

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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

Bachelor of Science Geography [Option: Geography and Environmental Science]



Make today matter



Geographers and environmental scientists study processes, relationships and the interdependence between the natural environment and humans. Anyone who has a passion for the environment and has a background in the sciences will be interested in the Bachelor of Science *Geography* [Option: Geography and Environmental Science] programme.

What makes this programme unique?



The programme enhances students' understanding of the physical, social and constructed environments, incorporating all the natural processes that take place on earth, as well as the socio-political and cultural activities that dominate the planet.

Which companies employ our graduates?



- Private sector, such as real estate, planning, architectural and engineering firms, and banks, tourism organisations, environmental conservation bodies and industry
- Government departments, such as the Departments of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Water and Sanitation (DWS), Tourism (DT), Basic Education (DBE) and Higher Education and Training (DHET), and Statistics South Africa (Stats SA)
- Parastatal organisations, such as the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), the South African Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Self-employed, working mainly in areas such as marketing, planning, development, tourism, cartography, remote sensing, environmental analysis, social impact assessments and environmental auditing

Career opportunities

Geography and environmental science offer a range of career paths, including teaching, research (for a variety of bodies) and careers requiring the application of geographical knowledge and skills in practice. Graduates can focus on environmental management; urban development issues, regional and rural development; and environmental health or environmental issues, including pollution, climate change and the understanding and addressing of negative impacts on biodiversity/ ecosystem services through activities such as mining, agriculture and tourism.



Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2025					
	Achievement level					
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics Physical Sciences		APS		
Bachelor of Science <i>Geography</i> [Option: Geography and Environmental Science] [3 years]	5	5	5	34		



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





Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or <u>click here</u> 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.

	Minimum requirements for 2025									
	Achievement level									
		GCSE #			AS Level	A Level	IB			
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/ or registration.								
FACULTY OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES	Compulsory subjects	CIE	UK	HIGCSE NSSC HL	GCE CIE	GCE CIE	IB SL	IB HL	KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
Programmes		IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE SGCSE	LGCSE Wales BGCSE Northern		NSSC AS					
		O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC ZIMSEC								
Bachelor of Science Biochemistry					C C C C	E E E				
Bachelor of Science Biotechnology	1		4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3			4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3 3	60-69% 60-69%	B B B B
Bachelor of Science Ecology	1	C C C C								
Bachelor of Science Zoology	1									
Bachelor of Science Entomology										
Bachelor of Science Genetics	1									
Bachelor of Science Human Genetics	1									
Bachelor of Science Human Physiology	1									
Bachelor of Science Human Physiology, Genetics and Psychology	For eliste									
Bachelor of Science Medical Sciences	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Science Microbiology	Physics								60-69%	
Bachelor of Science Plant Science	Chemistry								60-69%	
Bachelor of Science Chemistry										
Bachelor of Science Physics	-									
Bachelor of Science <i>Geography</i> [Option: Geography and Environmental Science]										
Bachelor of Science Geoinformatics										
Bachelor of Science Geology										
Bachelor of Science Meteorology										
Bachelor of Science Environmental and Engineering Geology										

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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Programmes		O Level NSSC OL VCE NECO WAEC ZIMSEC	Wales Northern Ireland		AS	UACE WAEC ZIMSEC				
Bachelor of Science Food Science		C C C C	4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	C C C	E E E E	4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	60-69% 60-69% 60-69% 60-69%	B B B B
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Culinary Science]										
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Nutrition]	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry									
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Animal Science										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Plant Pathology										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Applied Plant and Soil Sciences										
Bachelor of Science Actuarial and Financial Mathematics	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 Mathematics										
Bachelor of Science Applied Mathematics Bachelor of Science Mathematical Statistics	English Mathematics	C B	4 5	3 2	C B	E D	4 5	3 4	60-69% 70-79%	B B+
Bachelor of Consumer Science Clothing Retail Management										
Bachelor of Consumer Science Food Retail Management	English Mathematics	C D	4 3	3 3	C D	E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 50-59%	B C+
Bachelor of Consumer Science Hospitality Management										

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