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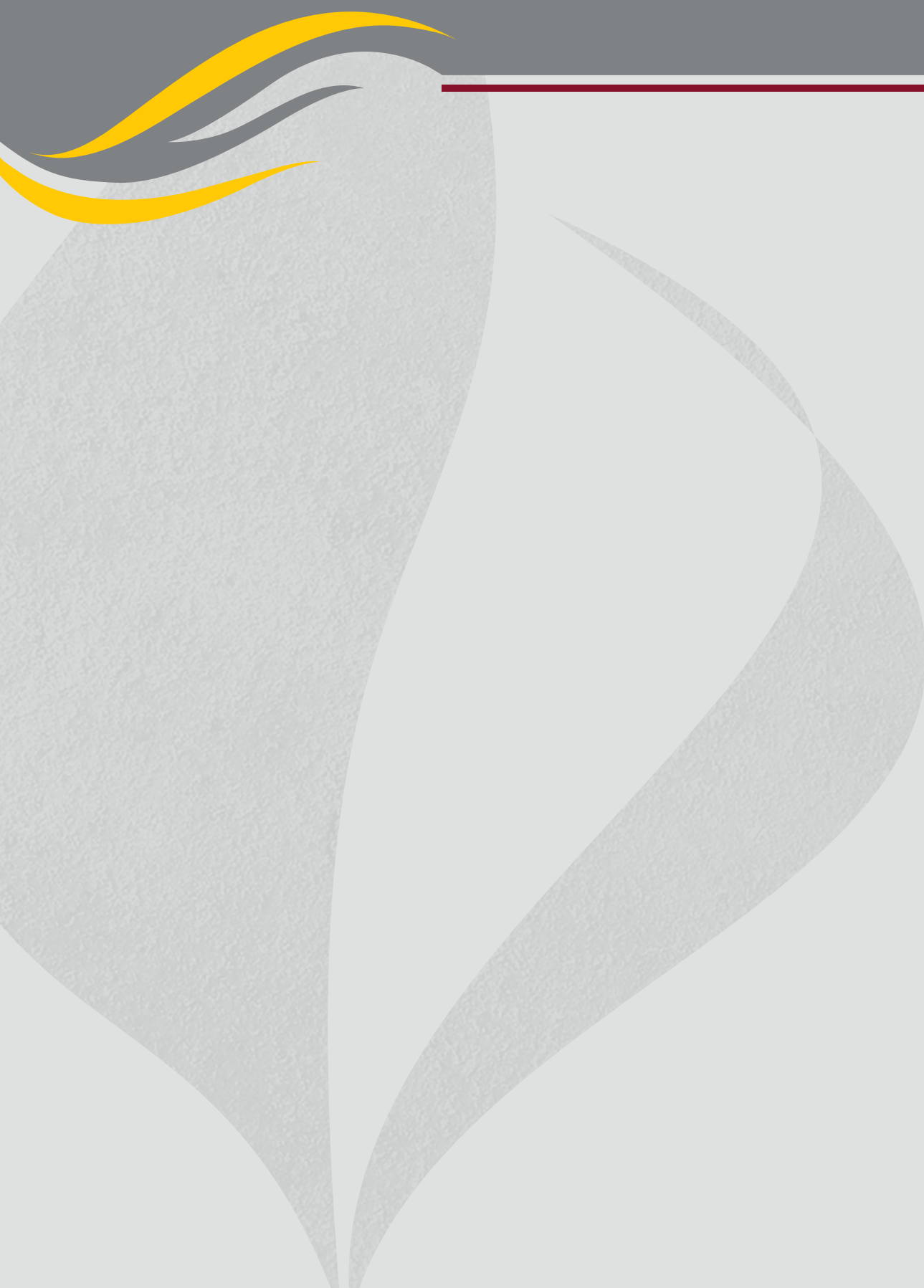
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GREENWICH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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in co-operation with the

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(Potchefstroom Campus) South Africa

<http://www.nwu.ac.za>

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GREENWICH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greenwich School of Theology was founded in 1958 as an independent, non- denominational theological college. It has its own Board of Directors, approved tutors, appointed examiners and external examiners. Since 1998, GST has offered accredited degrees in co-operation with North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) South Africa, a government funded university founded in the Nineteenth Century and a member of the Commonwealth Association. The School of Theology offers distance learning opportunities in Theology and Religious Studies from a Christian perspective leading to:

BA (Honours)

This is a post-graduate research degree completed at a distance.
The programme does not require any single day examinations or residency.

