

# BPolSci specialising in International Studies

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The Bachelor of Political Science specialising in International Studies programme focuses on international events, how international relations develop, and events in international politics. It also contributes to students' education as citizens of the country and the world.

In a globalising world, international political relations include interstate or government interactions, international organisations and non-state actors.

They include political and military matters and non-political affairs with international implications. International studies include peace, security, development and justice. This programme establishes an understanding of international relations and develops the skills you will need to analyse and explain world politics at a national, regional and global level.

It is based on the political sciences and related disciplines. International relations is the major subject and has to be taken up to the final year. People differ in their understanding of international relations, and the discipline of international studies acknowledges this diversity.

If you are interested in world affairs and relations between and among states and different actors, then you are an ideal candidate for this programme.

To excel in this programme you should be a:

- committed global citizen;
- interested in the world around you; and
- want to improve relations between states.

Successful students refine their research, communication and data analysis skills and are widely sought after in the private and public sectors.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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## Career Opportunities

International relations, diplomatic service, political consultation, conflict resolution, policy analysis, strategic intelligence, governance, international political economics and risk analysis

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## Programme Code

01130038

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## Closing Dates

- **SA** - 30/06/2025
  - **Non-SA** - 30/06/2025
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## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2026

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	APS (Grade 11)	APS (NSC/IEB completed)
5	30	28

\* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC/IEB.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

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

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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 International undergraduate prospectus 2026: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), 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

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be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

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### Minimum duration of study

3 years, full-time

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### Faculty Notes

Except in cases where modules or programmes require the use of a language other than English, all modules will be presented only in English, which is the University's official language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

The Faculty of Humanities provides a holistic education, transferable skills, critical thinking, and communication and problem-solving that will help you develop to your full potential. You will be entering a stimulating environment that will broaden your intellectual horizons and help you achieve personal and professional success through the best possible learning experience.

As the most diverse Faculty of the University of Pretoria, we offer an exciting and comprehensive range of programmes and discipline-based majors, including studies in languages, social sciences and visual and performing arts.

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### Enquiries about the programme

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## How to apply



# Online Application



Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

Disclaimer: Due to the continuous restructuring of the Faculty and this website, some of the information displayed here may not fully reflect the most recent developments in the Faculty. Any discrepancies that are experienced may be taken up with Student Administration of the Faculty.