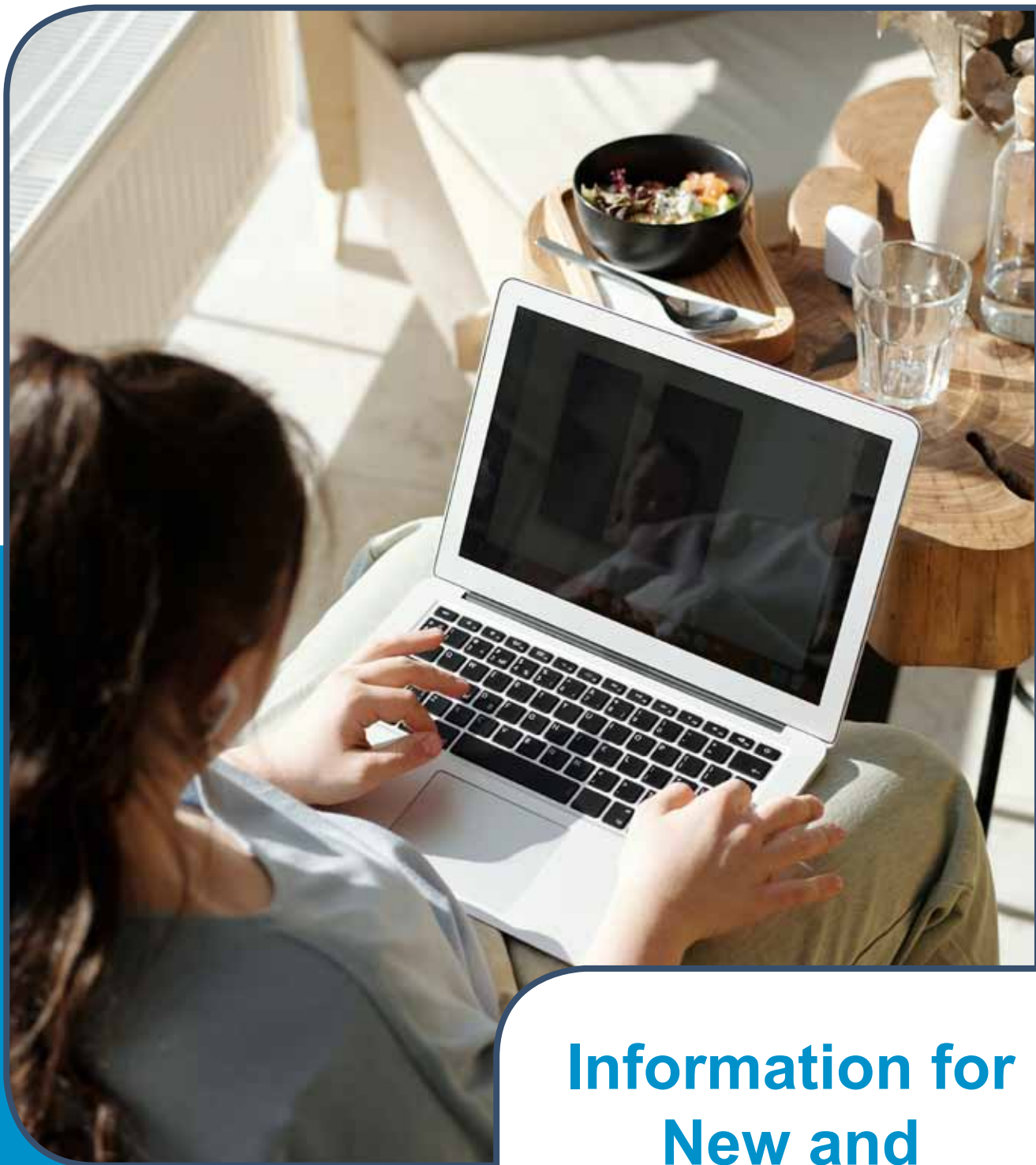


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Information for New and Prospective Students



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Information for New and Prospective Students in ETF Open University (ETF OU)

Welcome to ETF Leuven! It is our hope that you will have a wonderful time of growth during your studies. Here is some information for you to become familiar with ETF Leuven and our Open University Program.

1. General Information

1.1 Part-time Program

ETF OU is deliberately set up as a part-time program. Compared to our regular, residential program the number of courses offered per academic year is more limited. The study load for OU students following the model track (see below) is about 30 ECTS credits¹ per year, which amounts to studying half-time. Depending on the courses offered, students can enroll for more than 30 ECTS credits per year. Less is also possible, the minimum amount being 15 ECTS credits. Thus, within ETF OU, each student can decide on his or her pace of study.