MA

Access to this degree programme requires a BA (Hons) in Theology/Religious Education. It is a research degree.

PhD

Access to this degree programme requires a Masters research degree in Theology.

RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION IN THE UK

On 22 August 2012, the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council renewed the accreditation of the Greenwich School of Theology for a further three years.

Following the September 1997 accreditation, the Chief Executive of the Council, welcomed the addition of the School to the colleges accredited by ODLQC. He went on to write of Greenwich:

Its non-denominational, non-sectarian approach to theology is most refreshing, whilst the provision of degrees by distance learning, not just at Bachelors level but at Masters and Doctoral levels as well, is very unusual, and gives the School an important and distinctive role that is not covered by any other accredited college.

The following paragraph is recommended by the Accreditation Committee for inclusion in the prospectuses of all its accredited colleges:

Accreditation includes a rigorous assessment, by independent experts, of a college's administration, tutorial support, educational materials and publicity, to ensure that they meet the standards set by the Council. Accredited colleges are monitored by the Council to ensure that students continue to receive good service and are assessed for re-accreditation at intervals of not more than five years.

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AWARDS

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): 2 - 4 YEARS
MASTER OF ARTS/MASTER OF THEOLOGY: 1 - 3 YEARS
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: 2 - 4 YEARS

REGISTRATION

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Applications may be received by GST at any time during the year. Registration with NWU is managed by the GST Liaison Administrators and completion of the process is marked by the issue of a Certificate of Registration Form. Please note that re-registration with NWU is required for each subsequent year of the degree programme. The NWU academic year runs from January to December. A candidate for admission to a degree programme of the School should first read the prospectus, especially the description of the courses available and the entry requirements.

TUTORS

The BA (Honours) programme is managed by Dr Ester Petrenko, PhD, MA, BA (Honours). Dr Petrenko acts as mentor and guide to all students accepted for the BA (Honours) programme and also supervises those seeking access to it by undertaking the colloquium.

GST Tutors are accredited by NWU and appointed by the GST Liaison Administrators to work at a distance with the individual student. In addition, each student preparing for a Masters or Doctoral submission will be tutored throughout the degree programme by a professor of the Faculty of Theology, NWU. The use of E-mail with the 'attachment' function and Skype enables students and tutors to maintain close contact.

All students are required to contact their tutors at the outset of the course and thereafter to agree a Work-plan and to submit work as it develops at regular intervals. No student may submit work for examination that has not been assessed and approved by both tutors.

Students need to be aware that should they experience difficulty in their relationship with the appointed tutor, they may contact either the GST Dean or the Liaison Administrators, who will attempt to mediate a satisfactory resolution. An appeals system is also available at NWU.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION

The normal period allowed for completion of each degree programme from the time of formal registration at NWU is shown above, with an option to extend that for a further one year. Any student needing an extension must complete and submit the relevant form to the GST Liaison Administrators with details of the re-arranged programme of study and must liaise with the Finance officer to pay the appropriate extension fee (see payment plan document for further details).

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISQUALIFICATION

A student's progress is monitored throughout the degree programme and any concern felt by the tutor or student should be referred to the Liaison Administrators. A student whose work proves to be unsatisfactory will be required to revise and re-submit the work, or to consider withdrawing from the study programme. All work accepted for the degree must first be approved by the student's tutor(s), who will demand the highest possible quality in the work before it is deemed worthy of submission for examination.

GRADUATION

It is the normal policy of the School that all graduating students should attend the biennial Convocation Ceremony in London to receive their degree in person from the Vice-Chancellor of North-West University or his deputy. If this is not possible, the student must advise the GST Liaison Administrators that he/she will be unable to attend a ceremony either in the UK or at the NWU, South Africa and, consequently, request that the degree be conferred in absentia. This is only granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the GST Dean.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Details of the Academic Dress of North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) for the purpose of graduation ceremonies are available from the Liaison Administrator, GST Office NWU (Tienie.Buys@nwu.ac.za)

FEES AND TUITION

Details of fees, tuition payments and payment plans are available on a separate information sheet. The School attempts to keep the fees at a reasonable level but reserves the right to increase fees as necessary without prior notice being given. Fees are payable directly to GST by arrangement with the Finance Officer, Ms Karen Kirk (kirkgst@btconnect.com), and remittances should be made payable only to Greenwich School of Theology.

BA (HONOURS) THEOLOGY – T622P

(128 credits)

This is a post graduate degree. To access this programme a candidate must already possess a recognised degree or diploma in theology or a related subject. For access to the degree programme any existing qualification in Theology will be considered by the NWU Director of Research. An applicant with a non-theological degree may be offered alternative means of access to the degree programme.

