



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

Humanities and social sciences 110 (HAS 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	<i>BEng (Chemical Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Chemical Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Civil Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Civil Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Computer Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Computer Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Electrical Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Electrical Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Electronic Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Electronic Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Industrial Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Industrial Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Mechanical Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Mechanical Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Metallurgical Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Metallurgical Engineering) 5-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Mining Engineering) 4-year programme</i> <i>BEng (Mining Engineering) 5-year programme</i>
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Module content

Social sciences: Perspectives on contemporary society

An introduction to long-standing questions about the nature of human societies and contemporary challenges. Topics to be discussed include globalisation and increasing connectedness; rising unemployment, inequality and poverty; rapid urbanisation and the modern city form; transformations in the nature of work; environmental degradation and tensions between sustainability and growth; shifts in global power relations; the future of the nation-state and supra-national governance structures; and possibilities for extending human rights and democracy. Critical questions are posed about modern selfhood, sociality, culture and identity against the background of new communications technologies, ever more multicultural societies, enduring gender, class and race inequities, and the emergence of new and the resurgence of older forms of social and political identity. These issues are approached from the vantage of our location in southern Africa and the continent, drawing on social science perspectives.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.