

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BMus (01132003)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 480

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Programme information

This programme is aimed at the acquisition of specialist music skills and knowledge. The programme can be compiled in such a way that, on its completion, students are qualified for a wide variety of music-related occupations, including the following: solo performer, orchestral or chamber musician, music teacher at all levels (for individual and group tuition), musicologist, music technologist, entrepreneur and impresario.

Closing date for applications: 30 June (late applications on request).

Admission requirements

- The following candidates will be considered for admission:
 1. A candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another recognised tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria
 2. Candidates who have completed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate's non-South African ("foreign") qualifications, the so-called "Immigrant" or "Foreign Conditional Exemption". The only condition for the "Foreign Conditional Exemption" that is accepted is: 'completion of the degree course'. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at mb.usaf.ac.za.
- Candidates who comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels as well as the APS requirements of these programmes will be granted placement in the 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, except BA (Speech-Language Pathology), BA (Audiology) and BSocSci (Philosophy, Politics and Economics). The required APS for these three programmes is 32 in order to retain admission. Prospective students who have already been granted conditional admission in these programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 26 or 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admissions Committee should space be available. The Admissions 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 NBT is not applicable to selection programmes. Candidates who apply for selection programmes or BA (Law) are required to meet the minimum admission requirements.
- Applicants who meet the minimum APS requirement, but who do not comply with the subject requirements

must write the NBT.

- 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 disadvantaged category of the population.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- The language of communication and correspondence is English only.
- For more information, please consult the Faculty yearbook on the UP website.
- **Note:** The A and IB HL levels are not included in the APS Conversion Table. Faculty requirements for admission based on these equivalent international qualifications are a D for the A level and 4 for the IB HL level.
- Non-NSC candidates who have already completed the equivalent of Grade 12, are advised to submit their Exemption certificates obtained from USAf (www.usaf.ac.za) along with their applications.
- Non-NSC candidates who do not have English Language in Grade 12 are advised to write the NBT or submit their SAT results. Please note that English Literature is not considered as a substitute for English language.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

5

C

30

Should you be selected, you will be expected to achieve an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12 to retain admission. The NBT is not applicable to this programme.

* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Additional requirements

Departemental selection is required for this programme.

Admission is subject to tests in the first instrument, music theory and harmony. Level 4 in Music as a Grade 12 subject or Grade VII Practical and Grade V Theory (Unisa, Royal Schools, Trinity) serves as a guideline of the expected standard.

Other programme-specific information

- Students who are deemed NOT to be at risk of their level of academic literacy, are exempted from ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- MME 400 can only be taken if the first instrument is piano, violin, jazz or classical voice.
- MEI 403 is performing art, with a public concert of 1 hour in the second semester.
- The choice of instrument is based on the availability of an appropriate teacher. The University does not accept responsibility for providing a lecturer of these instruments where teaching costs exceed the normal.
- In order to be admitted to MTI 100 (Second instrument) in any instrument other than percussion, organ, harpsichord or singing, a student should have reached at least Unisa Grade V or a comparable standard in that instrument; in the case of organ, harpsichord, percussion and singing, admission is at the discretion of the head of the department.

Practical music

Students choose a first and a second instrument from the following: Voice, piano, keyboard, organ, harpsichord, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion, harp, guitar, recorder, saxophone and ensemble. Jazz and/or classical streams are allowed, according to availability.

Attendance modules

- i. In addition to the modules mentioned in the learning programme, students are obliged to attend the weekly recital classes and seminars.
- ii. It is compulsory for all music students to be a member of a departmental ensemble, choir and/or the UP Symphony Orchestra and UP Symphonic Wind Orchestra.
- iii. Unsatisfactory attendance at the performance classes, seminars and compulsory ensembles and choirs as stipulated under (i) and (ii) may, at the discretion of the head of the department, lead to a lowering of the student's practical or any one academic module's year mark.

Promotion to next study year

Admission to the second year of study

Must obtain at least 108 credits for music modules at year level 1.

Admission to the third year of study

Obtain all credits at level 1 (142 credits), as well as at least 130 credits for music modules at yr level 2.

Admission to the fourth year of study

Must obtain all credits at level 2 (155 credits), as well as at least 110 credits for music modules at yr level 3.

Pass with distinction

In order to be awarded the degree with distinction, a student has to obtain a weighted average of at least 75% for the final-year modules.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Select two elective modules at year level 1

Elective module

Elective module (Optional-not part of the prescribed credits)

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Aural training 100 (GHO 100) - Credits: 10.00

General music studies 100 (MAM 100) - Credits: 12.00

First instrument 100 (MEI 100) - Credits: 20.00

Musicology 100 (MGS 100) - Credits: 20.00

Music theory 100 (MKT 100) - Credits: 20.00

Music theory 102 (MKT 102) - Credits: 20.00

Methodology and music education 100 (MME 100) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

Second instrument 100 (MTI 100) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Select one elective music modules at year level 2

Core modules

Aural training 200 (GHO 200) - Credits: 12.00

First instrument 200 (MEI 200) - Credits: 30.00

Musicology 200 (MGS 200) - Credits: 24.00

Music theory 200 (MKT 200) - Credits: 30.00

Methodology and music education 200 (MME 200) - Credits: 24.00

Elective modules

General composition studies 200 (KPS 200) - Credits: 12.00

Music technology 200 (MCS 200) - Credits: 12.00

Chamber music 201 (MCS 201) - Credits: 12.00

Second instrument 200 (MTI 200) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 120

Select 3 elective modules at year level 3

Core modules

First instrument 300 (MEI 300) - Credits: 30.00

Musicology 300 (MGS 300) - Credits: 36.00

Elective modules

General composition studies 300 (KPS 300) - Credits: 18.00

Capita selecta: Music 300 (MCS 300) - Credits: 18.00

Music technology 302 (MCS 302) - Credits: 18.00

Music theory 300 (MKT 300) - Credits: 18.00

Music entrepreneurship 300 (MKZ 300) - Credits: 18.00

Methodology and music education 300 (MME 300) - Credits: 18.00

Second instrument 300 (MTI 300) - Credits: 18.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Select 2 elective modules to the value of 80 credits

Core modules

Research essay 400 (MKS 400) - Credits: 40.00

Elective modules

Composition portfolio 400 (KPS 400) - Credits: 40.00

Capita selecta: Music 401 (MCS 401) - Credits: 40.00

Music technology 402 (MCS 402) - Credits: 40.00

First instrument 400 (MEI 400) - Credits: 40.00

First instrument 403 (MEI 403) - Credits: 40.00

Musicology 400 (MGS 400) - Credits: 40.00

Music theory 400 (MKT 400) - Credits: 40.00

Music entrepreneurship 400 (MKZ 400) - Credits: 40.00

Methodology and music education 400 (MME 400) - Credits: 40.00

Music psychology 470 (MPE 470) - Credits: 40.00

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