1.2 Specializations and Majors

The ETF Leuven bachelor's (BA) program has two specializations: Bible and Theology (BT), and Religion, Church and Society (RCS). Three majors are possible within the master's (MA) program: Formative Sources (FS), Church, History and Theology (CHT), and Religion, Church and Society (RCS). All of these specializations and majors are offered in ETF OU, although the course selection within them is sometimes more limited than in the residential program.

1.3 Model Tracks

As indicated above, the ETF OU program is structured according "model tracks" of about 30 ECTS credits per year. Students following these tracks can complete the bachelor's program (180 ECTS credits in total) within six years and the master's program (120 ECTS credits in total) within four years, or including a premaster within six years.

Most courses of the bachelor's and master's program are offered only every other year. However, there are some courses which take place on an annual basis. An overview of the course offer and the model tracks is found in [appendices A-C](#).

¹ European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits are a standard means for comparing the volume of learning based on the defined learning outcomes and their associated workload for higher education across the European Union and other collaborating European countries. At ETF Leuven, one ECTS credit equals a workload of 25-30 hours.

1.4 Summer Colloquium

Within ETF OU, both the bachelor's and the master's program include three elective courses, each of which is 5 ECTS credits.² These electives are chosen from the various Summer Colloquium (SC) courses offered each year. A Summer Colloquium course consists of preparatory assignments as well as an intensive study week towards the end of August on our campus in Leuven. For more information on upcoming SC courses, see our website (www.etf.edu).

1.5 Prerequisites

Many advanced courses presuppose knowledge and skills acquired in more basic courses. Therefore, students must successfully complete the basic courses first before they can be admitted to the advanced courses. Such conditions for admission, called "prerequisites", are mentioned in the course descriptions found in the study guide³ as well as in the OU syllabi. The model tracks in the appendices are designed so that the prerequisites are always met. Students who deviate from the model tracks should take into account these requirements when selecting their courses. In cases of doubt, preference should be given to courses that function as prerequisites to other courses.

1.6 Languages of Instruction and Communication

In general, the language of instruction used in the bachelor's program is Dutch, while English is used in premaster and master's programs. In exceptional cases, regular bachelor's courses will be in English, for instance if the teacher is not able to communicate in Dutch.

Accordingly, communication regarding administrative matters is in Dutch when BA related issues are concerned and in English when information about the (Pre)MA is shared. Messages which are relevant for both language groups are sent in English, possibly together with a translation in Dutch.

1.7 Exams and Examination Periods

Within ETF OU, various forms of examination are used. The most common forms are paper assignments, but there are also oral and written exams, forum interactions etc. Except for SC courses, students have two opportunities per academic year to complete any given course. The first opportunity is scheduled in the examination period which follows the semester in which the course was completed. The second opportunity is scheduled for the re-examination period at the end of the academic year.

Any course you were not able to complete during the first examination period can still be completed during the re-examination period. Any partial grades you earned during the first examination period will remain valid throughout the academic year. Example:

² The preparatory and linking programs do not include elective courses.

³ The study guide can be downloaded from the ETF Leuven website: <https://www.etf.edu/en/downloads/>.

Suppose the assessment of a course consists of three parts (a paper, an assignment, and an oral exam) and you completed only the paper during the first examination period. Then you can still complete the assignment and the oral exam during the re-examination period and successfully complete the course. Wherever the assessment method in the re-examination period differs from the assessment method in the first examination period, this is explicitly mentioned in the syllabus. Partial grades will not remain valid after the end of an academic year.

Students do not have to sign up for the examinations of the first examination period: they are signed-up automatically. However, for re-examinations, both of written and oral exams and of papers and other assignments, students must officially sign up via the registration form which is available on the ETF Virtual Campus (Ad Valvas ETF Open University > Forms). Registration is possible in the week after the proclamation (publication of grades) of the second semester. The academic secretariat will send an invitation together with the grade sheets. If you do not register (on time), you lose the right to take part in the re-examinations.

1.8 Study Progress Monitoring

During the deliberations following the re-examination period, ETF Leuven's examination committee discusses the study progress of each individual student. In line with the Flemish Codex Higher Education and the related articles of the ETF Education Regulations (article 18bis) and the Examination Regulations (article 22), the committee can issue an official warning or even refuse enrollment for the next academic year.

The following measures of study progress monitoring are in effect for a student with a first enrollment in the initial Bachelor's program:

- The student is required to complete at least half of the number of credits for which he or she is enrolled. If the student fails to do so, the second enrollment in a subsequent academic year may be refused.
- The student is required, at the next opportunity, to register for and acquire all courses which he or she has not passed or which have not been tolerated.
- The student who has not passed a course after four examination opportunities (i.e. two academic years) or has not obtained tolerance for it, may not re-enroll.

