



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BIS Information Science (12131012)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	415
NQF level	07
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Programme information

The increasing amount of information available and developing information needs have necessitated the training of information intermediaries to effectively facilitate the bringing together of users and the information they require.

This package focuses on the use of information technology and the processing of information products and is designed to train students in the management, retrieval and organisation of information, as well as to teach them how to add value to, package and distribute information. Students will also have the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in the management of one of the most important resources of enterprises – information and knowledge. Two or three specialisation options are available, depending on the electives chosen.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: candidates who are in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used in the conditional admission of prospective students.
- A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required.
- Tuition will be presented in English only.
- Should a candidate obtain an APS of 25 to 27, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the numbers of students in designated groups have not been reached. If informatics is selected at first-year level, an achievement level of 5 is required in Mathematics.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

NSC/IEB AS Level

4 D

APS

28

(25 - 27 admission based on the NBT)



* 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

Because credits are not calculated in the same way in all faculties, students should ensure note that the total number of credits required for this package is at least 415-458 depending on the choice of elective modules (as required for Group A, B or C).



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 110

Elective modules: Select one group in consultation with the package organiser, at least 30 credits from any modules at year level one OR Select 50 credits from the INF elective group. Students who obtained at least 4(50% - 59%) for Mathematics in Grade 12 will be admitted to Informatics 112 and students who obtained at least 5(60 - 69%) for Mathematics in Grade 12 will be admitted to Informatics 154, 164 and 171.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy for Information Technology 121 (ALL 121) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 112 (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Information science 110 (INL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 120 (INL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 130 (INL 130) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 140 (INL 140) - Credits: 12.00

Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00

Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00

Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00

Archaeology 110 (AGL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Archaeology 120 (AGL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to tourism 110 (EFK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Heritage tourism management 120 (EFK 120) - Credits: 12.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

Informatics 112 (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00

Informatics 154 (INF 154) - Credits: 10.00

Informatics 164 (INF 164) - Credits: 10.00

Informatics 171 (INF 171) - Credits: 20.00

Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00

Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00

Public administration 112 (PAD 112) - Credits: 10.00

Public administration 122 (PAD 122) - Credits: 10.00

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: 160

Elective modules: Select one group in consultation with the package organiser, at least 63 credits from INF elective group OR Select 60 credits from INL elective group.

Fundamental modules

[Community-based project 202](#) (JCP 202) - Credits: 8.00

Core modules

[Information science 210](#) (INL 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Information science 220](#) (INL 220) - Credits: 20.00

[Information science 240](#) (INL 240) - Credits: 20.00

[Business management 210](#) (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00

[Business management 220](#) (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00

Elective modules

[Informatics 214](#) (INF 214) - Credits: 14.00

[Informatics 225](#) (INF 225) - Credits: 14.00

[Informatics 261](#) (INF 261) - Credits: 7.00

[Informatics 271](#) (INF 271) - Credits: 14.00

[Informatics 272](#) (INF 272) - Credits: 14.00

[Information science 230](#) (INL 230) - Credits: 20.00

[Information science 260](#) (INL 260) - Credits: 20.00

[Information science 270](#) (INL 270) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 145

Elective modules: Select one group in consultation with the package organiser,

Group A (70 credits) Select two INF modules and at least 40 credits OBS modules at year level 3.

Group B (90 credits) Select three INL modules

Group C (90 credits) Select two INF modules and at least 60 credits from Group B.

Core modules

Information science: Information organisation 310 (INL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Information science: Information and knowledge management 320 (INL 320) - Credits: 30.00

Information science 370 (INL 370) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

Informatics 315 (INF 315) - Credits: 15.00

Informatics 324 (INF 324) - Credits: 15.00

Information science: Digital repositories 340 (INL 340) - Credits: 30.00

Information science: Socio-political aspects of information in global context 360 (INL 360) - Credits: 30.00

Information science: Competitive intelligence 380 (INL 380) - Credits: 30.00

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