

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BSc extended programme - Physical Sciences (02130015)

Department	Natural and Agricultural Sciences Dean's Office
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	136
NQF level	07

Admission requirements

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements of programmes in the Department of Physical Sciences, may be considered for admission to the BSc – Extended programme for the Physical Sciences. The BSc – Extended programme takes a year longer than the normal programmes to complete.

BSc — Extended Programme — Physical Sciences

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home

Language or

English First Additional Language		Mathematics		Physical Sciences		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
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This programme is not available for students who meet all the requirements for the corresponding mainstream programme.

Note: Only students who apply in the final year of their NSC or equivalent qualification, will be considered for admission into any of the BSc – Extended programmes.

Additional requirements

- a. Students who are admitted to one of the BSc extended programmes register for one specific programme. Three extended programmes are available:
- BSc (extended programme) Mathematical Sciences
- BSc (extended programme) Biological and Agricultural Sciences
- BSc (extended programme) Physical Sciences
- b. These programmes are followed by students who, as a result of exceptional circumstances, will benefit from



an extended programme.

- c. Students who do not comply with the normal three-year BSc entrance requirements for study in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, may nevertheless be admitted to the Faculty by being placed on the BSc (extended programme). Generally the BSc (extended programme) means that the first study year in Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry is extended to take two years. After completing the BSc (extended programme) successfully, students join the second year of the normal BSc programme to complete their degrees. The possibility of switching over to other faculties such as Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology, Veterinary Science and Health Sciences, after one or two years in the extended programme, exists. This depends on selection rules and other conditions stipulated by the other faculties.
- d. Students who wish to follow one of the BSc extended programmes will be subjected to an Institutional Proficiency Test and will be considered for admission by the Admissions Committee. Information in this regard is available at the Client Services Centre.
- e. Applications for admission to the BSc (extended programme) should be submitted before 30 September each year. Details are obtainable from the Student Administration at the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.
- f. The rules and regulations applicable to the normal study programmes apply mutatis mutandis to the BSc (extended programme), with exceptions as indicated in the regulations pertaining to the BSc (extended programme). For instance, students placed in the BSc (extended programme) must have a National Senior Certificate with admission for degree purposes.
- g. An admissions committee considers applications for the BSc (extended programme) annually. Regarding subject choices, admitted students are individually placed on the BSc (extended programme) according to their prospective field of study. Students may NOT change this placement without the permission of the Chairperson of the admissions committee.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean may, on the recommendation of the programme manager, approve deviations with regard to the composition of the study programme.

Please note: Where elective modules are not specified, these may be chosen from any modules appearing in the list of modules.

It remains the student's responsibility to acertain, prior to registration, whether they comply with the prerequisites of the modules they want to register for.

The prerequisites are listed in the alphabetical list of modules.

Promotion to next study year

Academic promotion requirements

It is expected of students who register for the first year of the BSc (extended programme) to pass all the prescribed modules of the first year.

It is expected of students accepted into the BSc (extended programme) to finish a complete corresponding BSc first year within the two years of enrolment in the BSc (extended programme). Students who do not show progress during the first semester of the first year will be referred to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 88

Fundamental = 24 Core = 64

NB Students may register for an extended module only once.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00 Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00 Language, life and study skills 133 (LST 133) - Credits: 8.00 Language, life and study skills 143 (LST 143) - Credits: 8.00 Academic orientation 120 (UPO 120) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Chemistry 133 (CMY 133) - Credits: 8.00 Chemistry 143 (CMY 143) - Credits: 8.00 Physics 133 (PHY 133) - Credits: 8.00 Physics 143 (PHY 143) - Credits: 8.00 Precalculus 135 (WTW 135) - Credits: 16.00 Calculus 143 (WTW 143) - Credits: 8.00

Mathematical modelling 155 (WTW 155) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 24

Core = 24

Elective = According to degree programme of choice

Additional information:

Students must register for the applicable third-semester modules (second year, first semester) and the secondsemester, modules must be selected from the normal BSc programme of the student's choice.

Equivalent modules:

- Chemistry extended modules: CMY 133, CMY 143 and CMY 154: Equivalent to BSc module CMY 117
- Physics extended modules: PHY 133, PHY 143 and PHY 153: Equivalent to BSc module PHY 114
- Mathematics extended modules:
 - WTW 135, WTW 143 and WTW 153: Equivalent to BSc module WTW 114
 - WTW 155: Equivalent to WTW 152
 - WTW 135 GS, WTW 144 and WTW 154: Equivalent to BSc module WTW 134
 - WTW 133, WTW 144 and WTW 154: Equivalent to BSc module WTW 134

Core modules

Chemistry 154 (CMY 154) - Credits: 8.00 Physics 153 (PHY 153) - Credits: 8.00 Calculus 153 (WTW 153) - Credits: 8.00

Elective modules

Biometry 120 (BME 120) - Credits: 16.00

Plants and society 161 (BOT 161) - Credits: 8.00 General chemistry 127 (CMY 127) - Credits: 16.00

Introduction to environmental sciences 101 (ENV 101) - Credits: 8.00

Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156) - Credits: 8.00 Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166) - Credits: 8.00

Introduction to geology 155 (GLY 155) - Credits: 16.00

Earth history 163 (GLY 163) - Credits: 16.00 Cartography 110 (GMC 110) - Credits: 10.00 Informatics 112 (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00 Informatics 154 (INF 154) - Credits: 10.00 Informatics 164 (INF 164) - Credits: 10.00 Informatics 171 (INF 171) - Credits: 20.00

Molecular and cell biology 153 (MLB 153) - Credits: 8.00 First course in physics 124 (PHY 124) - Credits: 16.00 Exploring the universe 154 (SCI 154) - Credits: 16.00

Statics 122 (SWK 122) - Credits: 16.00

Numerical analysis 123 (WTW 123) - Credits: 8.00 Mathematics 124 (WTW 124) - Credits: 16.00

Mathematical modelling 152 (WTW 152) - Credits: 8.00 Dynamical processes 162 (WTW 162) - Credits: 8.00

Mathematics 164 (WTW 164) - Credits: 16.00



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