

Honours: Geographical Sciences Option: Geography and Environmental Science



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Department of Geography, Geoinformatics & Meteorology

(Degree Codes: BSc 02240413; BSocSci 01243006)

Why should you enrol?

The Honours degree in Geographical Sciences is the merger of two previous degrees, namely Honours in Geography and Honours in Environmental Management and Analysis. As such, the degree provides a solid foundation for graduates with a broad interest in both geography in general as well as those interested specifically in environmental management.

At the same time, the degree also provides the required background for a research career involving analysis and multidisciplinary research about current geographical and environmental issues. The degree therefore provides a solid basis for pursuing a Masters degree in a large number of environmental disciplines.

What kind of organisation would employ you?

Professionals involved in environmental policy, environmental impact assessment (EIA), environmental auditing and environmental enforcement interested in employment at the policy and governmental level, as well as those aiming at the consultancy market would benefit from this degree.

What are the admission requirements?

An appropriate BSc degree with suitable majors as recommended by the head of department and at least a 65% pass mark at the 300 or 400 level. Intake also depends on the supervising capacity of the department. The degree for which a student must register depends on the candidate's undergraduate qualification. If the qualification is in the Humanities, Arts, or Social Sciences, then the registration will be for a BSocSci(Hons) degree. A degree in the Sciences, Agriculture and Engineering fields will entitle the candidate to register for a BSc(Hons).

Can you study part time?

The programme can be followed part time, meaning the programme can be completed over two years. However, this should not be confused with a distance education programme; attendance is required, and our classes are presented during the working day. We therefore require a letter of assurance from your company (supervisor/director) that they will allow you to attend classes, excursions, tests and examinations if you are currently employed.

When do applications close?

End of September is normally the closing date for applications for the following year. Preliminary selection may take place prior to obtaining a degree, on condition that the required level of a 65% pass mark was achieved in the final examinations.

The department will attempt as far as possible to notify candidates of whether the application has been successful or not by the first week in December.

How and where do I apply (general enquiries)?

All applications happen online. Please ensure that the name of the degree that you are applying for is correct (BSc or BSocSci Honours in Geographical Sciences). For further general application enquiries contact the Client Service Centre (CSC) at csc@up.ac.za or 012-420-3111 or visit them on campus (Mon. to Fri. 08:00-14:00), Lynnwood Road, University of Pretoria, 0002.

International students:

A separate division (ISD) is in the Client Service Centre.

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E-mail: csc@up.ac.za

Website: <http://www.up.ac.za>



Website: <https://www.up.ac.za/geography-geoinformatics-and-meteorology>

What happens then?

Once the application process is concluded CSC forwards your application to us for consideration by our internal admissions committee. We are looking for students with a cumulative average of upward 65% and relevant environment-related subjects or experience are also considered. We are, however, severely constrained by numbers. We can only take about 24 students but typically receive over 100 applications, so often numbers are the determining factor in terms of admission. Selection is done by an internal selection committee with a panel of reviewers.

Degree Structure (please see the yearbook [available online] for course details)

Programme Composition

Please note that the curriculum may change each year at the discretion of the head of department or the honours coordinator in the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology.

| CODE | MODULE NAME | CREDITS |
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| Fundamental modules: | | |
| GGY 710 | Geographical and environmental principles 710 | 25 |
| Elective modules (to the value of 75 credits): | | |
| ENV 785 | Environmental assessments 785 | 15 |
| GGY 701 | Selected theme 701 | 15 |
| GGGY 718 | Applied geomorphology 718 | 15 |
| GGY 780 | Urban geography 780 | 15 |
| GGY 789 | Environmental change 789 | 15 |
| GGY 793 | Aspects of land reform and the environment 793 | 15 |
| Appropriate modules, other than the above and approved by the honours coordinator or head of department. May be taken. However, a minimum of 45 elective module credits should come from the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology. | | |

Minimum credits: 135

For detailed module descriptions for the *BScHons Geography and Environmental Science*, please consult the University's website at:

<https://www.up.ac.za/en/yearbooks/2018/programmes/view/02240415>.

For detailed module descriptions for the *BSocSciHons Geographical Sciences Geography and Environmental Science*, please consult the University's website at:

<https://www.up.ac.za/en/yearbooks/2018/programmes/view/01243020>.

Whom can I contact at the department (for subject related enquiries)?

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