For all other students, the following measures are in effect:

- A student who did not obtain 60% of the enrolled ECTS in a previous academic year may be subject to a binding condition upon re-enrollment.
- A student who has not passed a course after four examination opportunities (i.e. two academic years) or has not obtained tolerance for this, may be refused, by reasoned means, a subsequent enrollment or otherwise a binding condition may be imposed upon a new enrollment.
- Failure to comply with a binding condition may result in a refusal to enroll in the following academic year.

These measures of study progress monitoring have been established with a view to ensuring steady progress and helping students to earn their diploma within reasonable timespans. Accordingly, warnings should not be interpreted as a form of punishment. Instead, they are meant to encourage students to re-dedicate themselves to their study. It should also be noted that the examination committee does not automatically issue official warnings or decline enrolment in each case in which the conditions apply: these measures are taken after a careful consideration of the individual student's situation. Therefore, students are advised to inform the committee (through the OU coordinator) about any issues which impeded their progress considerably.

1.9 Turabian

At ETF Leuven, "Turabian Style" is the standard for correct reference and formatting of papers and theses. More information will be provided in the bachelor's course Studie- en onderzoeksmethoden (SOM) as well as the master's course Theological and Sociological Research Methodologies (TSRM). For more information about "Turabian Style" and on how to write good papers, go to the ETF Virtual Campus: Ad Valvas ETF Open University > Documents > Study, Research and Writing Skills.

1.10 Annual Course Registration

Students enrolled in our study programs do not have to formally renew their enrolment every year. Normally, they remain enrolled until the completion of their program or until they withdraw from it. Nevertheless, there are some important steps that need to be taken by every student before the beginning of each academic year.

1. Put all OU training days in your agenda. You can find the dates in section 3.1 of this brochure and in the academic calendar (ETF Virtual Campus, Ad Valvas ETF Open University > Documents > Information).
2. Check the most recent version of the model track overview from the ETF Virtual Campus to see which courses will be offered. Please see the appendices to this brochure.
3. Think carefully about your plans for the upcoming academic year. How much time will you be able to devote to your study? If you have at least 20 hours per week throughout the year, then you can choose to follow the model track of 30 ECTS credits. Most students must spend at least 40 minutes/week for every ECTS credit included in their year contract. Based on your possibilities, you can do the maths yourself. There is a minimum of 15 ECTS credits. When making your plans, please also consider that there are prerequisites for several courses (see above).
4. If you are unsure about your study planning, you can always contact the OU coordinator for advice (contact details at the end of this brochure).
5. Send your full list of chosen courses to the OU coordinator. This should be done as soon as possible but no later than two weeks before the opening of the academic

year. Please include all courses you would like to follow in the whole academic year. Your choice for second semester courses may be provisional. You can still change it during the first semester (deadline see academic calendar).

6. Sign (digitally) the study contract that will be sent to you.
7. Pick up your student card on the first ETF OU training day.

2. Educational Concept

2.1 Blended Learning

The name for the educational concept used within ETF OU is “blended learning”. As the word “blended” suggests, this concept combines two elements.

- First, there is the element of **independent self-study**. ETF OU courses are set up in such a way that most of the work (like studying textbooks and articles or writing paper assignments) can easily be done from home or wherever the student decides to study. To facilitate this self-study, ETF Leuven makes use of an online learning platform called Virtual Campus.
- The second element consists in the **training days at our campus in Leuven**, where students meet their teachers as well as fellow students. In line with our motto *fides quaerens intellectum* (faith seeking understanding), these training days begin with a morning devotion in the chapel. Afterwards, students attend classes, enjoy coffee and lunch breaks, or spend some time in our library. There are two OU training days per semester, one towards the beginning and one towards the end. These training days are scheduled on Fridays (bachelor) and Saturdays (premaster and master). In addition to the training days, students are expected to travel to Leuven for two other purposes, namely, to take oral and written exams⁴ and to attend the Summer Colloquium (see above).

2.2 ETF Virtual Campus

The online learning platform Virtual Campus (VC) is the most important means of communication for OU students. In the various webrooms on the VC, they find all the necessary information regarding the program in general as well as with respect to individual courses. The webroom Ad Valvas Open University is the most important place for general information and documents. Through this webroom, announcements will be published by the administration. Students get notified via email whenever a new announcement has been published.⁵

The course-related webrooms all share a similar design and setup, providing the students with the following features:

- View/download the course syllabus, which includes the learning path;
- View/download resources necessary for the course, such as articles, audio or video lectures, template documents etc.;
- Submit paper assignments;

⁴ Less than half of the bachelor’s courses end with oral and/or written exams. In the master’s programme almost all courses are assessed through paper assignments.

