University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BSocSci Option: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (01130051)

Duration of study	3 years
Total credits	438
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Programme information

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with an in-depth knowledge and analytical understanding of contemporary political and economic issues. All three disciplines – political science, philosophy, and economics – focus on the social world and social phenomena, each from a different perspective. Economics focuses on the production of goods (why, how, and what is produced) and the consequences of such production to society (who benefits). Political Science focuses on political processes and governance issues such as decision-making. Philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision-making. The result of combining these perspectives is that students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. A PPE qualification is an internationally recognised 'brand', respected for its rigorous training, that immediately gives students entrance into a variety of careers related to economic or political policy making, from journalism to diplomatic service. This qualification will enable students, once they are employed in the public or private sector, to respond in a sensitive, rational, and innovative manner to moral problems and challenges within their politico-economic context.

Admission requirements

- Candidates who achieved an APS of 30 in Grade 11 and comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels of these study programmes will automatically be granted placement in the study programmes, subject to the availability of space. The above-mentioned is not applicable to selection programmes.
- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12. Prospective students who have already been granted provisional admission in these study programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admission Committee should space be available. The Admission Committee of the Faculty of Humanities will consider these students once the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT) are available and depending on the availability of space.
- The Faculty will assess satisfactory performance in the NBT in the light of its commitment to ensure that an appropriate proportion of the applicants will be drawn from the historically disadvantaged category of the population.
- Applicants with an APS of 30 but who do not comply with the subject requirements must write the NBT.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements for 2016								
Achievement Level								APS
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
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Program outline

Other programme-specific information

- Elective modules: Yr-level 1: Select any two semester modules (one per semester) from the same discipline on yr-level 1 to the credit value of at least 20 credits (if selected from Economic and Management Sciences) or 24 credits (if selected from Humanities).
- The ALL modules are excluded due to the high AP Score (32) required.
- Students who consider doing an honours degree in Economics should consult the student administration of EMS to determine which additional modules they should include in their study programme in order to meet the entry requirements for BComHons in Economics.
- Students who wish to continue with an honours degree in Economics should have completed STK 210, STK 220 in addition to completing EKN 310 and EKN 320.
- Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Economics modules: EKN 214/234 or EKN 224/244.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 122

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00
Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00
Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00
Politics 111 (PTO 111) - Credits: 12.00
Politics 120 (PTO 120) - Credits: 12.00
Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 112

Core modules

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00
Philosophy 210 (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00
Philosophy 220 (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00
International relations 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00
International relations 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00
Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00
Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 244 (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Core modules

Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00
Philosophy 310 (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00
Philosophy 320 (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00
International relations 310 (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00
International relations 320 (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00
Statistics 210 (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00
Statistics 220 (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00
Political science 310 (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00
Political science 320 (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00

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