

# BSc (Biological Sciences)

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## Programme Code

02133397

## Closing Dates

- **SA** - 30/06/2023
- **Non-SA** - 30/06/2023

## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2024

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

NSC/IEB

5

##### Mathematics

NSC/IEB

5

##### Physical Sciences

NSC/IEB

5

**APS**

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**This is a generic first-year programme in Biological Sciences.** Only first-time university entry students who are uncertain about which specialisation degree programme to choose may apply for this programme.

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 Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2024: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

**International students:** [Click here](#).

### **MBChB or BChD selection:**

Students who intend to apply for admission to either the MBChB or BChD programme when places become available in the second semester, may register for BSc (Biological Sciences) modules in the first semester, replacing Mathematics (WTW 134) with Science and World Views (FIL 155), People and their Environment (MGW 112) and Medical Terminology (MTL 180), with the proviso that should they not be selected and should they wish to continue with one of the Biological Sciences programmes, they must complete Mathematics (WTW 165) in the second semester of their first year.

Note: Consideration for MBChB or BChD: Students who wish to add the modules FIL 155, MGW 112 and MTL 180 are required to have an APS of at least 35 and a minimum of 70% for Mathematics in their final NSC or equivalent qualification. Students should contact the Faculty of Health Sciences for their added criteria.

### **BVSc and BVetNurs selection:**

Students who intend to apply for admission to BVSc may register for BSc (Biological Sciences) modules, including Medical Terminology (MTL 180). Applicants enrolled in the extended BSc programmes must complete the first 3 semesters of the BSc – Extended programme with the correct (equivalent) modules to be eligible for selection into the BVSc or BVetNurs programme. Students should contact the Faculty of Veterinary Science for their selection criteria.



Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BSc (Biological Sciences), may be considered for admission to the BSc – Extended programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences, which requires an additional year of study.

### **BSc – Extended Programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences**

#### **Minimum requirements**

#### **Achievement level**

#### **English Home**

#### **Language or**

#### **English First**

#### **Additional**

#### **Language**

NSC/IEB

4

#### **Mathematics**

NSC/IEB

4

#### **Physical Sciences or Accounting    APS**

NSC/IEB

4

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\*Students who are placed in the BSc – Extended programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences, do not qualify to apply for the mid-year intake in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

#### **Note:**

\*The BSc – Extended programmes are not available for students who meet all the requirements for the corresponding mainstream programme.

\*Please note that only students who apply in their final NSC or equivalent qualification year will be considered for admission into any of the BSc – Extended programmes. Students who are upgrading or taking a gap year will not be considered.

\* *BSc Extended programmes are selection programmes. Additional selection criteria apply.*

### **Minimum duration of study**

3 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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# Online Application





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

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