University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BSocSci Philosophy, Politics and Economics (01130056)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	432
NQF level	07
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Programme information

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with an in-depth knowledge and analytical understanding of contemporary political and economic issues. All three disciplines – political science, philosophy, and economics – focus on the social world and social phenomena, each from a different perspective. Economics focuses on the production of goods (why, how, and what is produced) and the consequences of such production to society (who benefits). Political Science focuses on political processes and governance issues such as decision-making. Philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision-making. The result of combining these perspectives is that students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. A PPE qualification is an internationally recognised ‘brand’, respected for its rigorous training, that immediately gives students entrance into a variety of careers related to economic or political policy making, from journalism to diplomatic service. This qualification will enable students, once they are employed in the public or private sector, to respond in a sensitive, rational, and innovative manner to moral problems and challenges within their politico-economic context.

Admission requirements

- **Candidates are advised to apply early. Space is limited in all programmes. As soon as a programme reaches its full capacity, applications for the specific programme will be closed, even if it is 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 National Senior Certificate (NSC) 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
2. 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 international ("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.

- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 32 in the NSC.
- The NBT is not applicable to this programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements				
Achievement level				
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**Mathematics**		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
5	C	5	C	**32**

Students interested in the BSocSci (PPE) programme not complying with the 5 in Mathematics for the programme, but with an APS of 32, and a 5 in English, may be admitted into another degree for the first year. If they register for STK 113 and 123 in their first year of study, and they pass each of these with 60%, they will however then have the option to apply for an internal transfer to the BSocSci (PPE) in their second year of study.

* 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

- The ALL modules are excluded due to the high AP Score (32) required.
- Students who consider doing an honours degree in Economics should consult the student administration of EMS to determine which additional modules they should include in their study programme in order to meet the entry requirements for BComHons in Economics.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Elective modules: Year 1
It is compulsory that students also select, in addition to the subjects on the fixed curriculum, any TWO semester modules (one per semester) from the same discipline at year level 1 to the credit value of at least **20 credits** (if selected from Economic and Management Sciences) or **24 credits** (if selected from Humanities).

Statistics Modules

1. **Students who achieved level 5 in Mathematics at Matric level:**

- STK 110 and STC 122 are compulsory.
- Students are required to pass STK 110 at 60% in order to continue with STC 122.

2. **Transferring students who achieved level 4 in Mathematics at Matric level and have passed STK 113 and 123 with 60% on each module:**

- STK 121 and STC 122 are compulsory.
- Students are required to pass STK 121 at 60% in order to continue with STC 122.

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 orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00
Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00
Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00
Statistics 122 (STC 122) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 121 (STK 121) - Credits: 13.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 152

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Economics modules in Year 2: EKN 214/234 or EKN 224/244.

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Political Sciences modules in Year 2: IPL 210/220 or STL 210/220.

Core modules

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 244 (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00
Contesting modernities I and II 210 (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00
Philosophy in context 220 (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00
International relations 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00
International relations 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00
Statistics 210 (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00
Statistics 220 (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00
Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00
Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Political Sciences modules in Year 3: IPL 310/320 or STL 310/320.

Core modules

Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00
Self and subjectivity 310 (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00
Philosophy in context 320 (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00
International relations 310 (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00
International relations 320 (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00
Political science 310 (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00
Political science 320 (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00

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