

BSc in Ecology 4-year programme

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The Bachelor of Science in Ecology programme explores how animals and plants interact with each other and the natural environment. It will allow you to contribute to their conservation and solve the challenges threatening life on Earth. If you want to pursue a career in biodiversity conservation, environmental consultancy, land rehabilitation or wildlife management, this programme is for you.

Bachelor of Science in Ecology is the only programme of its kind offered in South Africa and teaching is focused on animals and plants, ecology, geographic information systems and quantitative statistics.

As a graduate you can find employment as a conservation officer, environmental consultant or manager, game ranger, research scientist, data manager and more.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

Career Opportunities

Graduates will be at the forefront of conserving natural ecosystems in a changing world. They find work in local and international environmentally based government and private conservation organisations (e.g. WWF, IUCN), companies involved in the direct or indirect use of natural resources (e.g. agriculture, mining), environmental consultancies, environmental education initiatives, academic and training institutions and research.

Programme Code

02131009

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	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	APS
NSC/IEB 58%	NSC/IEB 58%	NSC/IEB 58%	30

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.

Only students that have completed school in the last two years and have not studied at a tertiary institution will be considered for this programme.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Unsuccessful candidates will also be notified.

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](#).

Minimum duration of study

4 years, full-time

Faculty Notes

All modules will only be presented in English, which is the University's official language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences is home to more than 6 500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty presents degrees in fields ranging from the proverbial A to Z – from actuaries to zoologists, and consists of 13 departments.

All degree programmes are designed to develop problem-solving individuals who can easily adapt to changing circumstances and take the lead in their chosen fields of specialisation. The qualifications awarded are of world-class and provide access to a multitude of career opportunities for dynamic and creative people. According to the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings the University has achieved new world rankings in Physical Sciences, a discipline which features strongly in NAS and also maintains excellent positions on the ISI Web of Science (WOS) field rankings in Plant and Animal Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Environment and Ecology Sciences.

In the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, we strive to continuously improve our high impact research and significantly address the national shortage of PhD graduates that respond to global and local challenges.

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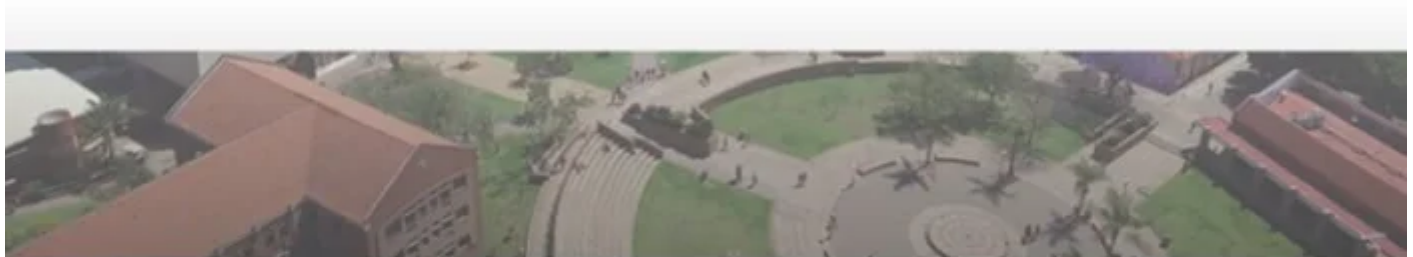
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How to apply



Online Application



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

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