University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BScHons Genetics (02240705)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	135

Programme information

The honours study programmes serve as the first level of postgraduate training and the aim is therefore to introduce students to the methods of research – from the reading of research papers, through to the conceptualisation, planning, execution and communication of a research project.

Renewal of registration

i. Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, and in the case of distance education where the Dean formulates the stipulations that will apply, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.
ii. A student for an honours degree must complete his or her study, in the case of full-time students, within two years and, in the case of after-hours students, within three years of first registering for the degree and, in the case of distance education students, within the period stipulated by the Dean. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited extension of this period.

In calculating marks, General Regulation G.12.2 applies.

Apart from the prescribed coursework, a research project is an integral part of the study.

Admission requirements

An appropriate BSc degree with a final grade point average (GPA) of at least 60% and including at least four genetics modules at final-year level or permission by the Head of Department. Preference will be given to applicants with the highest final GPAs for their preceding degree and qualifying applicants may be subjected to an entrance evaluation examination. Admission is furthermore contingent on the availability of supervisors and/or research projects within the Department.

Examinations and pass requirements

A pass mark is required for all the components of the honours study programme and the final honours mark is calculated proportionally to the credits of the respective prescribed modules.

Pass with distinction

The BScHons degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules and a minimum of 65% in any one module.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

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Other programme-specific information:

- Additional modules may be prescribed by the head of the department where deemed necessary. Honours students may also be required to complete a biometry or equivalent module, if they have not already done so during their undergraduate training.
- Suitably qualified candidates may also apply for the interdepartmental BScHons in Biotechnology (Code 02240393) with a registration in the Department of Genetics. For more information, please refer to the programme information for the BScHons in Biotechnology.

Core modules

Seminar course 702 (GTK 702) - Credits: 15.00
Research project 703 (GTK 703) - Credits: 60.00
Trends in genetics 704 (GTK 704) - Credits: 15.00
Molecular and cellular biology 721 (MLB 721) - Credits: 15.00
Research methods 705 (GTK 705) - Credits: 30.00

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