⁵ Email notifications will be sent from chamilo@etf.edu. To avoid missing important information, students should make sure that emails sent from this address will not be classified and deleted as spam messages by their email providers and/or mail applications.

- View feedback from the teacher(s);
- Pose a question to the teacher(s);
- Interact with fellow students;
- Read the announcements sent by the teacher(s).

2.3 Course Syllabi

For each course, the teacher prepares a syllabus, which is a document containing information about the course in question. In addition to more technical details and the course description, each OU syllabus includes a learning path. This learning path is a detailed description of all the necessary steps a student must take to successfully complete the course. These steps frequently include readings, paper assignments, or participation in forum discussions. Teachers also provide deadlines⁶ for these various steps as well as some information about the content of the class hours scheduled on the training days. In addition to that, syllabi generally contain information about the way in which the teacher(s) will provide feedback to the assignments, about methods of assessment, and about required and recommended literature.

⁶ Please note the difference between recommended and strict deadlines. Strict deadlines have to be respected in order to be able to pass the course. Recommended deadlines are suggestions from the teacher leading to the best learning experience.

3. Practical information

3.1 Dates of Training Days and Exams

In the academic year 2024-2025, OU training days and exams will take place on the following dates:

- Training days semester A: 11 October and 22 November 2024 (BA), 12 October and 23 November 2024 (MA/PreMA)
- Exams semester A: 17 and 24 January 2025
- Training days semester B: 21 February and 25 April 2025 (BA), 22 February and 26 April 2025 (MA/PreMA)
- Exams semester B: 13 and 20 June 2025
- Re-exams: 22 and 29 August 2025
- Summer Colloquium: 18-23 August 2025

3.2 Training Days

OU training days begin with a brief morning devotion and some announcements. After this opening session, classes begin. The schedules of the training days are published on the ETF Virtual Campus (Ad Valvas Open University) well in advance. Students are expected to attend the class sessions of those courses for which they are enrolled. If you are not able to attend classes due to unavoidable circumstances (e.g., health issues), you should inform the professor(s) and the OU coordinator as soon as possible. Classes take place in the LCCS classrooms on the first floor or in the classrooms on the ground floor. Schedules are hanging at the reception as well as on the doors of the individual classrooms.

3.3 Accommodation

For students who have to travel long distances, ETF Leuven provides the possibility to stay overnight on campus in one of our LCCS guestrooms. The price for a single room is € 50,50; for a double room € 62,00 (in case you share this room with another student, € 31,00 each). If there are enough registrations, breakfast will be served for € 8,00 per person. To book a guestroom, please send an email to hospitality@etf.edu no later than two weeks before your stay. It is also possible to book a guestroom for all the contact days at once. Cancellation is possible until two weeks in advance without any costs. Note: there are only a limited number of guestrooms available (first come, first serve).

3.4 Lunch

There are lunch breaks on every training day. Students can either bring their own food or order lunch from ETF Leuven. This lunch costs € 11,00 and includes two sandwiches (various toppings), fruit, water or orange juice. In addition to that, coffee and tea will

be provided. For logistical reasons, ETF Leuven can only provide lunch if there are more than six registrations. You do not have to pay cash. An invoice will be sent to you afterwards.

The deadline for registrations is always Monday, 5 pm before each OU training day. You can register by filling in the form on the ETF Virtual Campus (Ad Valvas ETF Open University). For further questions about the lunch, diet/allergies, please send an email to hospitality@etf.edu.

3.5 Dinner

ETF Leuven does not provide dinner, but anyone staying in one of our guestrooms can freely use the kitchen on the fifth floor and prepare his or her own food. The dining hall on the first floor is also available for guests.

Here are some suggestions in case you would like to have food delivered or if you would like to eat out:

- [Café Tabor](#) – spaghetti, croque monsieur etc.
- [Frituur 't Friethuisje](#) – nice, typically Belgian fries
- [Restaurant 't Dagelijks Broodje](#) – pizza, pasta, sandwiches etc. (€ 1,50 delivery costs)
- Many possibilities in Leuven's city centre.

3.6 Reception

On OU training days, the reception has the following opening hours:

- Fridays: 08:30–16:30
- Saturdays: 08:30–14.00

3.7 Library

As an OU student, you can of course make use of our ETF library. Your student card functions also as library card (bar code on the back side). Please scan the card as you enter the library and present it whenever you want to borrow books. OU students can borrow a maximum of 20 items. The loan period is 15 weeks.

