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DEPARTMENT FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS

2027 REGISTRATION

Postgrad Registration:
2027 registration will take place ONLINE as follows:

- Registration for all programmes will take place online from **18 January – 05 February 2027** for new and returning students.

- **Online registration is open to the REL Honours and Coursework Masters programmes via the PeopleSoft Service Request.**
  - *Service request is a replication of what students would do if they were to register in person, it just happens on the system where the student is assigned an activity guide and a curriculum form, attached to a service request in PeopleSoft.*
  - *The student completes the activity guide, fills out the curriculum form and re-uploads it to PeopleSoft and it is then routed to the relevant signatory from there.*

- **Online Registration upon completion of MoU/PPA is available to Research Master's and PhDs** - *Key to the entire process for Master's and PhD registration is that students should have completed the online MoU/PPA form before the commencement of registration.*
  - *Online registration is configured for programmes that have fixed curricula, where the student receives a link to the task, signs into PeopleSoft, confirms their demographic information and confirms their curriculum.*

- If students are registering for the Minor Dissertation, they will also need to complete and sign an online MoU/PPA

- Masters by research, and PhD students, new and returning Honours and Coursework Masters students – are encouraged to register early, between 18 January – 05 February 2027.

- **Course registration for Research Masters and PhD:**
  - Should research students want to take a course as an elective or in audit mode the following apply:
    The following rules apply:
    - G11.1 *Senate may allow a postgraduate student registered for a degree or diploma to attend a course where a clear case has been made by the programme convenor, and supported by the Dean, that the course is additional to the curriculum but a pre-requisite for the student to complete the programme successfully.*
    - G11.2 *The fee for a used course will be 50% of the regular course fee.*
    - G11.3 *A student enrolled in audit mode will participate fully in the course but will not be examined. Students who audit a course will have this reflected as ATT on their academic record.*
      - 50% of regular fee may be waived for an audit course – you will need to complete a FEE07 form and it needs to be signed by the course convenor or HoD and returned to the Faculty Office for the Dean's signature before it is shared with the Fees Office for the 50% adjustment to be processed. (contact Tasneem Wise for details: Tasneem.Wise@uct.ac.za)
      - The Faculty will require confirmation from the Department (the programme convenor or your supervisor) that they have approved your auditing of this course. You should obtain written support from Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh (Sadiyya.Shaikh@uct.ac.za) in this regard.
      - If approved, you can complete the ACA09 form to add the course and submit it to the HUM Faculty Office (Kerewin.Parfitt@uct.ac.za) for processing.

Curriculum Advice for Coursework Programmes in the Study of Religions:

Postgraduate curriculum advice will be provided via email and/or online meetings with prior arrangements.

- Curriculum advice in the Department for the Study of Religions will be provided by the Programme Convenor, Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh. Please contact her via email to book an online meeting: Sadiyya.Shaikh@uct.ac.za

- **For curriculum advice** you may start to liaise with the department as follows:
  - PG students on our taught courses should email Prof Shaikh (Sadiyya.Shaikh@uct.ac.za) directly with questions or to arrange an online meeting from 02nd February 2027 onward.
  - Students need to provide Prof Shaikh with all necessary documentation when contacting her for advice *e.g. student records, courses you are considering, research interest*.
- **For online PeopleSoft approval,** Prof Shaikh will be available from 02 – 04 February 2027. Please alert her via email once you have submitted your registration documents online.

- While we can be flexible with anybody having difficulty, it must be noted that the registration to request curriculum advice and signed forms will take place between 02 – 04 February 2027 so that students have what is required and can register by the Faculty deadline of 05th February 2027.

Please note the following:

- **International and SADC students**: All new and returning international and SADC students must report to the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) via prereg@uct.ac.za and obtain pre-registration clearance by presenting their proof of payment of fees, passport, study visa and proof of medical insurance prior to registering.
- **Outstanding Fees**: Students with fee debts must produce a fee clearance letter prior to registration. These are obtainable from the Fees Office (fnd-feeenq@uct.ac.za)
- **Masters by research (100% dissertation) and PhD students – new and returning**: Master's and PhD students registering for a dissertation/thesis must complete their MoU/Progress and Planned Activity report prior to registering. Returning Students registering for **research degrees** must register **no later than end February 2027.**
- **New and returning PG Diploma, Honours and Coursework Masters students –** Students registering for coursework degrees must do so by the dates stipulated in the registration schedule. Masters students registering for a **minor dissertation** must complete their MoU/Progress and Planned Activity Report before registering, review the MOU/PPA guideline.
- **Late registration**: A late registration fee of R2000 will automatically be charged to your fee account if you register after the dates specified. Only the Dean can waive the late registration penalty and only in exceptional circumstances which must be fully motivated in writing.

Note: The University may make changes to schedules, students should therefore regularly check the UCT website, Faculty Vula site and emails for any updated information.

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(18 January 2027 – 05 February 2027)

DRAFT Timetable: *as of 28 September 2026* - DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Modes of Registration	BSC: Blank Shopping Cart PE: Programme Enrolment

NEW AND RETURNING PG DIPLOMA, HONOURS, AND COURSEWORK MASTERS STUDENTS
See specific details below.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	ACADEMIC PROGRAM	ACADEMIC PLAN	PROGRAMME CODE	PROGRAMME CONVENOR	DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR	REGISTRATION DATES	MODE OF REGISTRATION
REL: STUDY OF RELIGIONS	Honours	Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HH003REL03 HH001REL03	Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh	Tasneem Wise	02 - 04 February 2027	BSC
	Honours	Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HH003REL04 HH001REL04	Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh	Tasneem Wise	02 - 04 February 2027	BSC
	Masters by crsewrk & dissertation	Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HM008REL03 HM006REL03	Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh	Tasneem Wise	02 - 04 February 2027	BSC
	Masters by crsewrk & dissertation	Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HM008REL04 HM006REL04	Prof Sa'diyya Shaikh	Tasneem Wise	02 - 04 February 2027	BSC

New and Returning PhD and Research Masters Student			
Programme	**Specialisation**	**Progamme Code**	**Mode of Registration**
PhD/ Doctoral	**The Study of Religions and Contemporary Society**	**HD001REL03**	**Programme Enrolment Following Completion of MOU/PPA**

New and Returning Masters by Dissertation/Research Only			
Programme	**Specialisation**	**Progamme Code**	**Mode of Registration**
MA	The Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HM007REL03	Programme Enrolment Following Completion of MOU/PPA
MSocSc	The Study of Religions and Contemporary Society	HM005REL03	Programme Enrolment Following Completion of MOU/PPA