

BA Visual Studies

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We are confronted with the visual everywhere: on billboards, TV screens and the internet, and in cinemas, magazines, newspapers, fashion, architecture and malls. We do not necessarily see more than previous generations (although there is probably more to see), but the questions we ask about what we see and experience have changed.

Visual Studies as a programme, and Visual culture studies as the main subject enable students to explore the various exciting forms of visual images that surround them every day. The aim is to promote critical skills by offering direction in the analysis, interpretation and evaluation of various aspects of visual culture, in both a historical and a contemporary context. The programme deals with theoretical issues, and candidates for this programme do not need artistic talent.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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Career Opportunities

Art and film critics, visual culture specialists, arts and culture educators, academics, art historians, curators, visual analysts, visual consultants, media and communication analysts, social media coordinators, gallery managers

Programme Code

01130133

Closing Dates

- **SA** – 31/10/2020
 - **Non-SA** – 31/08/2020
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Admission Requirements

Please apply as soon as applications open on 1 March.

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline.
- Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Faculty Yearbooks: [click here](#).

1. You will be considered for conditional admission, if space allows, and if you:

- are a Grade 11 applicant, please submit your final Grade 11 examination results, **and** have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement or an equivalent qualification; **OR**
- are transferring from other recognised institutions to the University of Pretoria; **OR**
- are a graduate or have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution; **OR**
- are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; **AND**
- comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels, as well as the APS requirements of specific programmes.
- If you are an international applicant please apply for *conditional admission* based on your final results equivalent to Grade 11.
- *Final admission* is based on the qualification equivalent to the NSC.

2. You will be considered for final admission to degree studies, if space allows, and if you:

- have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to Bachelor's degree studies; **and** comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of their chosen programme; **OR**
 - are a student transferring from another recognised tertiary institution and comply with the programme requirements; **OR**
 - have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution, or are a graduate of another Faculty
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at the University of Pretoria.

- If you are an international student or are a student with other qualifications equivalent to the NSC (including school qualifications from other countries, eg Spain, New Zealand, etc), you must obtain a *Complete Exemption Certificate* or a *Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate* based on your international ('foreign') qualifications. Certificates can only be obtained from Universities South Africa (USAf) at [click here](#). In addition, these candidates must meet the relevant programme admission requirements.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English

First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

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To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC.

Selection Process

Students will be required to complete a short questionnaire to assess their academic readiness. Students will also be required to show by means of a guided assessment essay, structured through self-reflective narrative, why they are interested in the programme, as well as establishing their prior knowledge of the subject field.

Duration of study

3 years, full-time.

Faculty Notes

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.

Enquiries about the programme

[Click Here](#)



How to apply



Online Application





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

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