



Bachelor of Music [BMus] 5-year programme

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The first year of the programme offers foundational support for the following critical skills required for music studies: practical musicianship, music theory, musicology, aural training, academic literary and academic information management. In the second year of study, students are incorporated into the regular 4-year Bachelor of Music programme.

This programme is designed for students who do not meet the practical and theoretical requirements to study a 4-year music degree directly after high school.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

Career Opportunities

Music teachers, music technicians, solo and/or chamber music performers, orchestral musicians and composers

Programme Code

01132004

Closing Dates

- **SA** – 30/06/2025
- **Non-SA** – 30/06/2025



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)	Additional music requirements:
4	26	26	Music: 4 (50-59%) or Grade V Practical and Grade III Theory (UNISA/Royal Schools/Trinity) or a comparable standard and a practical audition and theoretical test passed with at least 50%

* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 26 in the NSC.

Admissions for the Bachelor of Music [5-year programme] will take place in July, September and Ad-hoc.

If you are admitted to this programme, you may not be considered for any other degree programme within the Faculty, except for the Bachelor of Music 4-year degree.

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.

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

Prospective students will be required to write an assessment.

The School of the Arts: Music selects candidates based on a practical singing or instrument performance of 10 minutes, as well as a theoretical test.

Audition required.

- Video of a practical performance (50%): A performance on the candidate's principal instrument. The performance should last about 10 minutes, and the programme must contain three works from different style periods (standard: at least Grade V, Unisa/Royal Schools/Trinity practical music examinations);
 - Online theoretical test (50%): A written test that will assess the candidate's knowledge of elementary theoretical principles (standard: at least Grade III, Unisa/Royal Schools/Trinity theory examinations).
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Minimum duration of study

5 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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