

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BSW (01130144)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 521

NQF level 08

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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.

A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In accordance with the Children's Act (2005), all registered student social workers have to complete Form 30 in Part B of the National Child Protection Register (NCPR).

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.
- 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 the NSC. 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 of the Faculty of Humanities, subject to the availability of space and the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT).
- Applicants who meet the minimum APS requirement, but who do not comply with the subject requirements must write the NBT.

- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English

First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

5

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30

To retain admission candidates are required to obtain an APS of at least 28 and must meet the minimum language requirements. Candidates who obtained an APS of 30 but do not comply with the subject requirement, must write the NBT as soon as possible to secure a place timeously.

* 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, based on their Grade 12 results for English (Home Language/First additional language), meet the requirements for ALL 110 and ALL 125, should register for a language to the value of 12 credits. ENG 118 or SEP 110 or ZUL 110 is suggested as a substitute for ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- 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.

Pass with distinction

A student has to obtain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 75% for the final-year modules in the BSW programme (i.e., MWT 452, MWT 454, MWT 455 and MWP 400) in order to pass the degree with distinction.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules-special note

Select either APL 110 and APL 120 or Soc 110 and 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

English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00

Sepedi for beginners 110 (SEP 110) - Credits: 12.00

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

isiZulu for beginners 110 (ZUL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Core modules

Introduction to Social Anthropology 110 (APL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Advanced introduction to Social Anthropology 120 (APL 120) - Credits: 12.00

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: 156

Core modules- special note

- If Criminology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select SLK 210 and SOC 220 or APL 210.
- If Psychology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SOC 220 or APL 210.
- If Sociology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SLK 210 .
- If Anthropology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SLK 210.

Elective modules- special note:

Select one of the following: KRM 210 (20) or SLK 220 (20) or SOC 210 (20) or APL 220 (20).

Core modules

- [Sex, culture and society 210](#) (APL 210) - Credits: 20.00
- [Criminology 220](#) (KRM 220) - Credits: 20.00
- [Social work in practice 261](#) (MWP 261) - Credits: 12.00
- [Social work theory 210](#) (MWT 210) - Credits: 15.00
- [Social work theory 220](#) (MWT 220) - Credits: 15.00
- [Business management 114](#) (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
- [Business management 124](#) (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00
- [Psychology 210](#) (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00
- [Sociology 220](#) (SOC 220) - Credits: 20.00
- [Social welfare law 110](#) (WRG 110) - Credits: 7.00
- [Social welfare law 120](#) (WRG 120) - Credits: 7.00

Elective modules

- [Anthropology 220](#) (APL 220) - Credits: 20.00
- [Criminology 210](#) (KRM 210) - Credits: 20.00
- [Psychology 220](#) (SLK 220) - Credits: 20.00
- [Sociology 210](#) (SOC 210) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 125

Elective modules-special note

Select one of the following module pairs to the credit value of 60: KRM 310 and KRM 320; or SOC 310 and SOC 321; or SLK 310 and SLK 320; or APL 310 and APL 320.

Core modules

[Social work in practice 361](#) (MWP 361) - Credits: 25.00

[Social work theory 311](#) (MWT 311) - Credits: 20.00

[Social work theory 321](#) (MWT 321) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

[Decoloniality, Anthropology and Africa 310](#) (APL 310) - Credits: 30.00

[Anthropology 320](#) (APL 320) - Credits: 30.00

[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 321](#) (SOC 321) - Credits: 30.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

[Social work in practice 400](#) (MWP 400) - Credits: 50.00

[Social work management and social policy 452](#) (MWT 452) - Credits: 20.00

[Social development 454](#) (MWT 454) - Credits: 20.00

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

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