Upon enrolment in our program, you will automatically receive an email with information about how to access your account on <https://library.etf.edu/>, our library's website. There, you can see a list of all the items you have checked out and renew them, if necessary.

OU students have the special privilege of reserving books ahead of training days. You can find the instructions for this procedure on the ETF Virtual Campus in the "Library" webroom (section "Documents"). It is important to take note of the library regulations which you can also find in the same webroom. For more information, on how to make copies and scans, fees and fines, borrowing exceptions, etc. please visit the library

website. Opening hours depend on the availability of student workers. See the library's [schedule](#) for more and up-to-date information regarding opening hours.

3.8 Study Guide

Every year, ETF Leuven publishes an extensive study guide which is available in PDF format from the download section of our website. OU students should be aware of this document, especially the Education and Examination Regulations as well as the Academic Calendar. OU syllabi may differ from the course descriptions in the study guide.

3.9 Tuition fees

Information about tuition fees for OU students can be found in the study guide, Education regulations art. 17 and in chapters 5.5 and 5.6. Towards the beginning of each academic year, after your course registration has been completed, you will receive an invoice from our bookkeeping department (bo@etf.edu). An overview of the tuition fees can be found in [appendix D](#).

3.10 Communication

For any communication regarding the content of your courses, please make use of the question forums in the respective webrooms. The forums have the advantage that any question has to be answered only once, because the teacher's reaction is accessible to all students at once. Email is to be used only for questions that are strictly personal or concern individual issues.

For administrative questions, e.g. about your study contract, grading lists, etc., you can contact our two academic secretaries (as@etf.edu): Elsie Wilms and Johan Jacobse. The coordinator of ETF Open University is Wouter Wakker (ou@etf.edu).



Elsie Wilms



Johan Jacobse



Wouter Wakker

Appendix A: Premaster

A.1 Preparatory program for students holding a non-theological academic degree (60 ECTS)

Common courses (44 ECTS)		Major in Formative Sources (16 ECTS)	
Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	Greek Seminar 1 (SEMGR1)	4
Hermeneutics (HERM)	4	Greek Seminar 2 (SEMGR2)	4
Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6	Hebrew Seminar 1 (SEMHEB1)	4
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Hebrew Seminar 2 (SEMHEB2)	4
Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4		
Introduction to Historical Theology (OHT)	4	Major in Church, History and Theology (16 ECTS)	
Introduction to New Testament Studies (ONT)	4	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OOT)	4	Introduction to Practical Theology (OPT)	4
Introduction to Systematic Theology (OST)	4	Intr. to Religious Studies and Missiology (ORM)	4
Philosophy of Science (WF)	4	Sem. in Historical and Syst. Theology (SEMHST)*	4
		Major in Religion, Church and Society (16 ECTS)	
		Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
		Introduction to Practical Theology (OPT)	4
		Intr. to Religious Studies and Missiology (ORM)	4
		Seminar in Practical Theology (SEMPT)*	4

* For these courses, there are lectures on the ETF OU training days on Fridays (in English, jointly with BA students), which may be attended via Zoom, as well as optional Zoom meetings and/or lectures at the ETF.

A.2 Model tracks preparatory program for students holding a non-theological academic degree (60 ECTS)

A.2a Model track to prepare for master's with major in Formative Sources, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
A	Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OOT)	4	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
A	Introduction to Systematic Theology (OST)	4	A	Introduction to New Testament Studies (ONT)	4
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	A	Hebrew Seminar 1 (SEMHEB1)	4
B	Introduction to Historical Theology (OHT)	4	B	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
			B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4
			B	Hebrew Seminar 2 (SEMHEB2)	4

Third year of study, 2026-2027		
A	Greek Seminar 1 (SEMGR1)	4
B	Greek Seminar 2 (SEMGR2)	4

+ MA courses

A.2b Model track to prepare for master's with major in Church, History and Theology, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
A	Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OOT)	4	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
A	Introduction to Practical Theology (OPT)	4	A	Introduction to New Testament Studies (ONT)	4
A	Introduction to Systematic Theology (OST)	4	A	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	B	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
B	Introduction to Historical Theology (OHT)	4	B	Intr. to Religious Studies and Missiol. (ORM)	4
B	Sem. in Histor. and Syst. Theology (SEMHST)	4	B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4

A.2c Model track to prepare for master's with major in Religion, Church and Society, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
A	Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OOT)	4	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
A	Introduction to Practical Theology (OPT)	4	A	Introduction to New Testament Studies (ONT)	4
A	Introduction to Systematic Theology (OST)	4	A	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	B	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
B	Introduction to Historical Theology (OHT)	4	B	Intr. to Religious Studies and Missiol. (ORM)	4
B	Seminar in Practical Theology (SEMPT)	4	B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4

