# MPhil in Religion and Culture (11646:889)

#### **Presentation**

- The programme is presented by the discipline of Practical Theology and Missiology of the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin.
- Mode of teaching: class work, lectures, prescribed work.
- Medium of instruction: English.

#### **Specific Admission Requirements**

- See specific as well as supplementary admission requirements as for all MTh programmes.
- If you hold only a three-year B-degree qualification, you must first complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) and passwith an average of at least 65%, to enrol for the MPhil; or
- If you hold a four-year qualification that is not equivalent to a Honours degree in Theology, this Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) serves as a bridging qualification; but
- If you do hold an appropriate four-year qualification in Theology you can enrol directly for the MPhil without having to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (with the focus on Religion and Culture) first, or
- Because the degree is presented in co-operation with Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany,
  a three- or four-year degree from that university or an equivalent qualification from the
  abovementioned university that complies with the admission requirements will also be
  accepted.

### **Closing Date for Applications**

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply **before** 30 October of the year preceding your studies.
- If you are an international student, you must apply **before** 30 September of the year preceding your studies.

### **Duration of Programme**

The duration of the programme is at least one year.

#### **Assessment and Examination**

To successfully complete this programme, you must do a number of assignments and take tests or examinations orally or in writing. You must also submit a thesis on a relevant research topic.

The MPhil in Religion and Culture is presented at NQF level 9 and consists of four lectured modules to the value of 80 credits, as well as a thesis to the value of 100 credits that has to be completed on a theme related to Religion and Culture.

## **Programme Content**

Total 180 credits

Compulsory Module

(credits = 100)

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### **Elective Modules**

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Anthropology and Human Identity	812(20) Religious Studies; OR
	Religion and Gender

plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Forms and Contexts of Religious Discourse	812(20) Religion and Media; OR
	Religion and Symbol/Rite; OR
	Religion within Historical Contexts
	(Christianity/Islam/Judaism)

plus

Choose one of the three options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Religion and Contemporary Society	812(20) Religion, Ecumenics and
	Interculturality; OR
	Religion and Economy; OR
	Religion, Public Theology and Politics

plus

Choose one of the two options of the following module.

(credits = 20)

Religion, Spirituality and Life Issues	812(20) Religion and Reconciliation; OR Religion
	and the Healing of Life (cura vitae)