



# International students

In particular the French, Portuguese and Italian speaking postgraduate students

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# All about language

- International postgraduate students must be aware that all communication and correspondence with the NWU, faculty of theology, M&D Office, supervisors and promoters must be in English.
- This ensures that all parties understand one another. It also allows for a paper trail for future reference.
- Researchers must satisfy the language requirements of the NWU and faculty of theology – proof of language proficiency is required.
- Applicants for postgraduate study must provide the necessary SAQA certificate. In addition, proof of previous research paper(s) translated into English to substantiate the claim of language competency and to ascertain the applicant's academic standard.

# Duration of study

- Ideally, a master's degree can be completed in one year. Generally, the period for completion is two years. But should not exceed 4 yrs.
- Likewise, a doctoral thesis can be completed within two years. Generally, the period for completion is about 4yrs. But should not exceed 6 yrs.
- Please take note: registration with the NWU for study purposes is limited to that year alone. Registration must take place annually with all fees paid to ensure completion of research.
- While both study leader and researcher engage with one another, differences of opinion may occur and settled with adequate reason.

# Translation

- It is accepted that most international students will do research in the language they are most comfortable in.
- Because of the emphasis on academic excellence that means both parties, student and study leader, need to engage with the theological vocabulary of both languages with exactitude.
- To that end the faculty of theology does make a grant available to international students to be used exclusively for translation into English.
- The appointed translator must satisfy the M&D Office that he/she is familiar with terms and vocabulary.

# Before final submission of research for examination

- All dissertations/theses must be accompanied by a certificate of an approved language editor.
- Payment for this editing will be met by the remainder of the grant allocated for an international student from the M&D Office.