



PhD in Religion

The PhD (Religion) is a terminal research degree designed for those who desire to pursue a biblical and theological scholarship at the highest level.

The emphasis of the programme is on the writing of a specialized thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge within one of the sub-fields of biblical studies, systematic theology, historical theology, or missiology.

Objectives of the Program

The PhD in Religion degree aims to grow students holistically through the outcomes of knowledge, skills, professional development, and attitudes. At the time of graduation, students will be able to meet the following degree objectives:

- Integrating academic abilities, research methods, and advanced ministry skills in order to develop creative forms and modes of engagement in mission;
- Demonstrating growth in self-understanding, self-evaluation, and self-direction in regard to lifelong study;
- Exhibiting increased knowledge and skills in human relationships, spiritual growth, and leadership potential in various ministry contexts;
- Displaying growth in understanding of and appreciation for the integration of Scripture, reason, tradition, and experience:
- Showing a formation of a theology of ministry grounded in understanding of and participation in the mission of God in the world:
- Applying acquired skills through research and communicating this to the Church and society; and
- Assessing their social environment, particularly the spiritual aspects, and offer possible solutions.

Units Offered

3 Common Doctoral Units Plus the dissertation

- Postgraduate Research and Writing
- Doctoral Thesis Proposal
- Doctoral Thesis

5 Common Religion PhD Units

- Comparative Religions
- Postgraduate Research and Writing
- African Traditional Religions
- Advanced Biblical Theology
- Postgraduate Research Methods 2

Admission Requirements

- The minimum doctorate admission requirement is the student must be a holder of a master's degree in a related area, or willing to work to overcome areas of deficiencies, with a GPA of 3.0 to 4.0 (B Plain).
- The applicant should be able to produce evidence, to the satisfaction of the University, of his/her capacity to onduct original research.
- A candidate shall submit a concept paper of about 5 pages indicating the area of proposed research to the application form.

Duration of the Program

Full time students in the programme will normally require three calendar years (nine trimesters). Part-time students are normally allowed five years from the trimester of first enrollment.

Mode of Study

Blended Learning

The doctoral programme is located in the School of Religion and Christian Ministry at the Ongata Rongai Main Campus of Africa Nazarene University, but there is a strong distance component.