For the BA Honours (Theology) programme, the School does not supply study notes but will provide suggested reading lists on request. This ensures that students study the recommended texts.

COMPULSORY MODULES: (TOTAL 80 CREDITS)

Old Testament (16 credits), New Testament (16 credits), Mini-dissertation (48 credits)

ELECTIVE MODULES (CHOOSE ANY SIX - 8 CREDITS EACH):

Dogmatics, Ethics & Social Action, Sermon Preparation & Preaching, Semitic Languages, Religious & Christian Education, Church History & Dogma, Church Administration, Worship & Liturgy, Mission & Evangelism, Pastoral Studies & Counselling, New Testament (Greek required) Old Testament (Hebrew required)

MA (RESEARCH) THEOLOGY

(128 credits)

A dissertation of not less than 30,000 words on a religious/theological research area of the student's choice from the options below (the dissertation must be preceded by an approved Research Proposal):

Dogmatics; Ethics; Greek; Homiletics; Catechetics; Church and Dogma History; Church Polity; Liturgics; Missiology; New Testament; Old Testament; Pastoral Studies; Semitic Languages.

MTh (MODULES WITH MINI-DISSERTATION)

(128 credits)

Students must be in possession of an MDiv or equivalent qualification. Admission to this degree programme is at the discretion of the Director of Research at the NWU Faculty of Theology and is based on previous assignments and/or research results. Specific requirements for optional modules:

- For Pastorate as a major subject in Practical Theology: satisfactory knowledge of Psychology (especially modern trends).
- Catechetics as a major subject in Practical Theology: satisfactory knowledge of Child Psychology and the principles of Education.
- New Testament: Greek & Biblical Hebrew
- Old Testament: Biblical Hebrew and other Semitic Language.

PhD THEOLOGY

(256 credits)

The degree Doctor of Philosophy is achieved through the successful completion of a thesis of 65,000 to 80,000 words and is open to those graduates who have gained a research Master's degree in Theology (or related subject) that is accredited in the internationally acknowledged sense of the word. Students with a Master's degree in Divinity (MDiv) may not automatically meet the entry requirements for this degree programme but can gain access to the course by first completing a one year degree programme leading to the award of MTh (see above).

The PhD thesis will embody independent research work of distinction and will be deemed by the External Examiner(s) and the Director of Research at the University to be worthy of publication. Applicants should first submit a Research Proposal to the promoters prepared in accordance with NWU guidelines provided specifically for this purpose.

GENERAL DEGREE REGULATIONS

- A Research Proposal (RP) completed to meet the University's regulations must be submitted to the GST Tutor and to the NWU co-Tutor. With the approval of both tutors the RP will be examined by the NWU Faculty of Theology. The student and tutors will receive a detailed report on the feasibility of the RP. If modifications are required, these must be completed promptly and the RP re-submitted for full approval by the NWU Committee for Advanced Degrees (CAD).
- All degree submissions are examined by one examiner appointed by either GST or NWU and by two external examiners appointed by NWU. The criteria for assessment are provided in a separate document.
- Students are required to employ the Harvard System of Citation. A guide (NWU Referencing Guide) is made available in hard copy as part of the guidance package.
- A candidate may pass, fail, or be referred at the end of the examination process; in cases of referral, the NWU faculty, together with the examiner(s), will recommend to the student via his/her tutor the remedial steps to be undertaken.
- All modules for the BA (Hons) course must be submitted to the tutor at regular intervals to be assessed. The tutor will submit the module with his/her recommended mark and written comments to the nominated GST Examiner. The modules will be returned to the tutor with the assessment of the Examiner. The student will receive a report on his/her work and the final grading. Preparation of the mini-dissertation must be preceded by the submission of a Research Proposal, which needs to be approved by the GST examiner. A detailed Guide is provided for this purpose.

A Research Proposal (RP) is required for all mini-dissertations, dissertations and theses. The Guidelines for these are supplied to students on registration.

The librarians at NWU are able to carry out literature searches for any student fully registered with the University: the student number is required for the purposes of identification and will be available from NWU after the registration process is completed.

In modified form, the RP becomes CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION of the mini-dissertation/dissertation/thesis. The references used in the original RP submission must be integrated into the full bibliography.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS CONCERNING THESES, DISSERTATION AND EXAMINATIONS

For the purpose of these regulations

... a thesis for a doctoral degree is defined as a piece of written research embodying 65,000 to 80,000 words and which forms a distinct contribution to knowledge and professional skills and affords evidence of originality.

