

Frequently Asked Questions- Registration

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

You must pass the outstanding prerequisite subjects in 2020 and you may take IAS 211 in 2021 once you meet the prerequisites. If you need help with planning your future study plan, contact the department.

If you did IAS 211 in 2019 and failed, you should apply for a special permission to do IAS 211 in 2020. The forms are available at the department.

If you did IAS 111 and IAS 121 in 2019, but passed COS 132 prior to 2019 in terms of the old programme, and have not done WTW 152, you should apply for special permission to do IAS 211 in 2020. The forms are available at the department.

I did not get 60 for IAS 221 and 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 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 apply to return after working and writing your actuarial examinations for a year. You will have to have passed or been 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 or Financial Engineering. 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 on the portal 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. 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 if you have any concerns or questions.

I am currently doing a different degree, but want to transfer to BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics). Can this be done?

Transfers to the BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics) degree are considered on application. Applications are handled by Student Administration and you should contact them. Applications are not considered during the year, but at the start of each year once the complete academic record for the previous year is available. Applications are generally approved when students meet the requirements specified below. Final admission in all cases is dependent on the capacity of the programme.

1. Transfer from BSc (Mathematical Statistics)

Students who have enrolled for the full set of prescribed first year modules for the BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics) degree as part of their BSc (Mathematical Statistics) degree and passed them all outright in one year, will be allowed to transfer at the end of their first year. A dropped subject is considered a fail. Failing a subject and passing it at a Winter or Summer school is also considered a fail.

Passing modules with supplementary examinations or very low exam marks are warning signals and a transfer will not be allowed. Students who fall in this category will be

allowed to transfer at the end of their second year of study, if they have completed all the prescribed modules for the first and second year of the BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics) in two years.

2. Transfer from BSc Extended programme – Mathematical Sciences

In terms of the yearbook, “Admissions from the BSc – Extended programmes to the BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics) programmes will only be considered if students have passed all their first-year modules with an average percentage of at least 60%, passed IAS 111 and achieved a minimum percentage of 60% for WTW 143 and WTW 153.”

Note that the admission requirements for IAS 111 and FBS 112 are 60% for each of the first year Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics modules i.e. WTW 133, WTW 143, WST 133 and WST 143.

3. Transfers from other programmes not included above

Students who meet the grade 12 admission requirements for BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics) are considered. The student’s complete tertiary academic record will be taken into account. The student should have taken and passed the full credit load in the previous degree for the time the student spent doing that degree. Failed and/or dropped modules will normally disqualify a student from transferring.

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.