



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
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Faculty of Humanities

Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe
Lefapha la Bomotho

Bachelor of Social Work



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This programme entails work-integrated learning that leads to a professional career in social work and enables graduates to assist people with solving problems, to promote social change, development and cohesion, and to empower and liberate all people. The learning outcomes of the programme include equipping graduates with the values, knowledge, skills and applied competencies to enable them to:

- uphold social justice and human rights;
- enhance the social functioning of individuals, families, groups and communities;
- promote sustainable communities;
- advocate for the removal of structural causes of poverty, inequality, oppression, discrimination and social exclusion;
- adopt developmental social work methods and techniques in rendering preventative, protective, developmental and therapeutic interventions to individuals, families, groups, organisations and communities;
- inform social work services to ensure the protection of those who are vulnerable, belong to high-risk groups and are unable to protect themselves;
- address social needs and issues in the South African social welfare policy and legislation contexts;
- influence and develop social policy; and
- inform research methods, designs and strategies.



Structure of programme

Core modules

Core modules include Social work, Sociology, Business management and Welfare law.

Elective modules

Elective modules are selected from Anthropology, Criminology, Psychology and Sociology.

Postgraduate studies

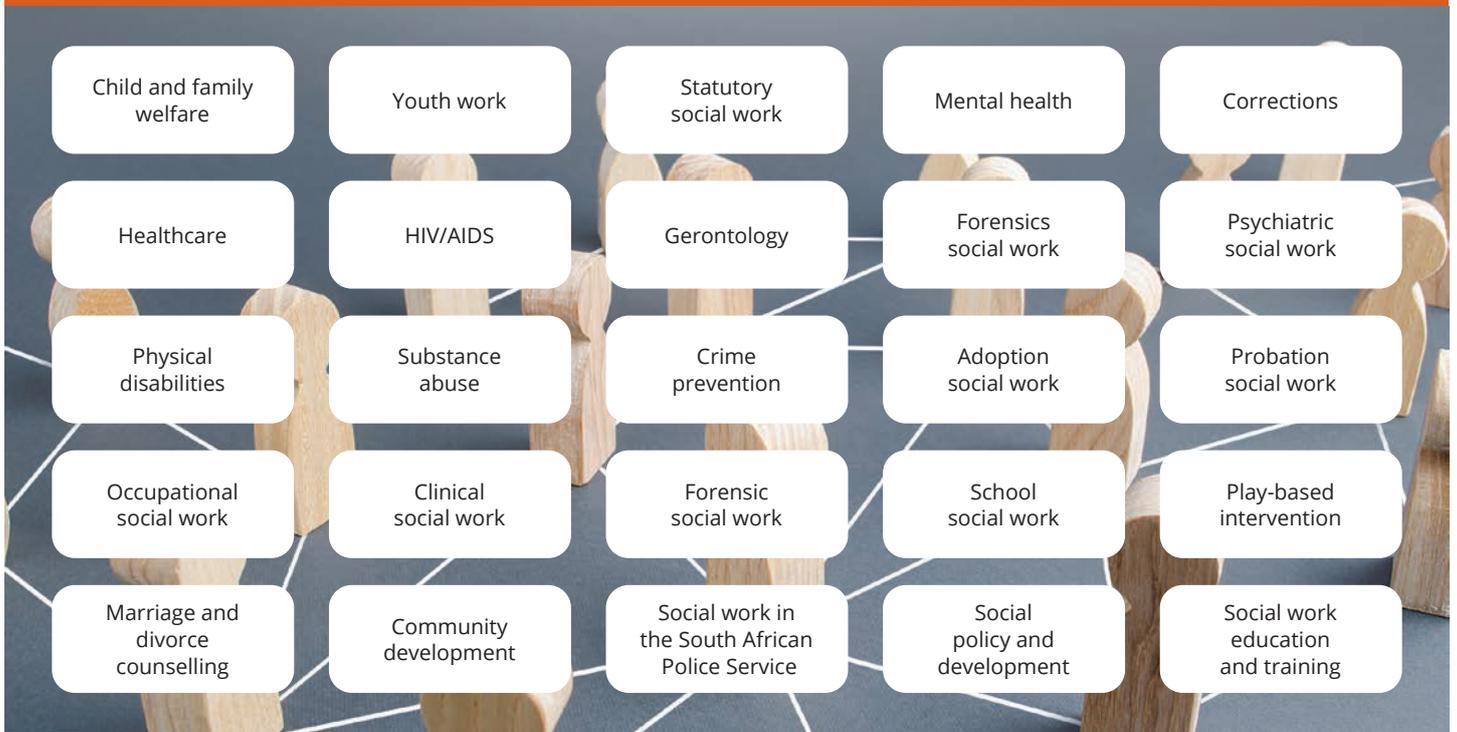
The following programmes are available:

- Master of Social Work specialised programmes in Social Development and Policy, Play-based Intervention and Healthcare
- Research-based master's and doctoral studies in various fields of study



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Career opportunities



‘I recently graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree with a major in psychology. What inspired me to pursue this degree was my community background and the adversity I had witnessed, coupled with a lack of access to psychosocial support. I wanted to make a positive impact and empower individuals and communities.

The greatest learning experiences during my studies involved engaging in networking opportunities, participating in community service, and gaining practical experience alongside my academic pursuits. This hands-on approach not only deepened my understanding of the field but also instilled in me a sense of purpose and drive to continue making a difference. Through this experience, I became more empathetic, culturally sensitive, and empowered to impact the lives of others positively.’

Tumelo Nkateko Mnisi – Bachelor of Social Work

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
Bachelor of Social Work [4 years]	5	30

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

Departmental selection takes place at the end of the first year and is based on academic merit, an aptitude test and an interview. A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In terms of the Children’s Act (2005), all registered student social workers have to complete Form 30 in Part B of the National Child Protection Register (NCPR).

Career: Social worker

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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										
	Compulsory subjects	Achievement level								KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB				
		CIE	UK				IB SL	IB HL			
		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.									
		IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE EGCSE O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE	England Wales Northern Ireland Pearson Edexcel GCSE		GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE					
Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B	
Bachelor of Arts in Audiology	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	
Bachelor of Arts specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B	
	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*	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	
Bachelor of Music [5-year programme]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+	
	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