

# BDiv (Bachelor of Divinity)

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## About the programme

The four-year BDiv programme offers undergraduate training in church ministry, specifically church ministers.

## Why study this programme?

- Teaching and training, like research, are approached scientifically with Christian reformed theology as point of departure.
- Theoretical work is complemented by a practical, community-oriented accent on social issues like HIV/aids, poverty, violence, human dignity, ecology and justice.
- The programme includes modules on the subjects Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, Ecclesiology, Practical Theology and Missiology. Some churches require students to include the two original languages of the Bible, namely Hebrew and Greek, as well as a South African language besides the mother tongue. See the curriculum in the Faculty's [Calendar](#).
- The programme is also offered as an extended degree programme for students who find that they need academic support. The modules of the first year are then spread over two years. See admission requirements below. A limited number of places are available.

## The training of ministers

Ministry candidates in the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) or Uniting Reformed Church (URC) complete the BDiv and the MDiv. DRC candidates also need to obtain the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (Christian Ministry). Presbyterian, Anglican, Volkskerk and Lutheran Church ministry candidates complete the BDiv and are then trained further by their denominations.

These programmes focus on the practical theological training of church ministers, Christian leaders, service workers, pastoral caregivers and pastoral therapists for congregational ministry. The programmes provide professional training and develop skills in the ministry and communication. The content focuses on the following themes:

- Biblical Studies
- The Role of the Church
- Public Worship and Preaching
- Christian Leadership and Spiritual Development
- The Church in the Community
- Pastoral Care

For information on our postgraduate programmes, see [here](#).

## Admission requirements

- National Senior Certificate (NSC) aggregate of at least 60% (excluding Life Orientation)

Students obtaining an NSC aggregate of at least 55%, but less than 60%, may be considered for the extended degree programme (EDP) after an interview with the Dean or his/her representative.

Applicants who wrote Grade 12 in 2008 or earlier may contact the Client Services Centre on 021 808 9111 to obtain the relevant admission requirements.

For further information on admission and undergraduate enrolment, see our [Calendar](#).