



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BDram Drama (01130117)

Duration of study 3 years

Total credits 486

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Programme information

This programme is directed towards the study of performance in relation to theatre, drama/theatre in education, performing arts management, film and television and the interface between technology and performance. The programme guides the student towards an understanding of the academic discourses and the practical skills required to interrogate, create, manage and promote multiple forms of performance.

Closing date for applications:

30 June annually

Additional requirements

Prospective students from other universities, who successfully passed the first year of study, may only register at the beginning of the second year of study.

Admission is subject to the presentation of a programme, as well as the successful completion of a preliminary examination.

Audition:

During August the Department conducts an audition (practical and theory) in order to admit the most eligible candidates to study for this degree. The Department will communicate the date for the audition directly to the prospective students. The Department reserves the right to exclude a candidate based on the outcome of the audition.

Other programme-specific information

Note:

- Choices within the particular third-year level modules will be made in consultation with the programme coordinators and the lecturers involved.
- Productions: Requirements will be determined by the head of department.
 - G Simultaneous registration for modules

Promotion to next study year

Promotion to the second year of study:

Obtain 12 credits from the fundamental modules, including all ALL modules, as well as 50 credits from the core modules in the first year of study.



Promotion to the third year of study:

Obtain all first-year credits as well as 90 credits from the second year.

Any deviation from these requirements may only be done subject to the approval of the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department.

Pass with distinction

A student must obtain an average of at least 75% in all the theoretical modules at, as well as 75% in the TNP praxis module at third-year level.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 98

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology. Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Information Science



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules

Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Unit for Academic Literacy

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module intends to equip students to cope more confidently and competently with the reading and understanding of a variety of texts, to apply these skills in a variety of contexts and to follow the conventions of academic writing.



Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125)

Module credits	6.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Unit for Academic Literacy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module equips students to understand and use a range of discipline-specific terminology; apply the strategies of critical and comprehensive reading to their own academic literacy; apply the conventions of academic writing to their own writing, using the process approach, to produce intelligible academic texts and use the correct referencing technique as required by the faculty.

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101)

Module credits	0.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Humanities Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Drama and film studies 110 (DFK 110)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The languages of drama and film

This module introduces the languages of drama and film as well as approaches to drama and film analysis. In addition, historical and contemporary drama and film theories will be used to read various drama and film texts.

A & B: For students who enrolled for the BA Drama programme prior to 2016, as well as for students entering the BDram programme in 2016.



Drama and film studies 120 (DFK 120)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	DFK 110
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Drama and film genres This module introduces the notion of genre as part of a wider concept of narrative building and storytelling in both drama and film. Different types of genre are introduced and discussed with regard to film and drama and furthermore linked to the idea of emerging identities in contemporary storytelling. All these parts are conceptually introduced and provide an introduction to reading, interpretation and giving meaning to various discourses in film and drama narratives.

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Performance studies:Praxis 110 (TNP 110)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Twelve times per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – only for BDram students

*Students have to pass all components of this module in order to be promoted to the next year level

Basic techniques of acting will be introduced. Aspects of self, other and space will be explored and applied by means of acting exercises, theatre games, improvisation and interpretation of applicable material. The notions of storytelling/narrative/playmaking/construction and interpretation/recreation will be explored.

The module further introduces experiential somatics for the actor and performer. Students will engage with the building blocks of body/voice integration towards the safe, interactive and heightened use of the body and voice in performance. Students will apply these building blocks in discipline-specific skills training and in performance, including acting.

Live and digital performance studies 111 (SBT 111)

Module credits	10.00
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium



Academic organisation Drama

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*Closed – only for BDram students

Text analysis and performance

The self in relation to role, character, persona, embodiment and the creation of performance metaphors will be explored through analysis of prose, poetry and drama texts in order to establish a relationship between structural and aesthetic contents of the text and the construction of meaning in performance.

Live and digital performance studies 122 (SBT 122)

Module credits 10.00

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Double Medium

Academic organisation Drama

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

*Closed – only for BDram students

Bodied Spaces

This module explores the ways in which the elements of scenography engage with the body to make meaning in a theatrical performance. The course demonstrates how visual codes can be used as narrative devices and how components of the spatial field can be used to support the primacy of the body as a maker of meaning in theatrical performance.

Theatre studies: Theory 111 (TNT 111)

Module credits 10.00

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Double Medium

Academic organisation Drama

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*Closed – only for BDram students

Performing arts management

In this module students will be introduced to the current state of the performing arts in South Africa. Students will explore the language and technical aspects of theatre. It includes the processes involved with creation and performance of theatre productions. Focus will be placed on the ways in which the creative vision of the director is supported and manifested, to consolidate the aesthetic quality and conceptual framing of the production. The skills and responsibilities of the technical and creative theatre practitioners will be explored and put into context.



Theatre studies: Theory 122 (TNT 122)

Module credits	10.00
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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Theatre and performance studies

In this module students will explore the fundamental principles of role play and important elements are identified and described. The framing of a role play in various social, cultural and political arenas and the strategies applied forms the point of departure for this investigation. Students develop the skills to draw lines from the duality of text as well as life during the process of character development.



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Drama and film studies 210 (DFK 210)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	DFK 120
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Historical modes of Western performance

The module involves a study of the socio-political contexts of Western Classical and Renaissance theatre, redirecting the focus to the notion of violence in performance during the age of Enlightenment.

A & B: For students who enrolled for the BA Drama programme prior to 2016, as well as for students entering the BDram programme in 2016.

Drama and film studies 220 (DFK 220)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	DFK 210
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Realism and contemporary South African performance

Concepts of naturalism and realism will be interrogated in relation to dramatic texts and performance values in both drama and film. Ways in which dramatic realism emerges from and reflects historical perspectives since the „Age of Reason? will be offered. Against this background, the concept of „realism? will be interrogated in relation to performance texts and performance values in the emergence of interdisciplinary framework of performance studies. Ways in which dramatic realism emerges from and reflects historical perspectives will be offered and discussed, so as to draw connections between realism, and contemporary South African performance.

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Core modules

Drama and film studies 310 (DFK 310)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DFK 220
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Reading cultural representation

Against the framework of post-colonialism, issues of signification, representation and meaning in performance will be considered in relation to selected theoretical approaches to performance and their concern with gender in theatre and film. Representation and subjectivity and how they are revealed as gendered fictions rather than „natural?, inevitable realities will be explored through various drama and film texts. The student will explore how the body, as codified cultural product, can become a symbolic battleground for cultural supremacy in and through performance.

A & B: For students who enrolled for the BA Drama programme prior to 2016, as well as for students entering the BDram programme in 2016.

Drama and film studies 320 (DFK 320)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DFK 310
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Drama
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Counter discourses

Social relations, material conditions, discursive practices, identity and representational structures will be studied in relation to Marxist Materialism, cross-cultural theatre, postmodern discourse and post-theory ideas. Key figures and ideas from relevant critical theory will guide an interrogation of popular performance and cinema as well as non-dominant cinemas and modes of performance.

A & B: For students who enrolled for the BA Drama programme prior to 2016, as well as for students entering the BDram programme in 2016.



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