

Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]

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This programme entails work-integrated learning that leads to a professional career in social work and enables graduates to assist people with solving problems, to promote social change, development and cohesion, and to empower and liberate all people. The learning outcomes of the programme include equipping graduates with the values, knowledge, skills and applied competencies to enable them to:

- uphold social justice and human rights;
- enhance the social functioning of individuals, families, groups and communities;
- promote sustainable communities;
- advocate for the removal of structural causes of poverty, inequality, oppression, discrimination and social exclusion;
- adopt developmental social work methods and techniques in rendering preventative, protective, developmental and therapeutic interventions to individuals, families, groups, organisations and communities;
- inform social work services to protect those who are vulnerable, belong to high-risk groups and are unable to protect themselves;
- address social needs and issues in the South African social welfare policy and legislation contexts;
- influence and develop social policy; and
- inform research methods, designs and strategies.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

Career Opportunities

Social worker

Programme Code

01130144

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.

* A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In terms of the Children's Act (2005), all registered student social workers have to complete Form 30 in Part B of the National Child Protection Register (NCPR).

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

Selection Process

Departmental selection takes place at the end of the first year and is based on academic merit, an aptitude test and an interview.

Minimum duration of study

4 years, full-time

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.

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