

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

## Bachelor of Sports Science [BSportSci] (10135010)

**Department** Biokinetics and Sports Science

**Minimum duration of study** 3 years

**Total credits** 407

**NQF level** 07

### Programme information

This three-year full-time BSportSci programme includes basic and applied sciences of the human body and provides a pathway towards a BScHons (Biokinetics) or a BScHons (Sports Science). Qualified BSc (Sports Science) students may also either apply for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education or start working in the sporting industry.

### Admission requirements

#### Important information for all prospective students for 2023

The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**

University of Pretoria website [click here](#)

#### Minimum requirements

##### Achievement level

##### English Home

##### Language or

##### English First

##### Additional

##### Language

NSC/IEB

4

##### Mathematics

NSC/IEB

4

##### Physical Sciences or Life Sciences APS

NSC/IEB

4

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For advice on a second-choice programme, please consult a Student Advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to [carol.bosch@up.ac.za](mailto:carol.bosch@up.ac.za).

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

International Students: [Click here](#)

#### Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2023

The closing date for all **selection programmes** is **30 June 2022**. Applicants are strongly advised and encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible after **1 April 2022** and to check the application site (UP Student Portal) regularly.

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; a candidate who is a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; and a candidate who is currently studying at a university.
- Admission to Health Sciences programmes is subject to a selection process.
- Grade 11 final examination results will be used for the conditional selection of prospective students.
- For selection purposes, the sum of the results in six subjects, including English, Mathematics and Physical Sciences or Life Sciences, is calculated.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- All modules will be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.
- Places are reserved in specific categories to ensure an equitable representation of demographically defined designated groups. Selection thus takes place in different categories.
- For purposes of selection in the Faculty of Health Sciences, the “Designated Group” category includes South African Black African or South African Coloured African candidates. The “Open” category refers to all applicants including applicants from the Designated Group who compete first in the Open category and then in the Designated Group category if unsuccessful in the Open category.
- Target numbers are specified for all categories as applicable to each programme. Where insufficient applications are received from qualifying applicants in a certain category, the selection committee may decide not to fill all places or to fill the places from qualifying applicants in another category.
- A limited number of places are made available to citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens), with those from SADC countries being given preference. Permanent residents of RSA are not categorised as foreign students. Applications from citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens) may also be considered if they are
  - citizens or permanent residents of countries which have relevant government to government agreements with South Africa
  - asylum seekers or refugees
- Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens) who do not comply with the conditions above may be considered if space is available.
- If an applicant has multiple citizenships, which includes South African citizenship, he/she will be considered as a South African applicant.
- The final number of places allocated to new applicants will be determined on an annual basis taking into account the teaching facilities and resources available and, where necessary, the number of places allocated to students repeating modules in the first year of study of each degree programme.
- Only applicants who comply with the requirements set out in this document will be considered for selection. However, the achievement of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission as only a limited number of students can be accommodated.
- Selection is based on merit. The faculty does not determine specific selection cut-off values for the different categories. Such values are generated by the competing students within a particular category in relation to the number of places available.
- A Merit Point Score (MPS) is used for ranking applicants for selection purposes in all programmes. In certain programmes other criteria such as rural residence may be used as part of the selection process.

- Only first-choice applicants will be considered, except where otherwise specified, in which case second-choice candidates may be considered if there are places available.
- The top candidates will be selected provisionally up to or surpassing the allocated number, based on experience of the expected number of acceptances. A waiting list is created from the group of candidates with the next highest scores. The length of the waiting list is determined by experience of the number of places likely to become available and to prevent creating unrealistic expectations.
- All offers are provisional until the final exam results have been received. For applicants in the School leaver categories a provisional place will be confirmed as long as the NSC or equivalent scores do not fall by more than two points from the Grade 11 APS score.
- After the final NSC or equivalent qualification results are received, provisional offers will be confirmed if the applicant still meets the required criteria. The MPS of those on the waiting list will be recalculated using the NSC or equivalent qualification results and if places become available they will be made offers.
- Places becoming available in any category after selection due to cancellation or forfeiture will be filled from the waiting list for the specific category.
- This waiting list will remain active until the end of the second week after the start of lectures.
- All successful candidates are admitted to the first year of study only. Registered students in the University Experienced categories may apply for credit for equivalent modules which they have completed.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered and any false information provided by an applicant in his/her application may result in immediate cancellation of the application, admission or registration.
- **Candidates should note that their conditional admission will be revoked if their APS drops by more than two points in their final school examination results.**
- PLEASE NOTE that compliance with the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to any programme in this Faculty.
- Selection queries may be directed to [click here](#).
- A student who is made an offer but does not accept it cannot defer the offer and must reapply to be considered in the following year.

### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Closing dates:** Same as above

### Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

**Closing date for applications from returning students** is the same as the above

## Other programme-specific information

Students who obtain a 4 or 5 in the compulsory Academic Literacy Test (TALL) will be exempted from the ELH 121 and ELH 122 modules.