... a (mini-) dissertation and a module are ordered and critical expositions of existing knowledge.

A thesis or (mini-) dissertation must not have been submitted in substantially the same form for the award of a higher degree or qualification from another University or College. Before submission, each student is required to sign the 'Solemn Declaration' document to confirm this.

- A mini-dissertation for the degree of BA (Hons) should not normally exceed 12,000 words.
- A dissertation for the degree of MA should not normally exceed 40,000 words.
- A thesis for the degree of PhD should not normally exceed 80,000 words.
- Sections of a thesis/dissertation that have been published or submitted for a higher degree or qualification elsewhere must be clearly indicated as such.

The assessment marks for Modules and the mini-dissertation for Bachelors (Honours) must be submitted to the Liaison Administrators by June and November in any year.

Masters and Doctoral degree submissions are required by:

May (results due out in August) and
November (results due out in February)

However, to enable the required language editing to be completed prior to submission for examination, Masters and Doctoral students need to submit two months before the date of submission:

1 March
1 September

- TWO electronic copies (one pdf and one Word document) of each completed mini-dissertation for BA (Honours) must be submitted to the BA Honours Programme Manager for examination purposes.
- Masters and Doctoral students must submit TWO electronic copies (one pdf and one Word document) of the dissertation/thesis to the GST /NWU Liaison Administrators. This enables the Faculty of Theology to produce FOUR unbound versions for examination purposes.
- Once the degree has been awarded, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) and GST will require a CD for the main library of NWU and SIX bound copies for NWU. These are printed and bound at NWU. The student will be charged for all the binding costs at the end of the degree programme.

FORMAT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

MA & PhD students are expected to make arrangements for the printing & binding of personal copies using the specifications provided below.

BINDING

The binding must be of a fixed kind in which the leaves are permanently secured. The boards must be sufficiently rigid to support the weight of the work when the book is standing on a shelf. The covering must be in the standard form of black waterproof buckram cloth except in the case of Doctoral degrees, which must be bound in scarlet.

COVER TITLE

The outside front cover must bear the following: the full title and sub-titles (if any) of the work at the top in at least 18pt (5mm) gold lettering; the initials and surname of the candidate; the qualification in brackets for which the thesis is submitted and the year of submission.

The lettering must read from top to bottom, i.e. so as to be readable when the volume is lying flat with the front cover uppermost. If the work consists of more than one volume, the spine and front cover must also bear the number of each volume. The title and candidate name may also be suitably arranged on the spine of the bound work.

TYPE

Theses and dissertations must be presented in electronic form. White paper of A4 size must be used, which must be of good quality and of sufficient opacity for normal reading and printed on one side of the paper only.

LAY-OUT

- Margins at the binding (left hand side) edge must be not less than 40mm, and other margins not less than 20mm.
- Line spacing should be 1.5 (except for indented quotations, where single spacing must be used).
- Font sizes vary but 12 is a good standard size to use.
- Paragraphs must be blocked and separated by double spacing.
- No section must be started within the last 5 lines of any page.
- Footnotes may be used only with the permission of the tutor

PAGINATION

Pages must be numbered centrally at the foot of each page throughout the thesis including photographs and/or diagrams where possible.

TITLE PAGE

The title page must give precise information. The title should not be capitalized; it must replicate the exact style as provided on the Registration of Title document from NWU. A template of the title page is available from the Liaison Administrators.

CHAPTERS

Chapters should each start on a fresh page. Chapter headings should be placed to the left of the page; chapters and subsections of chapters should be numbered to correspond with those designated in the Research Proposal. Numbering should be numerical up to tertiary headings only, not alphabetical.

ABBREVIATIONS

Where abbreviations are used a key should be provided. As a general rule, however, abbreviations should be avoided where possible.

DRAWINGS, MAPS, ETC

Wherever practicable, such illustrative matter must have a binding margin of at least 40mm and, if possible, be bound in the thesis near the appropriate text. Material that cannot be conveniently bound in the work must be included in a pocket inside the back cover or presented in such a way as may be determined by the NWU tutor.

CONSISTENCY

Whatever style is used, for instance for writing numbers (ie words or digits), for lay-out etc, it is important to be consistent throughout the work.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Specific regulations must be followed in the presentation of this aspect of the thesis. A separate document provides details of these.

