

# ST AUGUSTINE



Postgraduate Studies in  
**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).*

# Structure

## OF THE PROGRAMMES

### POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN THEOLOGY AT ST AUGUSTINE

St Augustine offers three postgraduate degrees in Theology: the BTh (Hons), the MPhil (Theology), and the DPhil (Theology). The degrees would be of potential interest to priests, ministers, religious persons, teachers, coordinators of parish catechetics, youth leaders, lay persons involved in pastoral work, or those who simply want to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith. More specifically, the MPhil specialisation in Canon Law would be of obvious relevance to those wanting to work in Church tribunals.

While working out of the Catholic Tradition, our faculty members are ecumenically open and contextually sensitive. Many of our guest lecturers represent other Christian confessions. Our programmes attempt to balance faith and reason, engaging the two major sources for theologising: Scripture-in-Tradition and human experience.

### BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (HONOURS)

Students are required to complete four modules: a compulsory module in Theological Method, and three additional modules that follow either the Systematic or Pastoral Tracks. Apart from attending four teachings weeks during the postgraduate lecture sessions of the academic year (one per quarter), students are required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks. In addition, all students are obliged to complete a 10 000 word Research Project on an approved topic.

#### Theological Method

Systematic Track	Pastoral Track
History of Theological Thought	Word and Worship
Political Theology	Pastoral Counselling
Themes in Christian Doctrine	Faith Formation



## MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

Students are required to complete seven or eight modules in one of three specialisations: Fundamental and Systematic Theology, Christian Spirituality, and, Canon Law. Apart from attending four teachings weeks during the postgraduate lecture sessions of the academic year (one per quarter), students are required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks. In addition, all students are obliged to complete an 18 000 word Research Paper on an approved topic.

Fundamental and Systematic	Christian Spirituality	Canon Law
Core	Core	Prerequisite
Dignity of the Human Person	Dignity of the Human Person	General Survey of Theology
Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies	Core
Philosophy of Religion	Philosophy of Religion	History, theology and principles of Canon Law
General Survey of Theology	General Survey of Theology	The Universal Church and Particular Churches
Trinity	Christian Spiritual Tradition	The Christian Faithful
Christology	Dynamics of Spirituality	The Ministry of Teaching and Sanctifying
Electives	Electives	The Sacrament of Marriage
African Theology	Mysticism	Temporal Goods and Sanctions in the Church
Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Dialogue	Spirituality and Psychology	
Moral Theology	Biblical Spirituality	Processes and Tribunals

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

A supervised dissertation of 80 000 words on an approved topic.

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](http://www.staugustine.ac.za)).

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



# About

## ST AUGUSTINE

- 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

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