## Examinations and pass requirements

- In accordance with the stipulations of the General Academic Regulations a year, semester or quarter mark of at least 40% is required for admission to the examination in all undergraduate modules in the University where year, semester and quarter marks apply.
- The final mark for a specific module is calculated from the examination mark as well as the mark compiled from the evaluation of a student during continuous, objective and controlled assessment opportunities during the course of the semester/year. A final mark of at least 50% is required to pass.
- In the case of modules with practical components, students are required to also comply with the applicable attendance requirements with regard to acquiring practical skills before a pass mark can be obtained for the module.
- There are two main examination opportunities per annum, the standard and supplementary examination. In respect of first-semester modules, the standard examination opportunity is in May/June and the supplementary examination opportunity in July. In respect of second-semester modules, the standard examination opportunity is in October/November and the supplementary examination opportunity in November/December of the same year. Only two examination opportunities per module are allowed. If a student fails a module at the second examination opportunity, the module must be repeated.
- A supplementary examination opportunity in a module is granted to students in the following cases:
  - If a student obtains a final mark of less than 50% in the relevant module at the standard examination opportunity and thus fails.
  - If a student does not obtain the subminimum in the examination, as required for a specific module.
  - If a student does not sit the examination in a module at the standard examination opportunity due to illness, official UP recognised sports participation or extraordinary circumstances.
  - If a student fails a module at the standard examination opportunity, the examination mark obtained in the relevant module at the supplementary examination opportunity will be calculated as the final mark. The marks obtained with continuous evaluation during the course of the semester/year will not be taken into calculation. If the student passes the module at the supplementary examination opportunity, a maximum of 50% is awarded as a pass mark to the module in question.
  - If a student could not sit the examination in a module at the standard examination opportunity due to illness, official UP recognised sports participation or extraordinary circumstances, the continuous evaluation mark, together with the examination mark obtained in the module in question at the supplementary examination opportunity, will be calculated as the final mark obtained in the module.
- A student requiring a limited number of modules to complete his or her degree, may in terms of faculty regulations, be admitted to a Chancellor's examination in the modules in question.

## Promotion to next study year

### Admission to the second year of study

- i. To be admitted to the second year of study, a student must pass PRC 100, EXE 110, FSG 110, MTL 180, ANA 123, EXE 120 and FSG 120.
- ii. Modules can only be repeated if they can be accommodated within the existing examination timetable.
- iii. Students who are repeating the first year of study, retain credit for examination modules passed.

### **Admission to the third year of study**

- i. To be admitted to the third year of study, a student must have passed all the first and second-year modules.
- ii. Students who are repeating the second year of study, retain credit for examination modules passed.

### **Academic exclusion**

- i. A student following the BSportSci programme will only be allowed one opportunity to repeat a year of study.
- ii. A student who does not comply with the abovementioned requirements but nevertheless wishes to be admitted to the School, may request the Dean/Chairperson in writing to consider his or her application for readmission in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

## **Pass with distinction**

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains a cumulative average of at least 75% for all modules over the three years of study (not rounded).

## **General information**

### **University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project**

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# Curriculum: Year 1

**Minimum credits: 136**

## Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic English for Health Sciences (BNurs, BDietetics, BOH, BOT, BRad and BPhysio) 121 (ELH 121) - Credits: 6.00

Academic English for Health Sciences 122 (ELH 122) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 110 (UPO 110) - Credits: 0.00

## Core modules

Introduction to human anatomy 123 (ANA 123) - Credits: 8.00

Sports injuries I 110 (EXE 110) - Credits: 12.00

Research I 111 (EXE 111) - Credits: 12.00

Motor learning and development I 120 (EXE 120) - Credits: 12.00

Exercise science programme development 121 (EXE 121) - Credits: 12.00

Measurement and evaluation I 122 (EXE 122) - Credits: 12.00

Physiology 110 (FSG 110) - Credits: 6.00

Physiology 120 (FSG 120) - Credits: 6.00

Medical terminology 180 (MTL 180) - Credits: 8.00

Physics for biology students 131 (PHY 131) - Credits: 16.00

Sports practical 100 (PRC 100) - Credits: 12.00



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## Curriculum: Year 2

**Minimum credits: 141**

### Core modules

Motor learning and development II 221 (EXE 221) - Credits: 16.00

Sports injuries II 222 (EXE 222) - Credits: 16.00

Nutrition for exercise and sport 223 (EXE 223) - Credits: 16.00

Basic emergency care 286 (GNK 286) - Credits: 5.00

Sports practical II 201 (PRC 201) - Credits: 16.00

Exercise physiology I 212 (SMC 212) - Credits: 14.00

Biomechanics I 213 (SMC 213) - Credits: 16.00

Human anatomy II 214 (SMC 214) - Credits: 16.00

Exercise physiology II 221 (SMC 221) - Credits: 14.00

Event and facility management 211 (SMS 211) - Credits: 12.00



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## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 130**

### Core modules

[Exercise science programme development II 310](#) (BGN 310) - Credits: 15.00

[Measurement and evaluation II 320](#) (BGN 320) - Credits: 15.00

[Biomechanics II 321](#) (BGN 321) - Credits: 15.00

[Research II 301](#) (EXE 301) - Credits: 20.00

[Sports injuries III 310](#) (EXE 310) - Credits: 15.00

[Sports psychology 212](#) (MBK 212) - Credits: 10.00

[Exercise science practice 301](#) (PRC 301) - Credits: 20.00

[Exercise physiology III 320](#) (SMC 320) - Credits: 20.00

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### Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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