



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BSW (01130144)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 589

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Programme information

The purpose of this integrated programme is to provide qualifiers with professional training for a career in social work. The theoretical training goes hand in hand with appropriate practical skills training.

Admission requirements

- Candidates are advised to apply early, due to limited space availability in all programmes. As soon as a programme reaches its full capacity, applications of the specific programme will be closed before the official closing date.
- The following candidates will be considered for admission:
 1. A candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another recognised tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria
 1. Candidates who have completed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate's non-South African ("foreign") qualifications, the so-called "Immigrant" or "Foreign Conditional Exemption". The only condition for the "Foreign Conditional Exemption" that is accepted is: 'completion of the degree course'. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at mb.usaf.ac.za.
- Candidates who comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels as well as the APS requirements of these programmes will be granted placement in the programmes, subject to the availability of space. The above-mentioned is not applicable to selection programmes.
- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12, except BA (Speech-Language Pathology), BA (Audiology) and BSocSci (Philosophy, Politics and Economics). The required APS for these three programmes is 32 in order to retain admission. Prospective students who have already been granted conditional admission in these programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 26 or 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admissions Committee should space be available. The Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Humanities will consider these students once the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT) are available and depending on the availability of space. The NBT is not applicable to selection programmes. Candidates who apply for selection programmes or BA (Law) are required to meet the minimum admission requirements.
- Applicants who meet the minimum APS requirement, but who do not comply with the subject requirements



must write the NBT.

- The Faculty will assess satisfactory performance in the NBT in the light of its commitment to ensure that an appropriate proportion of the applicants will be drawn from the disadvantaged category of the population.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- The language of communication and correspondence is English only.
- For more information, please consult the Faculty yearbook on the UP website.
- **Note:** The A and IB HL levels are not included in the APS Conversion Table. Faculty requirements for admission based on these equivalent international qualifications are a D for the A level and 4 for the IB HL level.
- Non-NSC candidates who have already completed the equivalent of Grade 12, are advised to submit their Exemption certificates obtained from USAf (www.usaf.ac.za) along with their applications.
- Non-NSC candidates who do not have English Language in Grade 12 are advised to write the NBT or submit their SAT results. Please note that English Literature is not considered as a substitute for English language.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English

First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

5

C

30

Candidates will be expected to achieve an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12 to retain admission.

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Other programme-specific information

- Students who are deemed to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- Students who are deemed NOT to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take language modules to the value of 12 credits from the list of language modules (see Academic literacy).
- In order to be admitted to year level 2, students are selected according to academic achievement, (i.e. GPA = 60), aptituded tests and an interview which carry an equal weight. This selection process applies also to students from other universities applying for continuation of the social work studies at UP. Further information is available from the programme coordinator.
- No student will be allowed to commence with the fourth year of the BSW before the successful completion of all the social work modules up to the third-year level, as well as all modules in the first and second year of the BSW programme.

Note:

- If Criminology is selected up to third-year level, apart from all of the abovementioned Criminology modules, students also have to take SLK 220 and SOC 220.
- If Psychology is selected up to third-year level, apart from all of the abovementioned Psychology modules, students also have to take KRM 210 and SOC 220.
- If Sociology is selected up to third-year level, apart from all of the abovementioned Sociology modules, students also have to take KRM 210 and SLK 220.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

- Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

- Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Social work in practice 161 (MWP 161) - Credits: 6.00
- Social work theory 110 (MWT 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Social work theory 120 (MWT 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 110 (SOC 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 120 (SOC 120) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 179

Core modules

- Social work in practice 261 (MWP 261) - Credits: 15.00
- Social work theory 210 (MWT 210) - Credits: 20.00
- Social work theory 220 (MWT 220) - Credits: 20.00
- Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
- Social welfare law 110 (WRG 110) - Credits: 7.00
- Social welfare law 120 (WRG 120) - Credits: 7.00

Elective modules

- Criminology 210 (KRM 210) - Credits: 20.00
- Criminology 220 (KRM 220) - Credits: 20.00
- Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00
- Psychology 220 (SLK 220) - Credits: 20.00
- Sociology 210 (SOC 210) - Credits: 20.00
- Sociology 220 (SOC 220) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 220

Core modules

Social work in practice 361 (MWP 361) - Credits: 30.00

Social work theory 310 (MWT 310) - Credits: 30.00

Social work theory 311 (MWT 311) - Credits: 30.00

Social work theory 321 (MWT 321) - Credits: 30.00

Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

Criminology 310 (KRM 310) - Credits: 30.00

Criminology 320 (KRM 320) - Credits: 30.00

Psychology 310 (SLK 310) - Credits: 30.00

Psychology 320 (SLK 320) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology 310 (SOC 310) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology 320 (SOC 320) - Credits: 30.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

[Social work in practice 400](#) (MWP 400) - Credits: 45.00

[Specialised therapies 451](#) (MWT 451) - Credits: 15.00

[Social work management 452](#) (MWT 452) - Credits: 15.00

[Social development 454](#) (MWT 454) - Credits: 15.00

[Social work research 455](#) (MWT 455) - Credits: 30.00

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