Y Year-long course

A Course in semester A

B Course in semester B

A.3 Linking program for students holding a professional theological degree (46 or 48 ECTS)

Common courses (24 ECTS)	
Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4
Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6
Philosophy of Science (WF)	4

Major in Church, History and Theology (22 ECTS)	
Research Paper Premaster (RPP) – HT/ST	10
Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
Sem. in Historical and Syst. Theology (SEMHST)*	4

Major in Formative Sources (24 ECTS)	
Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
Seminar in Biblical Studies (SEMBW)*	4
Greek Seminar 1 (SEMGR1)	4
Greek Seminar 2 (SEMGR2)	4
Hebrew Seminar 1 (SEMHEB1)	4
Hebrew Seminar 2 (SEMHEB2)	4

Major in Religion, Church and Society (22 ECTS)	
Research Paper Premaster (RPP) – PT/RM	10
Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
Seminar in Practical Theology (SEMPT)*	4
Sem. in Religious Studies and Missiol. (SEMARM)*	4

* For these courses, there are lectures on the ETF OU training days on Fridays (in English, jointly with BA students), which may be attended via Zoom, as well as optional Zoom meetings and/or lectures at the ETF.

A.4 Model tracks linking program for students holding a professional theological degree (46 or 48 ECTS)

A.4a Model track to prepare for master's with major in Formative Sources, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
	<i>Optional: Summer Colloquium from MA program</i>	5	A	Hebrew Seminar 1 (SEMHEB1)	4
			B	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
			B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4
			B	Seminar in Biblical Studies (SEMBW)	4
			B	Hebrew Seminar 2 (SEMHEB2)	4

Third year of study, 2026-2027		
A	Greek Seminar 1 (SEMGR1)	4
B	Greek Seminar 2 (SEMGR2)	4

+ MA courses

A.4b Model track to prepare for master's with major in Church, History and Theology, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
Y	Research Paper Premaster (RPP) – HT/ST	10	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	A	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
B	Sem. in Histor. and Syst. Theology (SEMHST)	4	B	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
			B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4

A.4c Model track to prepare for master's with major in Religion, Church and Society, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Y	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
J	Research Paper Premaster (RPP) – PT/RM	10	A	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
B	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	A	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
B	Seminar in Practical Theology (SEMPT)	4	B	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4
			B	Sem. in Religious Studies and Miss. (SEMRM)	4

Y Year-long course

A Course in semester A

B Course in semester B

Appendix B: Master

B.1 Master's program (120 ECTS)

Common courses (55 ECTS)	
Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (CICE)	5
Field Study Project (FSP) ^A	5
History of Chr. Doctrine and Spirituality (HCDS)	5
Interconfessional Dialogue (ICD)	5
Living Together in Plural. Europe Today (LTPET)	5
Models of Christian Leadership (MCL)	5
New Testament Theology (NTT)	5
Old Testament Theology (OTT)	5
Postmodernism, Phil. Herm. and Theol. (PPHT) ^A	5
Protestant Theological Systems (PTS)	5
Religious Pedagogy (RP)	5
Theol. and Sociol. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5

Major in Church, History and Theology (50 ECTS)	
Contemp. Discussions in Syst. Theology (CDST)	5
Medieval and Post-Reform. Scholasticism (MPRS)	5
Moral Theology (MT)	5
The European Reformations (ER)	5
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25

Major in Religion, Church and Society (50 ECTS)	
Advanced Homiletics (AHOM) ^B	5
Advanced Liturgy (ALIT) ^B	5
Advanced Pastoral Studies (APS)	5
Politics, Religions and Society (PRS)	5
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25

Major in Formative Sources (50 ECTS)	
Approaches to New Testament Studies (ANTS)	5
Approaches to Old Testament Studies (AOTS)	5
New Testament Exegetical Methods (NTEM)	5
Old Testament Exegetical Methods (OTEM)	5
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25

Free electives (15 ECTS)	
3× Summer Colloquium (SC)	3×5

^A Either FSP (5) or PPHT (5) must be taken as a common course. For ETF OU, FSP is included in the model track for Religion, Church and Society, and PPHT is included in the model tracks for Formative Sources and for Church, History and Theology.

^B Courses that are taken by residential students and ETF Open University students together. For these courses, in addition to lectures on both ETF OU training days, there are also lectures on the preceding Fridays.

