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Bachelor of Arts specialising in Languages equips students with integrated communication skills and knowledge of the grammar, literature and culture of at least two languages of their choice.

Students can major in Afrikaans, English, German, French, Portuguese, Spanish, isiZulu, Ndebele, Sepedi, Greek, Hebrew or Latin, and may add more languages and/or other modules from other disciplines in the Faculty to these language disciplines.



‘As a writer and creative, studying languages—specifically English—was an important part of my university experience. It added to my love and appreciation for the art of creation while also expanding my

understanding of the complexities of language. I finished my education degree in 2024 with English and History as my majors. What I enjoyed most in English lectures was the depth of our discussions. It served as an opportunity to see the text from multiple perspectives. The most significant part of the experience was my interactions with lecturers and other people in the department, as this created the space for passionate discussion, thought-provoking debate, and the reconstruction of ideas I thought I understood. Studying English was an opportunity for incredible growth in my love of the language and my work as a writer and poet. Going forward, I am going to be a high school English teacher, and I hope to bring my lecturers’ love of the subject into the classroom. I hope to inspire my students as my English lecturers have inspired me.’

Inganathi Pupuma

– Bachelor of Arts Specialising in Languages



Structure of programme

The following programmes are available:

- Bachelor of Honours in African Languages, Afrikaans, Ancient Languages and Culture Studies, Applied Language Studies, English, French, German and Spanish
- Master of Arts (Research) in Creative Writing, Afrikaans, Literary Theory, African Languages, Ancient Languages and Culture Studies, German, English, French, Linguistics, Applied Language Studies and Spanish



Career opportunities

- Teaching
- Editing
- Translation and interpreting
- Journalism



Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Languages [3 years]	5	30

To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 30 in the NSC.

Careers: Advertising, media and communication, copywriting, creative writing, text and document design, editing, language planning, language teaching and training, lexicography (compilation of dictionaries), technical writing, public relations, translation, publishing, diplomatic sector or tourism. If you would like to become a language practitioner, we recommend you continue with a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Applied language Studies once you have completed a Bachelor of Arts specialising in Languages degree. Once you have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, you will be able to enter the teaching profession.

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



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at 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.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		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.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
CIE		UK								
Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology	English Mathematics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Arts in Audiology		D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	English Mathematics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts [4-year programme]	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Arts in Information Design										
Bachelor of Drama [3-year programme]										
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law										
Bachelor of Social Work										
Bachelor of Arts										
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Languages										
Bachelor of Political Science specialising in International Studies										
Bachelor of Political Science specialising in Political Studies										
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Visual Studies										
Bachelor of Social Science specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies										
Bachelor of Social Science in Heritage and Cultural Sciences***										
Bachelor of Music [4-year programme]	English Music*	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Music [5-year programme]	English Music**	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts [5-year programme]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Drama [4-year programme]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+

Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be used for final admission.

* or Grade VII Practical and Grade V Theory (Unisa/Royal Schools/Trinity) or a comparable standard and a practical audition and theoretical test passed with 60%.

** or Grade V Practical and Grade III Theory (Unisa/Royal Schools/Trinity) or a comparable standard and a practical audition and theoretical test passed with 50%.

*** Possible name change to: Bachelor of Social Science specialising in Heritage and Cultural Tourism