

Frequently Asked Questions- Registration

I did not pass WTW 124, what now?

You should visit the Faculty Student Advisors and reflect on whether you are pursuing the appropriate degree. If you decide to continue with BSc (Actuarial and Financial Maths), you should register for all the courses that you do meet the prerequisites for. This may be very few subjects. We recommend that you also take some additional subjects for non-degree purposes to keep you focussed on your studies during this time. The following modules could be considered, which should be of benefit to you in your career: COS 132, KRG 110 (and possibly KRG 120), OBS 114 (and possibly OBS 124), FRK 111 (and possibly FRK 121), EKN 214 (and possibly EKN 224) or a language you'd like to learn.

Also use the additional time to obtain a distinction for WTW 124 the second time around. This will ensure that you progress from a strong basis.

If you need help with planning your future study plan, or want to discuss possible other module choices, contact the department or the Faculty Student Advisors.

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

You must first pass all the outstanding prerequisite modules and you may then take IAS 211 in the next year once you meet the prerequisites. If you need help with planning your future study plan, contact the department or the Faculty Student Advisors.

I did not get 60% for IAS 221 and/or passed IAS 282. 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 381, WTW 382, WT 383 and WTW 386.

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 then start gaining work experience while writing your professional examinations through the Actuarial Society.

Can I still apply for Honours if I do not qualify for IAS 382 and 353?

If you do not meet the entrance requirements for Honours in Actuarial Science immediately after your degree, you could write the outstanding A100 and A200 subjects through the Actuarial Society and then apply. You will have to pass or be exempted from all seven of the A100 and A200 examinations through the Actuarial Society, within one year from graduating, if you follow this route.

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

I am able to register for modules where I do not meet the prerequisites on the portal. 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. 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 registration for each semester based on these two criteria. Do not overload a semester. A normal credit load for a semester is 72. Taking too many credits will lead to failure again. Consult with the department or the Faculty Student Advisors 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 (nas.undergradhelp@up.ac.za). There are many students with registration queries. Give them 48 hours to respond. Sending repeat emails, makes the delays worse. Before sending a follow-up email, check if the problem has been resolved.

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.