B.2 Model tracks master (120 ECTS)

B.2a Model track for master's with major in Formative Sources, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
A	Hist. of Chr. Doctrine and Spirituality (HCDS)	5	A	New Testament Exegetical Methods (NTEM)	5
A	Protestant Theological Systems (PTS)	5	A	New Testament Theology (NTT)	5
A	Th. and Soc. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5	A	Old Testament Exegetical Methods (OTEM)	5
B	Approaches to New Testam. Studies (ANTS)	5	B	Approaches to Old Testament Studies (AOTS)	5
B	Old Testament Theology (OTT)	5	B	Interconfessional Dialogue (ICD)	5
			B	Postmodernism, Ph. Herm. and Theol. (PPHT)	5

Third year of study, 2026-2027			Fourth year of study, 2027-2028		
Y	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Y	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
A	Contemp. Issues in Christian Ethics (CICE)	5	B	Religious Pedagogy (RP)	5
B	Living Together in Pl. Europe Today (LTPET)	5			
B	Models of Christian Leadership (MCL)	5			

In addition to the above courses, three Summer Colloquia (SC, 5) must be taken.

B.2b Model track for master's with major in Church, History and Theology, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
A	Cont. Discussions in Syst. Theology (CDST)	5	A	New Testament Theology (NTT)	5
A	Hist. of Chr. Doctrine and Spirituality (HCDS)	5	A	The European Reformations (ER)	5
A	Th. and Soc. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5	B	Interconfessional Dialogue (ICD)	5
B	Med. and Post-Reform. Scholasticism (MPRS)	5	B	Moral Theology (MT)	5
B	Old Testament Theology (OTT)	5	B	Postmodernism, Ph. Herm. and Theol. (PPHT)	5

Third year of study, 2026-2027			Fourth year of study, 2027-2028		
Y	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Y	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
A	Contemp. Issues in Christian Ethics (CICE)	5	B	Religious Pedagogy (RP)	5
A	Protestant Theological Systems (PTS)	5			
B	Living Together in Pl. Europe Today (LTPET)	5			
B	Models of Christian Leadership (MCL)	5			

In addition to the above courses, three Summer Colloquia (SC, 5) must be taken.

Y Year-long course

A Course in semester A

B Course in semester B

B.2c Model track for master's with major in Religion, Church and Society, starting in 2024-2025

First year of study, 2024-2025			Second year of study, 2025-2026		
Y	Field Study Project (FSP)	5	A	Advanced Pastoral Studies (APS)	5
A	Contemp. Issues in Christian Ethics (CICE)	5	A	New Testament Theology (NTT)	5
A	Politics, Religions and Society (PRS)	5	B	Advanced Homiletics (AHOM)	5
A	Th. and Soc. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5	B	Interconfessional Dialogue (ICD)	5
B	Advanced Liturgy (ALIT)	5	B	Religious Pedagogy (RP)	5
B	Models of Christian Leadership (MCL)	5			

Third year of study, 2026-2027			Fourth year of study, 2027-2028		
Y	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Y	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
A	Hist. of Chr. Doctrine and Spirituality (HCDS)	5			
A	Protestant Theological Systems (PTS)	5			
B	Living Together in Pl. Europe Today (LTPET)	5			
B	Old Testament Theology (OTT)	5			

In addition to the above courses, three Summer Colloquia (SC, 5) must be taken.

Y Year-long course

A Course in semester A

B Course in semester B

Appendix C: Course offer in ETF Open University

C.1 Course offer premaster (ETF OU training days on Saturdays)

Academic year 2024-2025, 2026-2027, etc.		Academic year 2025-2026, 2027-2028, etc.	
<i>Year-long courses</i>		<i>Year-long courses</i>	
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (IHEB)	6	Introduction to New Testament Greek (IGR)	6
Research Paper Premaster (RPP)	10	Research Paper Premaster (RPP)	10
<i>Semester A</i>		<i>Semester A</i>	
Greek Seminar 1 (SEMGR1)	4	Hebrew Seminar 1 (SEMHEB1)	4
Introduction to Old Testament Studies (OOT)	4	Hermeneutics (HERM)	4
Introduction to Practical Theology (OPT)	4	Introduction to New Testament Studies (ONT)	4
Introduction to Systematic Theology (OST)	4	Sociology of Religion (GS)	4
<i>Semester B</i>		<i>Semester B</i>	
Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy (CEM)	4	Hebrew Seminar 2 (SEMHEB2)	4
Greek Seminar 2 (SEMGR2)	4	Introduction to Exegetical Methods (IMBE)	4
Introduction to Historical Theology (OHT)	4	Intr. to Religious Studies and Missiol. (ORM)	4
Sem. in Historical and Syst. Theology (SEMHST)*	4	Philosophy of Science (WF)	4
Seminar in Practical Theology (SEMPT)*	4	Seminar in Biblical Studies (SEMBW)*	4
		Sem. in Religious Studies and Missiol. (SEMIRM)*	4

* For these courses, there are lectures on the ETF OU training days on Fridays (in English, jointly with BA students), which may be attended via Zoom, as well as optional Zoom meetings and/or lectures at the ETF.

