University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BSocSciHons Philosophy, Politics and Economics (01243027)

Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120

Admission requirements

- A BSocSci (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) degree

- An average of 70% is required in each of the three majors/fields of specialisation, namely Philosophy, Political Science and Economics.

Additional requirements:

Students with an average of between 68% and 70% in the major/field of specialisation could be considered for admission under special conditions. Apply to the programme manager.

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Other programme-specific information

Apart from the core modules, one module each should be selected from the current honours curriculum of the departments of Philosophy and Political Sciences and two modules should be selected from the current honours curriculum in the Department of Economics.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Electives
Choose ONE module from the discipline: Philosophy
FIL 710, FIL 712, FIL 713
Choose ONE module from the discipline: Political Science
PTO 751, PTO 752, PTO 753
STL 752, STL 753, STL 754
Choose TWO module from the discipline: Economics
EKT 723, MEK 780, MEK 781, MIE 780, MIE 781

Core modules

Ethics and social philosophy 711 (FIL 711)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Key issues or themes in ethics and social philosophy.

Research report: Philosophy, Politics and Economics 714 (FIL 714)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Research essay on an appropriate topic in Philosophy or Political Sciences or Economics as prroved by the relevant head of department.

Elective modules

Econometrics 723 (EKT 723)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	Only for Hons Econometrics or Economics students: EKT 713
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An advanced course in econometrics that goes beyond elementary statistics and regression analysis. This includes in-depth analyses of the theory and application of stationarity, unit roots and co-integration in single equations. In addition to this, the concepts of qualitative analysis, cross-sectional modelling and simultaneous-equation modelling are dealt with.

History of philosophy 710 (FIL 710)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A study of selected texts and/or themes from the history of philosophy.

Contemporary philosophy 712 (FIL 712)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Important authors or themes in contemporary philosophy.

Current theme/debate 713 (FIL 713)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The contents of the module may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of each year. Please contact the department for more information.

Macroeconomics 780 (MEK 780)

Module credits	15.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 seminar per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module will cover the core theoretical concepts of macroeconomics focussing specifically on labour and goods markets as well as intertemporal issues, such as capital markets. Topics will include economic growth, exogenous and endogenous, business cycles, monetary economics, stabilization policies and structural policies.

Macroeconomics 781 (MEK 781)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	MEK 780
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

As a follow-on to the first semester of macroeconomics MEK 780, this module will cover more advanced topics in macroeconomics, especially international finance and political economy. The role of money will also receive attention.

Microeconomics 780 (MIE 780)

Module credits	15.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The core concepts of microeconomic theory will be the focus of the module, including: demand and supply, consumer theory, firm theory, markets and market structure, general equilibrium, information economics and behavioural economics. Applications of this theory will feature prominently.

Microeconomics 781 (MIE 781)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	MIE 780
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

As a follow-on to the first semester of microeconomics MIE 780, this module will enable the students to analyse relevant real-world situations by means of formal models which have become standard in Economic Theory. To this end, newsworthy economic events, e.g., bail-out decisions, speculative attacks etc., will be discussed. The theoretical focus of this module will be on concepts from general equilibrium theory, game theory, and information economics.

African and regional politics 751 (PTO 751)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module focuses on African political systems, the position and role of Africa in the international system and aspects of regionalism and regionalisation. An analysis and evaluation is made of the major issues, challenges, trends and transformations concerning the domestic politics and the regional and international relations of African states, including pan-Africanism.

Peace, conflict and mediation 752 (PTO 752)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences

Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The theory and practice of peace missions and political conflict with specific reference to the classification, causes, development, conduct, management and outcomes of political conflict. Particular emphasis is placed on the different facets of peace missions and political conflict management such as conflict avoidance, prevention, settlement and resolution, as well as the process of bargaining, negotiation and (third party) mediation. An analysis will be made of selected case studies with specific reference to mediation in violent conflicts in Africa.

Jean Monnet European Studies 753 (PTO 753)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module offers an overview of the European Union and the main directions of change in Europe are explored from a political-economic perspective. The main elements of study are theoretical aspects of political and economic integration; the development of the "Idea of Europe" with emphasis on the role of seminal thinkers and the main historical forces; the evolution of European integration; a structural-functional analysis of the main institutions of the EU; the main issues confronting the EU; and the EU's development and aid policy towards the ACP countries with special emphasis on the Cotonou Agreement and the TDCA with South Africa.

Political policy studies 752 (STL 752)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study of policy analysis. Policy analysis is an approach to public policy that aims to integrate and contextualise models and research. Special attention is given to meta-analysis (methods and approaches), meso-analysis and decision-making analysis.

South African politics 753 (STL 753)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The study of South African politics with reference to political institutions, the political process, political issues and policy. The emphasis is on recent events and developments in the national and international political environment. Emphasis is placed on political parties, organisations and institutions, the political system, the development of the political system, system adaptation, transformation and legitimacy, influences on the political environment, elections, political leadership, policy and the development of policy.

Comparative politics 754 (STL 754)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Emphasis is placed on the development of comparative politics; problems in the comparative study of political objects and in the evaluation of approaches and principles underlying comparative analysis; as well as the identification and evaluation of new approaches. This knowledge is applied to specific case studies.

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