



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

BSc Quantity Surveying (12132023)

Department Construction Economics

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 371

NQF level 07

Programme information

Quantity surveying is the science that delivers specialised financial and contractual services and advice to clients in the building and construction industry, as well as in related industries. The quantity surveyor is an independent and professional consultant who works with architects, consulting engineers, and the building contractor, in order to protect the interests of the client, while at the same time also looking after the interests of the contractor and subcontractors.

The student could enter the building or construction industry as a candidate quantity surveyor after he/she has completed the three-year degree. Such qualification, however, would not allow the person to register as a professional quantity surveyor without acquiring additional qualifications. After completing the honours programme the opportunities become far wider, and application can be made for registration as a professional quantity surveyor with the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession, after further assessment and furnishing of evidence, in compliance with the prescribed competencies. Employment opportunities in the building and construction sector, government departments, in the property sector, banks and manufacturing industry exist for such registered quantity surveyors. Most, however, work in the private sector where they become employees/ partners/ directors of quantity surveying practices, or open their own practices.

The examinations for the BScHons degree in Quantity Surveying are approved by the Minister as prescribed examinations in terms of the stipulations of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (Act No. 49/2000), as well as by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here for this Faculty Brochure](#).

Minimum requirements Achievement level



**English Home
Language or
English First
Additional
Language**

Mathematics

Physical Sciences or Accounting

APS

NSC/IEB

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5

4

30

The suggested second-choice programmes for BSc (Quantity Surveying) are BSc (Construction Management) and BSc (Real Estate).

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure:

Undergraduate Programme Information 2025: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

International students: [Click here](#).

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.

Note:

- 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

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

Other programme-specific information

Please Note: Students with Maths 4, should take STK 113 and STK 123 (instead of STK 110) during their first

year of study and STK 120 during their second year of study.

The degree is awarded if all the prescribed modules have been passed.

Promotion to next study year

Refer also to G5.

Promotion to the second semester of the first year and to the second year of study

- a. A newly registered first-year student who failed all the prescribed modules for the programme at the end of the first semester shall not be readmitted to the School for the Built Environment in the second semester.
- b. A student who complies with all the requirements of the first year of study, or has at least obtained 110 credits, is promoted to the second year of study.
- c. A student who has not obtained at least 70% of the credits of the first year of study after the November examinations must reapply for admission should he/she intend to continue with his/her studies. Written application must be submitted to the student administration of the School for the Built Environment no later than 12 January. Late applications will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances after approval by the Dean and conditions of readmission as determined by the admissions committee shall apply should first-year students be readmitted.
- d. Students who have not passed all the prescribed modules of the first year of study, as well as students who are readmitted in terms of (c) must register for the outstanding modules of the first year.
- e. A student who is repeating his/her first year, may, on recommendation of the relevant head of department and with the approval of the Dean, be permitted to enrol for modules of the second year of study in addition to the first-year modules which he or she failed, providing that he or she complies with the prerequisites for the second-year modules and that no timetable clashes occur. The number of credits per semester for which a student registers may not exceed the prescribed number of credits per semester by more than 16 credits.

Promotion to the third year of study

- a. A student must pass all the prescribed modules at first-year level (level 100) before he or she is admitted to any module at third-year level (level 300).
- b. A student who complies with all the requirements of the second year of study, or has at least obtained 230 credits, is promoted to the third year of study provided that no first-year module(s) are outstanding.
- c. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the Head of Department, allow a student, who qualifies for promotion to a subsequent year of study, but who has not passed all the modules of that year, to carry over those modules to the next or a later year.
- d. The number of credits per semester for which a student registers may not exceed the prescribed number of credits per semester by more than 16 credits and the prerequisites must be met.
- e. A student who complies with all the requirements for the degree with the exception of one year module or two semester modules, in which a final mark of at least 40% has been obtained, may be admitted to a Chancellor's examination in the module(s) concerned, at the start of the ensuing semester.
- f. On the recommendation of the Head of Department, in exceptional circumstances deviation from the abovementioned stipulations, may be approved by the Faculty Executive Committee, provided that no timetable clashes occur.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student:



- i. if no module of the second and third study year was repeated and a weighted average of at least 75% (not rounded) was obtained in one year in all the modules, of the final study year;
- ii. the degree programme was completed within the prescribed three study years, and the final study year modules were passed on first registration without any supplementary or special examinations.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 126

Please note: Students registered for this programme must please register for STK 161 in Quarter 3.

Fundamental modules

[Academic information management 111](#) (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic information management 121](#) (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic literacy for Construction Economics 122](#) (ALL 122) - Credits: 6.00

[Academic orientation 112](#) (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

[Building organisation 121](#) (BGG 121) - Credits: 4.00

[Building drawings 111](#) (BOU 111) - Credits: 4.00

[Building science 110](#) (BWT 110) - Credits: 8.00

[Building science 120](#) (BWT 120) - Credits: 8.00

[Economics 110](#) (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00

[Economics 120](#) (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00

[Building services 112](#) (GBD 112) - Credits: 6.00

[Building services 122](#) (GBD 122) - Credits: 6.00

[Quantities 101](#) (HVH 101) - Credits: 24.00

[Introduction to structures 110](#) (SKE 110) - Credits: 8.00

[Structures 120](#) (SKE 120) - Credits: 8.00

[Mathematics 134](#) (WTW 134) - Credits: 16.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 121

Core modules

Building science 210 (BWT 210) - Credits: 12.00

Building science 220 (BWT 220) - Credits: 8.00

Property law 222 (EOW 222) - Credits: 8.00

Financial management 110 (FBS 110) - Credits: 10.00

Building services 211 (GBD 211) - Credits: 6.00

Building services 221 (GBD 221) - Credits: 6.00

Quantities 200 (HVH 200) - Credits: 24.00

Community-based project 201 (JCP 201) - Credits: 8.00

Civil engineering services 220 (SKE 220) - Credits: 8.00

Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00

Statistics 161 (STK 161) - Credits: 6.00

Site surveying 213 (TRN 213) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 124

Core modules

Business law 310 (BER 310) - Credits: 10.00

Housing 320 (BHU 320) - Credits: 6.00

Quantity surveying practice 300 (BRK 300) - Credits: 18.00

Building science 310 (BWT 310) - Credits: 10.00

Building science 320 (BWT 320) - Credits: 8.00

Financial management 210 (FBS 210) - Credits: 16.00

Financial management 361 (FBS 361) - Credits: 10.00

Building services 311 (GBD 311) - Credits: 6.00

Quantities 300 (HVH 300) - Credits: 24.00

Introduction to construction contract law 322 (KKR 322) - Credits: 8.00

Sustainable construction 320 (VKN 320) - Credits: 8.00

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.