C.2 Course offer master (ETF OU training days on Saturdays)

Academic year 2024-2025, 2026-2027, etc.		Academic year 2025-2026, 2027-2028, etc.	
Common courses		Common courses	
<i>Year-long course</i>		<i>Year-long course</i>	
<i>Semester A</i>		<i>Semester A</i>	
Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (CICE)	5	Field Study Project (FSP)	5
History of Chr. Doctrine and Spirituality (HCDS)	5	<i>Semester A</i>	
Protestant Theological Systems (PTS)	5	New Testament Theology (NTT)	5
Theol. and Sociol. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5	Theol. and Sociol. Research Methodologies (TSRM)	5
<i>Semester B</i>		<i>Semester B</i>	
Living Together in Plural. Europe Today (LTPET)	5	Interconfessional Dialogue (ICD)	5
Models of Christian Leadership (MCL)	5	Postmodernism, Phil. Herm. and Theol. (PPHT)	5
Old Testament Theology (OTT)	5	Religious Pedagogy (RP)	5
Major Formative Sources		Major Formative Sources	
<i>Year-long courses</i>		<i>Year-long courses</i>	
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
<i>Semester A</i>		<i>Semester A</i>	
<i>Semester B</i>		<i>Semester B</i>	
Approaches to New Testament Studies (ANTS)	5	New Testament Exegetical Methods (NTEM)	5
Major Church, History and Theology		Major Church, History and Theology	
<i>Year-long courses</i>		<i>Year-long courses</i>	
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
<i>Semester A</i>		<i>Semester A</i>	
Contemp. Discussions in Syst. Theology (CDST)	5	The European Reformations (ER)	5
<i>Semester B</i>		<i>Semester B</i>	
Medieval and Post-Reform. Scholasticism (MPRS)	5	Moral Theology (MT)	5
Major Religion, Church and Society		Major Religion, Church and Society	
<i>Year-long courses</i>		<i>Year-long courses</i>	
Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5	Thesis Colloquium (TC)	5
Master's Thesis (MAT)	25	Master's Thesis (MAT)	25
<i>Semester A</i>		<i>Semester A</i>	
Politics, Religions and Society (PRS)	5	Advanced Pastoral Studies (APS)	5
<i>Semester B</i>		<i>Semester B</i>	
Advanced Liturgy (ALIT)	5	Advanced Homiletics (AHOM)	5
Free electives		Free electives	
<i>Summer</i>		<i>Summer</i>	
Summer Colloquium (SC)	5	Summer Colloquium (SC)	5

Appendix D: Calculation Tuition Fees ETF OU 2024-2025

ETF Leuven's system for calculating the annual tuition fees for *ETF Open University* basically distinguishes three groups of students, depending on their nationality: (1) Belgians, (2) nationals of EEA countries⁷ and Switzerland, and (3) nationals of other countries. Belgian students are further differentiated by their scholarship status ("scholarship student", "almost scholarship student", and "student without a scholarship" from the Flemish Community).

D.1 Tuition fees for an annual contract of 35 ECTS credits or fewer

Students whose annual contract comprises **35 ECTS credits or less** pay a fixed basic amount plus a variable amount (depending on nationality) per ECTS credit. The figures are displayed in the chart below.

scholarship	Belgian		EER + CH	Other
	almost scholarship	without scholarship		
€ 131,50	€ 288,00 + € 5,00 per ECTS	€ 288,00 + € 13,80 per ECTS	€ 288,00 + € 28,70 per ECTS	€ 288,00 + € 120,00 per ECTS

Example: OU students following the *model track of 30 ECTS credits* pay the following tuition fees for the academic year 2024-2025:

scholarship	Belgian		EER + CH	Other
	almost scholarship	without scholarship		
€ 131,50	€ 288,00 + 30 x € 5,00 = € 438,00	€ 288,00 + 30 x € 13,80 = € 702,00	€ 288,00 + 30 x € 28,70 = € 1.149,00	€ 288,00 + 30 x € 120,00 = € 3.888,00

D.2 Tuition fees for an annual contract of more than 35 ECTS credits

Students whose annual contract comprises **more than 35 ECTS credits** pay a fixed amount depending on their nationality. The figures are displayed in the chart below.

scholarship	Belgian		EER + CH	Other
	almost scholarship	without scholarship		
€ 131,50	€ 588,00	€ 1.116,00	€ 2.010,00	€ 7.490,00

⁷ The countries of the **European Economic Area (EEA)** include Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.