BSW (01130144)

Department	Social Work and Criminology
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	523
NQF level	08

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

Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at click here.
  - **Website:** click here.
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, or was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be

readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

Note: Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, or was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), or has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

Note: Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Faculty Yearbooks: click here.
- All modules (excluding foreign language modules) will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

1. You will be considered for conditional admission if space allows, and if you:

- are a Grade 11 applicant (with an APS of 30 or more excluding Life Orientation), please submit your final Grade 11 examination results, and have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement or an equivalent qualification; OR
- are transferring from other recognised institutions to the University of Pretoria; OR
- are a graduate or have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution; OR
- are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; AND
- comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels, as well as the APS requirements of

specific programmes.

If you are an applicant from a country other than South Africa, please apply for conditional admission based on your final results equivalent to Grade 11. Final admission is based on the qualification equivalent to the NSC.

2. You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you:

- have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme; OR
- are a student transferring from another recognised tertiary institution and comply with the programme requirements; OR
- have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution or are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria.

If you are a citizen from a country other than South Africa or are a student with other qualifications equivalent to the NSC (including school qualifications from other countries, eg Spain, New Zealand, etc), you must obtain a Complete Exemption Certificate or a Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate based on your international ('foreign') qualifications. Certificates can only be obtained from Universities South Africa (USAf) at click here. In addition, these candidates must meet the relevant programme admission requirements.

University of Pretoria website: click here

Minimum requirements Achievement level English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS (Grade 11)	APS (NSC/IEB completed)
5	30	28

* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC/IEB.

* A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In terms of 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).

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), aptituted 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% (not rounded) 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: 122

Core modules-special note

Select either APL 110 and APL 120 or Soc 110 and 120

Fundamental modules

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 c redit 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

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.