

University of the Free State • MA in Bible Translation Management

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Distance Learning Programme 2014

Application Information

is available from the UFS website www.ufs.ac.za or from the SIL Africa Registrar (registrar_africa@sil.org)

The application period for 2014 ends **September 30, 2013**.

Managing a Bible translation programme

requires a wide range of skills and knowledge, from strategic planning, building partnerships, and financial management to technical subjects such as translation theory and linguistics. This degree, developed jointly by University of the Free State and SIL International, will give you a strong foundation in all these areas to enable your service as manager of a Bible translation programme.

The 2014 MA for Bible Translation Management begins in January 2014 with **two weeks in Bloemfontein, South Africa**. Students will meet the programme leaders, Professors Jacobus Naudé and Cynthia Miller-Naudé, get to know each other, and begin their management and leadership classes. Students then study by distance for the rest of the degree.

Year 1 Semester 1 Management & Leadership (60 credits)

- Decision making: problem solving and strategic thinking
- Interpersonal factors in management: consulting relationships, conflict management, negotiation
- Self-management
- Leading teams and coaching
- Leading meetings
- Participatory approaches: facilitation, networking, partnership
- Program and project management: planning, opportunity and risk management, managing resources

Year 1 Semester 2 Theology, Religious Studies, and Culture (30 credits)

- Religion in Africa
- African philosophies
- Theology of religion and contemporary society

- In-depth religious studies: ethics and values of religion, writings, doctrines and teaching, history)

Year 2 Semester 1 Bible Translation and Linguistics (30 credits)

- Ideology, agency, and identity in Bible translation
- Functionalism and descriptivism in Bible translation
- Models for Bible translation
- Textual and linguistic aspects of Bible translation
- Core linguistics concepts for Bible translators
- Literacy for Bible translation projects

Year 2 Semester 2 Comprehensive Dissertation (60 credits)

Supervised research on a theme in Bible translation management

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the cost of the program?

A: Tuition and fees for each semester is approximately US \$800. In addition, you need to budget for the initial two weeks study in South Africa. The costs will include room and board (US\$1,200), airfare and pocket money.

Q: How many hours per week does this study program require?

A: It depends on your fluency in English. It is best to assume studies will take 20 hours per week to successfully complete an MA at UFS. If you find it takes less time, that's great. But it is better to plan for more rather than less.

Q: Can I take some of the classes without registering for the degree programme?

A: No. Students must enroll for the entire programme of study.

Q: What kind of Internet access do I need to study by distance?

A: Minimally you need email. However, it is helpful to also be able to access the student-learning site and to talk with professors by Skype. The professors may also provide a reader for you to download and then print.



Q: What library resources do I need?

A: UFS has an extensive on-line library that will be available. However, access to a library in your organization or at a nearby university would be helpful.

Q: When should I apply?

A: Applications are accepted from 1 March 2013 until 30 September 2013 for the academic year that begins in January 2014. *We recommend that interested students begin the application process no later than 15 August to ensure that all application materials are complete by 30 September.*

Application materials

are available from UFS (www.ufs.ac.za). Prospective students who are associated with SIL International or one of SIL's partner organizations may apply through the SIL Africa Registrar (registrar_africa@sil.org).

Financial assistance

Limited financial assistance is available to qualified applicants. Contact the SIL Africa Registrar (registrar_africa@sil.org) for more information.