with an average grade of B or higher in 45 points above Stage II.

## Postgraduate Diploma in Theology

### Quick facts – PGDipTheol

Full-time: 1 year (part-time options available)

Points per degree: 120

Taught at: City Campus

You can apply for admission if you have a degree in Theology or equivalent and have passed the specified prerequisite courses listed in the schedule and have approval of the Head of School.

## Honours and postgraduate courses

### Core Courses

Hermeneutics

Doing Theology in Context

### Major – Biblical Studies

Historical Jesus Studies

Healing in Biblical Literature

Creation in the Bible

Emergence of Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism

Biblical Studies through Biblical Lands: Study Abroad

### Major – Christian Thought and History

Contemporary Issues

Theological Texts in Aotearoa New Zealand

Nineteenth Century Religious Movements

Church and Society in Twentieth Century New Zealand

### Major – Practical Theology

Spirituality and Well-Being

Body Theology and Society

Theology and Social Ecology

Theology of Children

Science, Technology, Media and God

## Master of Theology

### Quick facts – MTheol

**Full-time:** 1 year (part-time options available)

**Points per degree:** 120

**Taught at:** City Campus

This programme is by thesis only. You can apply for admission if you have a BTheol (Hons) with First Class or Second Class (Division I) Honours, or an equivalent qualification, or a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology with at least merit or an equivalent qualification, and approval of the Head of School.

## Doctor of Philosophy

### Quick facts – PhD

**Full-time:** 3 years (part-time options available)

This is a research degree and students are advised to consult the Head of School or Director of Postgraduate Studies prior to enrolment to discuss research interests and supervision possibilities. For further information see the Graduate Centre, Clock Tower, 22 Princes Street, Auckland, or email [postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:postgradinfo@auckland.ac.nz) or visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/futurepostgraduates](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/futurepostgraduates)



*"My thesis is on Biblical Hermeneutics from a Tongan migrant perspective, specifically, a kainga reading of the Gospel of Matthew. The aim of my research is to provide alternative ways for Tongan migrants to read and interpret biblical texts. I hope that it will also propose a theory for reading, alongside other theories from Oceania, which is contrary to most Eurocentric theories. The support that I receive from the academic staff and my fellow students at the School of Theology allows me to pursue my studies in an inspiring and contemplative environment."*  
Siosifa Pole is studying for a Masters in Theology.



*"I would like to be involved in theological education in the future and studying for a PhD will not only allow me to be taken seriously as a lecturer but also develop from a thinker and student to an academic with scholarly weight. Studying for a PhD offers privileged space in life to learn independence of thinking, discover originality, develop research skills, build international networks with interesting people and dig deep and wide into accumulated knowledge."*  
Rosemary Dewerse is studying for a PhD in Theology.

# How do you get in?

## Specific admission categories

The following admission information applies to New Zealand and Australian citizens and permanent residents (domestic students) and relates to undergraduate study only. Please contact the School of Theology to discuss postgraduate study.

### Admission from New Zealand secondary school qualifications in 2010

#### National Certificate of Educational Achievement – (NCEA) Level 3

To be admitted to The University of Auckland you must gain the University Entrance Standard and be selected into a programme. You will be allocated a rank score based on your 80 best credits at Level 3 or higher over a maximum of five approved subjects, weighted by the level of achievement attained in each set of credits. If you achieve fewer than 80 credits, the rank score will be based on those credits you have gained at Level 3 over a maximum of five approved subjects and weighted by the level of achievement. The approved subjects are determined by NZQA and a list is available at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea). You are strongly encouraged to take achievement standards as preparation for University studies. The guaranteed admission score for the BTheol in 2010 is 120.

#### Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

To be admitted to The University of Auckland you must gain the University Entrance Standard (120 points on the UCAS Tariff) and be selected into a programme. You will be ranked according to your UCAS Tariff score accumulated over a maximum of six subject units in the last two years, at AS or A Level from subjects that match the approved subject list for NCEA. The guaranteed admission score for the BTheol in 2010 is 110.

#### International Baccalaureate (IB)

To be admitted to The University of Auckland you must gain the full IB Diploma and be selected into a programme. All applicants will be ranked. The guaranteed admission score for the BTheol in 2010 is 24.

