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This programme focuses on the chemical composition, structure and nutritional value of food. The interaction of food components during processing, preservation and storage is studied by making use of chemistry, physics, biological and mathematical principles. Candidates who are likely to excel are those who enjoy science and are keen on understanding food production from farm to fork.

What makes this programme unique?

Candidates study a product that is used daily by all people and therefore prepare themselves to play a role in feeding the nation. A graduate with a Bachelor of Science *Food Science* degree is eligible for registration as a natural scientist with the South African Council of Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).



Which companies employ our graduates?

Our graduates are employed by all major food production companies eg Nestlé, RCL Foods, In2Foods, Unilever and the Rhodes Food Group; by major food retailers eg Shoprite and Checkers, Woolworths, Pick n Pay; by flavour and additive producing companies eg SAAFI and Cell-Chem; and laboratories that specialise in analysing food in South Africa and all over the world.



Career opportunities

Brewers

Food and
nutrition
analysts

Food
chemists

Food
microbiologists

Food risk
investigators

Food structure
designers

Packaging
and shelf-life
specialists

Product
and process
development
managers

Safety
auditors

Sensory
scientists

Technical sales
and marketing
advisors

Quality and
safety assurance
managers

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2025			
	Achievement level			APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	
Bachelor of Science <i>Food Science</i> [3 years]	5	5	5	32



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Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe
Lefapha la Disaense tša Tlhago le Temo

Minimum requirements for
applicants with a school
leaving certificate not issued
by Umalusi (South Africa)



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2025									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
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IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE SGCSE	England Wales Northern Ireland									
O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC ZIMSEC										
Bachelor of Science <i>Biochemistry</i>	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry									
Bachelor of Science <i>Biotechnology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Ecology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Zoology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Entomology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Genetics</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Human Genetics</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Human Physiology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Human Physiology, Genetics and Psychology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Medical Sciences</i>		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science <i>Microbiology</i>		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science <i>Plant Science</i>		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science <i>Chemistry</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Physics</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Geography</i> [Option: Geography and Environmental Science]										
Bachelor of Science <i>Geoinformatics</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Geology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Meteorology</i>										
Bachelor of Science <i>Environmental and Engineering Geology</i>										

Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be used for final admission.

NOTE: The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences requires the following achievement levels for IELTS and TOEFL: TOEFL – Writing=22; Speaking=23; Reading=21; Listening=17
IELTS – Writing=6; Speaking=6; Reading=6; Listening=6



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Bachelor of Science <i>Food Science</i>	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry									
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Culinary Science]										
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Nutrition]										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Animal Science		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Plant Pathology		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Applied Plant and Soil Sciences		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science <i>Actuarial and Financial Mathematics</i>	English Mathematics	C A	4 7	3 1	C A	E C	4 6	3 5	60-69% 80-100%	B A
Bachelor of Science <i>Mathematics</i>	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Science <i>Applied Mathematics</i>		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science <i>Mathematical Statistics</i>		B	5	2	B	D	5	4	70-79%	B+
Bachelor of Consumer Science <i>Clothing Retail Management</i>	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Consumer Science <i>Food Retail Management</i>		C D	4 3	3 3	C D	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 50-59%	B C+
Bachelor of Consumer Science <i>Hospitality Management</i>										

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