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More students choose a Bachelor of Arts degree than any other programme. Its adaptability enables students to explore disciplines and proceed with those best suited to their interests and abilities. At the first-year level, Academic information management (AIM) and Academic literacy (ALL) are fundamental (compulsory) modules. In compiling their programmes, students have an extraordinarily wide choice.

See page 7 of this brochure or the alphabetical list of modules in the Faculty's Yearbook at www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home. Students determine the focus of their studies (usually the two majors are taken up to the third-year level), as well as the supporting subjects they decide to include in the programme.

- **First year:** Select four disciplines and take them for the full year (both semesters), plus one module of at least twelve credits.
- **Second year:** At the beginning of the second year of study, decide which three of the four disciplines completed at the first-year level will be continued with for the full year.
- **Third year:** Select any two of the three disciplines completed at the second-year level and continue with them for the full year. Note that students need not decide on these two core disciplines at the beginning of their first year of study, but have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with them before deciding on the focus for their final year (and possibly for postgraduate studies).

Students should comply with this degree structure and will require at least 360 credits to graduate. Students who wish to continue with postgraduate studies in psychology at UP must include a research module such as RES 320, or an equivalent module, during their undergraduate studies to enable them to apply for selection into the Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Psychology. This is an additional module and not part of the degree structure requirement.

Specific disciplines from other faculties may be included in the Bachelor of Arts programme on the following conditions: Only two can be taken at first-year level and one of these can be continued with at second- and third-year level. Refer to the list on page 7 of this brochure for disciplines from other faculties included in the Bachelor of Arts curriculum. The admission requirements for these disciplines are discussed in the yearbooks of the faculties concerned.



Structure of programme

Since the programme allows for two core disciplines, students have more than one option for postgraduate study. They therefore have an alternative, should they not comply with the selection requirements for postgraduate study in one of the disciplines. With good planning, students who complete the Bachelor of Arts programme have the same chance of being selected for postgraduate studies in a particular discipline as those who enrol for the more specialised programmes.



Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts is a foundational degree which sets out to improve thinking and writing skills. In a constantly changing world being able to reflect imaginatively and innovatively is an asset. Depending on the choice of disciplines majoring in, the Bachelor of Arts lays the foundation for further studies and work in the following fields:

- Community engagement and development
- Counselling
- Cultural studies
- Diplomacy and politics
- Education
- Governance
- Heritage conservation
- Journalism
- Language services
- Media studies
- Policy analysis
- Research
- Societal analysis
- Translation
- Work and organisational studies



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Bachelor of Arts

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‘I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and majored in political science and history. The opportunity to major in these two modules allowed me to engage uniquely in society and gave me a better understanding of the world around me and my position in it. I am passionate

about history, and my undergraduate experience has given me the opportunity to participate in the academic space while sharpening my intellectual capacity far beyond expectation.

My undergraduate career in history inspired me to pursue an honours degree in history, which allowed me to combine my passion for film with my love of history. During my honours year, the world history and film module afforded me the opportunity to critically engage with film through the lens of historical scholarship and produce my own historical documentary. As a result of this, I am currently pursuing a coursework master’s in history, which consists of a mini-dissertation and a historical documentary.’

Motlatjo Mogoboya – Bachelor of Arts

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 [3 years]	5	30

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

Careers: There is a range of career options for students who complete the Bachelor of Arts programme. Since the Bachelor of Arts programme is relatively flexible, students can choose the same majors and elective modules as students studying in more structured programmes.

Note: Students who wish to become psychologists must complete a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology, the Bachelor of Social Science Honours specialising in Psychology and the Master of Arts in Clinical, Counselling or Research Psychology.

Careers: Clinical, counselling (sports and community) and research psychologist, registered counsellor or registered psychometrist. (Contact the Health Professions Council of South Africa [HPCSA—www.hpcsa.co.za] for information on the requirements.)

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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.								
		CIE	UK		GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
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