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### What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing programme teaches publishing theory and skills by selecting and developing content based on the needs of the user and appropriately packaging this content through a process of adding value. Publishing can happen in both paper-based and electronic format and includes a range of products, such as books for the trade market and publications for educational, academic and corporate readers. Publishing processes are also used in the production of mass media products, such as newspapers and magazines.

This programme aims to:

- provide students with knowledge of the publishing process and role-players, as well as trends and initiatives in the local and international publishing industry;
- provide students with relevant and current skills, including editing, design and production;
- enable students to work with a variety of information formats, from print to digital; and
- make students aware of the social, ethical and legal responsibilities involved in the publishing process.



### What makes this programme unique?

This programme is unique in South Africa and offers students access to the full publishing value chain. It is benchmarked against international programmes and students can continue with their studies in other countries.



### Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidate should have:

- excellent language and communication skills, both written and verbal;
- project management and the ability to work towards goals and deadlines;
- computer skills and an aptitude for learning new skills;
- critical reading and reasoning; and
- good business sense.



### Career opportunities

Graduates can work in a wide variety of publishing, communication and media functions. Various career opportunities are available in the publishing industry, book retail and corporate communications. Content production for media houses, magazines and other content creators is also possible.

Some career opportunities include the following:

- Editorial functions
- Layout, design and typesetting
- Digital production
- Copyright permissions and negotiations
- Marketing and promotion
- Self-publishing and consultancy



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### Which companies employ our graduates?

Our graduates can be found at all the major local publishers (Pan Macmillan, Jonathan Ball, NB, Oxford University Press, Van Schaik, Springer Nature and and Juta), as well as at companies as diverse as legal firms, medical aid schemes and car manufacturers. Some are also entrepreneurs and start new businesses, for example BK Publishing and Blackbird Books.



### Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
<b>Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing</b> [3 years]	5	-	28

The suggested second-choice programmes for Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing are Bachelor of Information Science, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Languages and Bachelor of Arts.

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## Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at [www.up.ac.za/programmes](http://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.

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	Achievement level									
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Bachelor of Science in Architecture	English Mathematics Physics	C D D	4 3 3	3 3 3	C D D	E E E	4 2 2	3 2 2	60-69% 50-59% 50-59%	B C+ C+
Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning	English Mathematics	C D	4 3	3 3	C D	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 50-59%	B C+
Bachelor of Science in Construction Management	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry (or Accounting*)	C C D	4 4 3	3 3 3	C C D	E E E	4 4 2	3 3 2	60-69% 60-69% 50-59%	B B C+
Bachelor of Science in Real Estate		D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying		D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Engineering in Industrial Engineering	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry	C B B B B B B B B	4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	C B B B B B B B B	E D D D D D D D D	4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	60-69% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79% 70-79%	B B+ B+ B+ B+ B+ B+ B+ B+
Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Metallurgical Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Mining Engineering										
Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering										

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Bachelor of Information Science	English	D	3	3	D	E	3	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Multimedia**	English Mathematics	D C	3 4	3 3	D C	E E	3 4	2 3	50-59% 60-69%	C+ B
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	English Mathematics	C B	4 5	3 2	C B	E D	4 5	3 4	60-69% 70-79%	B B+
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology in Information and Knowledge Systems	English Mathematics	D B	3 5	3 2	D B	E D	3 5	3 4	50-59% 70-79%	C+ B+
Bachelor of Engineering This is a 5-year programme in all Engineering disciplines. <i>Previously called ENGAGE</i>	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry	C C C C	4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	C C C C	E E E E	4 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	60-69% 65% 65% 65%	B B B B

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\*\*Possible name change to: Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Interactive Technology

