

Frequently Asked Questions- Registration

I do not meet the requirement for IAS 211, what now?

You must pass the outstanding prerequisite subjects in 2019 and you may take IAS 211 in 2020 once you meet the prerequisites. Note that in 2020 the prerequisites for IAS 211 include IAS 111 and IAS 121. It is therefore important to include these subjects when you do your plan for 2019.

I did not get 60 for IAS 221. Can I register for IAS 382 and IAS 353?

No. You will have to register for WTW 310 and one other Mathematics module, choosing between WTW 320, WTW 382, WT 383 and WTW 386.

For 2019 only, if you did both IAS 221 and IAS 282 and marginally missed the 60 mark, you can apply for a waiver of prerequisites. We will take your complete academic record into account when deciding to approve the waiver or not. You can collect the form and hand it in at the department.

I did not do IAS 282, but I got 60 for IAS 221 and I meet all the other requirements for IAS 382 and IAS 353. Can I register for IAS 382 and IAS 353?

Yes. In terms of the communication, for 2019 only, you may register for these two subjects. You should still apply for a waiver of prerequisites at the department. You can collect the form and hand it in at the department.

Can I apply to repeat subjects I have already passed?

No. We recommend that you complete your degree as soon as possible with the subject choices available to you and start gaining work experience while writing your professional examinations through the Actuarial Society.

If it is unlikely that you will meet the entrance requirements for an Honours in Actuarial Science **immediately after your degree**, you could return after working and writing your actuarial examinations for a year. You will have to complete all seven of the A100 and A200 examinations through the Actuarial Society if you follow this route.

You could also consider another area of postgraduate study. Other areas of postgraduate studies which you can consider, if you meet the requirements, are Honours degrees in Mathematical Statistics, Financial Mathematics or Financial Engineering. Consult the relevant websites of the specific departments for details about these postgraduate degrees and their entry requirements.

I am able to register for modules that I do not meet the prerequisites for. Does this mean I can take them?

No. You are not allowed to take a module for which you do not meet the prerequisites without the necessary permission. An audit is done when registration closes and students who do not meet the requirements will be deregistered. It will then be too late to register for other modules. So please do not get yourself into a difficult situation by registering for modules you can't take.

I have not passed all my modules as planned, is there a way of splitting my modules optimally over the next few years?

Make sure you meet the prerequisites for the modules you want to take and that you plan on taking modules that count towards an exemption in the same year of study where required. Plan your registrations for each semester based on these two criteria. Consult with the department if you have any concerns or questions.

I am having trouble with registration on the UP portal. Who can help me?

Technical queries pertaining to the UP portal and registration can be directed to NAS Student Administration (nasadmin@up.ac.za).

Other queries

For any other queries or if you want to arrange an appointment to discuss your study plan, contact the department by sending an email outlining your query with your name and student number to actuarial@up.ac.za.