#### Conjoint programmes

BA/BTheol – applicants with a rank score of 210 in NCEA or CIE or 29 in IB will gain admission to the conjoint programme. BA/BSc – applicants with a rank score of 230 in NCEA, 240 in CIE or 29 in IB will gain admission to the conjoint programme.

#### If you don't achieve the guaranteed admission score

Applicants who achieve the University Entrance Standard but do not achieve the scores indicated above will be considered on a case by case basis.

## Special Admission

If you are over 20 years of age on the first day of semester and have no formal University Entrance qualification, you may be eligible for Special Admission. Evidence of other study or work skills will need to be provided with your application.

## Targeted Admissions Scheme

A number of places on the Bachelor of Theology and the Graduate Diploma in Theology are reserved for Māori students, Pacific students and students with disabilities who achieve the University Entrance Standard but do not achieve the scores indicated above. This is not an entrance pathway for international students.

## Recognition of previous academic study (ROPAS)

The University of Auckland accepts applications from students who wish to transfer from other tertiary institutions. We will need to assess your results to determine your eligibility for admission. At the time of application, you may also apply for credit for courses completed elsewhere. If you have studied at secondary level overseas you may need to have your study assessed.

## English language requirements

You must meet certain standards of English language proficiency. You will meet these if English is your first language, or if you have a New Zealand University Entrance qualification. If you do not meet the requirements, contact the University's English Language Academy on +64 9 919 7695 for details about their programmes.

For more information about admission, contact the Admissions Office on +64 9 373 7599 ext 85013 or visit [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

International students should contact Auckland International on +64 9 373 7513 or visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/international](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/international)

## Other pathways

If you left school with few or no qualifications, successful completion of the following programmes will enable you to apply for admission into the BTheol (or another degree) at The University of Auckland: The University of Auckland Tertiary Foundation Certificate or the New Start Programme.

# Where to from here?

## Enquire

- visit [www.theology.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.theology.auckland.ac.nz)
- talk to one of our staff about the programme you are interested in (see the list of contacts below).



## Apply for a place in a programme(s)

- Log on to [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz), click on Apply Now, and complete the "Application for Admission" form

You will receive an acknowledgement letter asking you to provide specific documents before your application can be assessed. If you do not have Internet access, use one of the help labs on campus or obtain an application form from the ClockTower Call Centre - call 0800 61 62 63 (or +64 9 308 2386 if overseas).



## Offer

Your application will be assessed. If successful, an "offer of place in a programme" letter will be mailed to you (generally mid-January). You can also check your application status online using your login and password.



## Accept

Accept (or decline) your offer of place in a programme online.



## Enrol in your choice of courses

- Enrol in courses via nDeva using your login and password.
- Pay your tuition fees.

## Dates to remember

### Closing dates for applications for admission in 2010

All programmes	8 December 2009
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### Academic year 2010

Summer School	5 January to 17 February 2010
Semester One	1 March to 28 June 2010
Semester Two	19 July to 15 November 2010

**Disclaimer:** Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only for students and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at The University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current Calendar of The University of Auckland, to ensure that they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.

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## Money matters

### Tuition fees

This table is based on the 2009 fees schedule for a Theology student enrolled in a full-time load of 120 points and should be used as a guide only. For updated fees information, refer to [www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)

Programme of study	Domestic	International
BTheol	\$4,416	\$16,020
BTheol(Hons)	\$5,150-\$5,678	\$20,930
PGDipTheol	\$5,150-\$5,678	\$20,930
MTheol	\$5,150-\$5,678	\$20,930
PhD	\$4,729	\$4,729*

\*New international PhD students usually pay domestic tuition fees.

All of these fees are charged on a per point basis. Part-time students taking fewer than 120 points will pay proportionately lower fees. If you are undertaking full-time study in 2010 you will also pay approximately \$72 in building levies and \$350 for student services.

## Scholarships

For a full list of undergraduate scholarships and awards visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships) and click on "entry level scholarships".

From 1 January 2010 all of The University of Auckland's campuses will be smoke free.



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