LANGUAGE READ

It is stipulated by the NWU that all essays, monographs, mini-dissertations, dissertations and theses be subject to a full language read (ie proofread) prior to final submission. This facility is arranged through the GST Central Office for a fee of £3.50 per thousand words or part thereof, which is based on the presented draft, NOT the final copy. Students are reminded, therefore, of the requirement to delimit the focus of their study as detailed in the compilation document.

ACCESS TO LIBRARY

As a registered student of GST/NWU you have access to the Library of the North-West University.

- Access to databases
- Electronic books
- Journal articles
- Interlibrary loans
- Research support

You can find the Library webpage at www.nwu.ac.za/library

For access to databases you will be prompted for:

Username: **Surname**

Password: **Student number**

The subject-specific services and databases for Theology can be found at the LibGuide for Theology:

<http://libguides.nwu.ac.za/theology-potch>

Please contact the librarian, Hester Lombard, should you need research assistance, or if you can't get access to the databases:

Hester.Lombard@nwu.ac.za



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MISSION STATEMENT

Greenwich School of Theology is committed
to the academic study of theological and religious subjects.
Students from all backgrounds, who are prepared to adopt a broad
scholarly and critical approach, are welcome.

The vision of the School is to enable,
equip and empower all those whose aspirations are
focused on extending their theological education to do so,
irrespective of circumstances that might otherwise
hinder their progress.

NWU DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Faculty of Theology
North-West University
POTCHEFSTROOM
South Africa

The Faculty of Theology practises Theology on a Reformed basis, and holds a view of unity between faith and science. Theology and Church have a close affiliation, from the perspective of the Kingdom of God. The Faculty does not underwrite the viewpoints of a single church denomination. The Faculty is research driven, where excellence in research and teaching/learning is mutually supportive. Students, who want to qualify professionally in Theology, are equipped - specifically for ministry to and in churches.

THE DIRECTORS WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GREENWICH SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH IN ENGLAND.

ALL REFERENCES TO "THE UNIVERSITY" ARE TO NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY (POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS), SOUTH AFRICA.

Greenwich School of Theology is a Registered Charity in the UK – No 1097904

The former Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education was - and, after its merger with the University of the North West, the new North- West University (NWU) is - a public university in terms of the South African Higher Education Act (1997). The NWU is a full member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and its programmes are recognised and accredited internationally. The ACU website at www.acu.ac.uk may be helpful to anyone interested in the NWU.

This Prospectus has been revised in accordance with the Trading Standards required by the Education Reform Act of 1988 (Sections 214-216)

The School reserves the right to make changes in fees, course programmes, and all administrative structures described in this Prospectus and elsewhere without prior notice being given. This Prospectus does not form any part of any contract between the School and any student.

The Application/Registration Process

To gain access to degrees in Theology offered by Greenwich School of Theology in co-operation with North-West University, the following procedures need to be observed:

1. An Initial Enquiry Pack will be provided by GST for each applicant. This will include the following essential documents:
 - an electronic or hard copy of the current GST/NWU prospectus
 - a NWU Application form (AF)
 - a fee structure notice
 - Accreditation document

Please respond as follows:

- complete the GST/NWU Application Form (AF) and e-mail it or
 - go to www.theology-gst.co.uk to use the Enquiry function provided on the Home Page. Utilize **APPLY NOW**. **You will find an Application Form which can be completed and submitted electronically.**
 - Send copies of transcripts to confirm existing academic qualifications.
 - Provide a brief outline of your research intentions
2. On the basis of the information provided by you, the Research Director will offer you the degree programme he regards as appropriate.
 - Inform us of your decision please
 - If you accept the offer you are required to send the following additional items as e-mail attachments:
 - a copy of your ID or Passport
 - a passport-type photo
 - proof of payment of the Registration Fee of £260 or equivalent

3. When all parts of the process are satisfactorily completed you will receive the following information:
- Notification of the appointment of your GST and NWU tutors with contact details
 - Delivery of GST/NWU guidance documents, which provide full information on all aspects of the degree programmes and on the processes to be followed.
 - Acknowledgement by the NWU administration department of your formal application followed later by the issue of a Certificate of Registration and a student number, which provide access to the university's library facilities.
 - Instructions on how to gain access to the library
4. Student Progress & welfare will be monitored carefully and continuously and recorded regularly by the GST and NWU Liaison Administrators. We are here to help! Any student who needs additional support or advice can access this via Peg Evans evansgst@btconnect.com and Tienie Buys tienie.buys@nwu.ac.za

Please ensure that you copy both of us into all your messages regarding application/ registration and subsequently, when you embark on your degree programme.

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