# BA Visual Studies



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, galley managers

## Programme Code

01130133

## Closing Dates

Applications for this plan have closed.

## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- 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.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at click here.
  - **Website:** click here.
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, or was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application ) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

**Note:** Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Returning students**

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, or was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), or has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

**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.  The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

**Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022**

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. 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.

- All modules (excluding foreign language modules) will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

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

- are a Grade 11 applicant (with an APS of 30 or more excluding Life Orientation), 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 applicant from a country other than South Africa, 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 your 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 at the University of Pretoria.

If you are a citizen from a country other than South Africa 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.

**University of Pretoria website:** click here

| **Minimum requirements Achievement level English Home Language or English First Additional Language** | **APS (Grade 11)** | **APS (NSC/IEB completed)** |
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* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC/IEB.

## 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

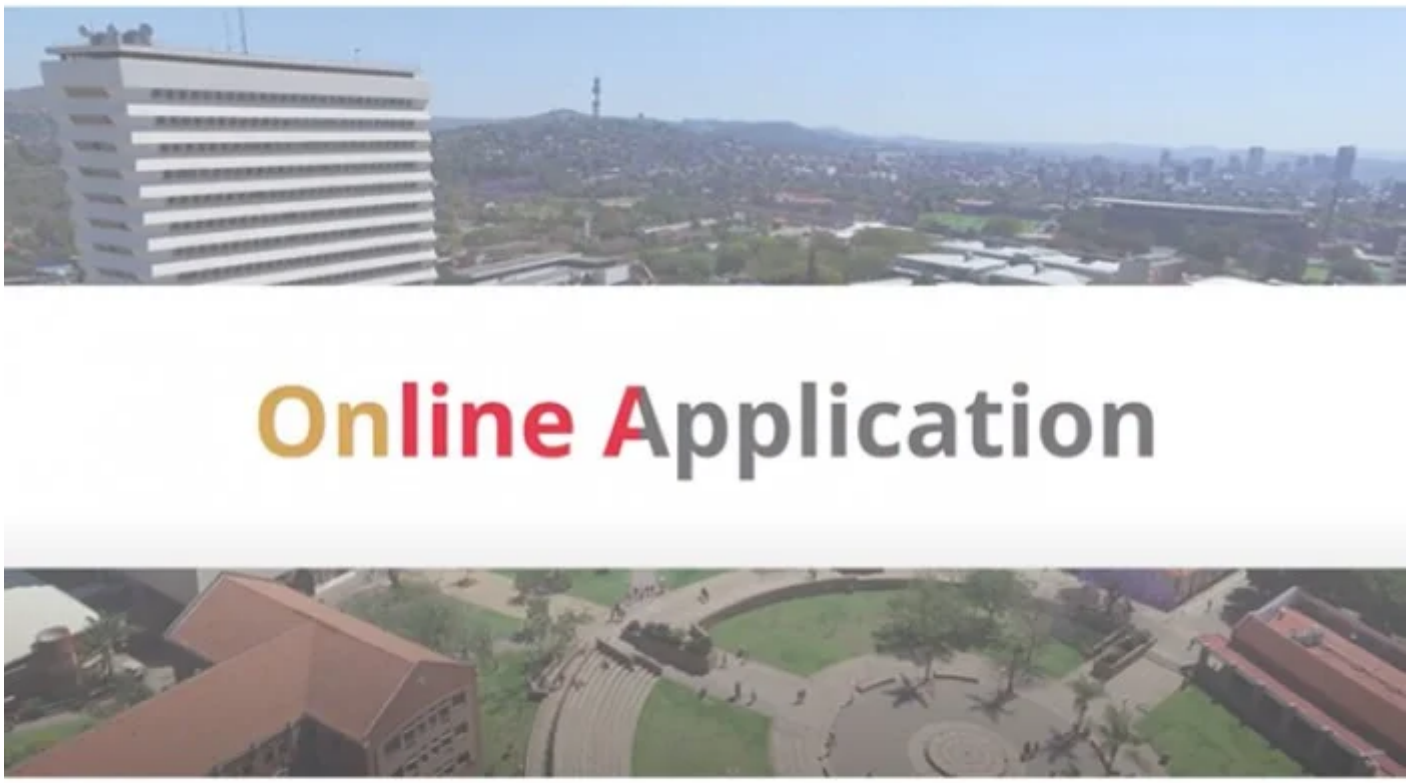
The Faculty of Humanities provides a holistic education, transferable skills, critical thinking, and communication and problem-solving that will help you develop to your full potential. You will be entering a stimulating environment that will broaden your intellectual horizons and help you achieve personal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



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

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