

ST AUGUSTINE



Bachelor of **THEOLOGY**

A LEADER IN ETHICAL EDUCATION

Founded in 1999, St Augustine is a respected provider of quality, values-based, tertiary education. All of the degrees and certificates that St Augustine offers are accredited by the South African Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Further, St Augustine is canonically recognised as a Catholic 'university' by both the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) and the Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican; it is a member of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities). Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the mission of St Augustine is to produce graduates who have learnt 'to think rigorously, so as to act rightly and to serve humanity better'.

Registered with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Certificate No 2000/HE08/002).

About

OUR DEGREE

St Augustine also offers a range of degrees in Theology at the Postgraduate level: BTh (Hons), MPhil (Theology), DPhil (Theology)

IN ITS BALANCED APPROACH TO FAITH AND REASON, we engage the two major sources for theologising: Scripture-in-Tradition and human experience. This holistic and well-integrated approach to Theology is reflected in the design of our undergraduate curriculum.

To be 'Catholic' in a academic context means to search for the 'truth running through everything' – and, at St Augustine, we indeed mean 'everything'.

We invite our BTh students to mature in their faith by **MAKING IT MORE PROFOUND, INFORMED AND SELF-CONSCIOUS**.

THIS LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE TAKES PLACE IN A CONTEXT THAT IS INTELLECTUALLY RIGOROUS AND ETHICALLY RESPONSIBLE, BUT ALSO CHARACTERISED BY AWE AND LOVE BEFORE THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES, IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS, AND IN THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

While working out of the Catholic Theological Tradition, our faculty members are ecumenically open and contextually sensitive; many of our guest lecturers represent other Christian confessions. The programme is not limited to Catholics; indeed, it attracts students from many denominations, including those preparing for ministry – mainly, but not exclusively, Anglicans. Theology at St Augustine is faith seeking understanding together, in dialogue.

The schedule of **EVENING CLASSES** makes the programme available to those who work or have pastoral commitments during the day.

Students may complete the programme over **THREE YEARS** of **FULL-TIME** study, or **SIX YEARS** of **PART-TIME** study.



STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

1st Year

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH SKILLS 1 & II

- SCRIPTURE**
 - Introduction to the OT and the Pentateuch
 - Introduction to the NT and the Synoptic Gospels
- CHURCH HISTORY**
 - Introduction to the Early and Medieval Church
 - From the Reformation to the Modern Church
- PHILOSOPHY**
 - Introductory Philosophy for Theology
 - Philosophy of the Human Person
- SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**
 - Introduction to Systematic Theology
 - Theological Anthropology: Creation to Eschaton

2nd Year

- SCRIPTURE**
 - History of Israel in context: Historical Books
 - Johannine literature and the Book of Revelation
- CHRISTIAN ETHICS**
 - Christian Ethics: Foundations and Issues
 - Special Questions in Christian Ethics
- PASTORAL STUDIES**
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Dynamics of the Spiritual Journey
- SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**
 - Fundamental Theology
 - Trinity and Christology

3rd Year

- SCRIPTURE**
 - The Prophets & Wisdom Literature of the OT
 - Epistolary literature of the New Testament
- PASTORAL STUDIES**
 - History of Christian Spirituality
 - Ministering in the Christian Tradition
- SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**
 - Ecclesiology, Missiology and Sacramentology
 - Ecumenism and theology of religions

For admission requirements, details on the content of the individual modules, and dates of teaching weeks, please consult the Prospectus or the St Augustine website (www.staugustine.ac.za).

Depending on demand, or other relevant factors, St Augustine reserves the right NOT to offer any particular Module or Course.



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- A 'university' in all senses of the word, currently, South African legislation prevents St Augustine – and other private tertiary academic institutions - calling itself a 'university'
- Situated in the secure, leafy suburb of Victory Park, Johannesburg, St Augustine provides high quality lecturing in creative small-class formats, with personalised tuition
- The emphasis is on helping students to engage in critical and interdisciplinary reflection, in the light of the values of human dignity and the common good
- The pass rate is higher than that achieved at many South African universities
- Graduates acquire skills and discipline that employers seek in the South African workplace
- Graduates are equipped to serve as ethical and intellectual leaders across various sectors of society
- St Augustine possesses a well-stocked library covering all relevant disciplines
- To the benefit of its staff and students, St Augustine is a member of a global network of Catholic universities, many of which are amongst the most highly ranked universities in the world
- **BURSARIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AT BOTH THE UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVELS**

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