



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PhD Mathematical Statistics (02260612)

Department Statistics

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

A candidate must complete a thesis in one of several fields in Applied Statistics or Mathematical Statistics in which research is actively being done within the Department. Details are available from the Head of Department of Statistics as well as in the departmental brochure. Refer to the Departmental website for further information.

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

- i. At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
- ii. At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
- iii. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
- iv. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
- v. With the exception of a shorter period that may be approved by the Dean, at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University has expired.

The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.

Renewal of registration

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department or the Postgraduate Committee, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the PhD degree consists of the following:

- i. Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
- ii. A thesis.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum duration of study and the requirements to submit an article/s for publication.



Admission requirements

1. Relevant master's degree with Mathematical Statistics
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for all the modules at master's level
3. An average of 65% for the research component completed at master's level
4. An admission examination may be required

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Other programme-specific information

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctoral degree must complete his or her studies within four years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period. (Also see the General Regulations.)

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Consult the General Regulations that apply to the calculation of marks.
- ii. In order to obtain the PhD degree the candidate must:
 - pass the examinations and the prescribed modules, as determined in the study programme;
 - pass the thesis; and
 - pass the final examination on the thesis and general subject knowledge.

Promotion to next study year

The progress of all doctoral candidates is monitored biannually by the supervisor and the postgraduate coordinator. A candidate's study may be terminated if the progress is unsatisfactory or if the candidate is unable to finish his/her studies during the prescribed period.



Curriculum: Year 1

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All doctoral students in Statistics/Mathematical Statistics should enrol for STK 911 which is a compulsory but non-credit-bearing module. The satisfactory completion of this module is a prerequisite for embarking on the research component of the degree programme.

Core modules

Research orientation 911 (STK 911)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	10
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Ad Hoc
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A compulsory bootcamp must be attended as part of this module – usually presented during the last week of January each year. Details regarding the venue and specific dates are made available by the department each year. The bootcamp will cover the basics of research to prepare the student for the research component of their degree. Students can be exempt from the bootcamp if it has already been attended in a previous year or for a previous degree. Each year of registration for the doctoral degree will also require the attendance of three departmental seminars. Students should ensure that their attendance is recorded by the postgraduate coordinator present at the seminars. The department approves the seminars attended.

Thesis: Mathematical statistics 990 (WST 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Year



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Research orientation 911 (STK 911)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	10
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Ad Hoc
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