

BSc *Food Science*

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This programme focuses on the chemical composition, structure and nutritional value of food. The interaction of food components during processing, preservation and storage is studied by making use of chemistry, physics, biological and mathematical principles. Candidates who are likely to excel are those who enjoy science and are keen on understanding food production from farm to fork.

Candidates study a product that is used daily by all people and therefore prepare themselves to play a role in feeding the nation. A graduate with a BSc (Food Science) degree is eligible for registration as a natural scientist with the South African Council of Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP).

Career opportunities include:

- Food and nutrition analysts
- Food risk investigators
- Quality and safety assurance managers
- Food chemists
- Brewers
- Packaging and shelf-life specialists
- Safety auditors
- Product and process development managers
- Food structure designers
- Technical sales and marketing advisors
- Sensory scientists
- Food microbiologists

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

Career Opportunities

Food scientists with highly marketable training and professional skills work as food risk investigators, quality and safety assurance managers, food chemists, food microbiologists and biotechnologists, packaging and shelf life specialists, safety auditors, product and process development managers,



technical sales and marketing advisors, sensory scientists, food bio scientists (for example brew masters or flavourists) in the food, agro-processing and related industries. The work environment of food scientists includes laboratories, food production sites, business premises (retail and wholesale), training areas, government institutions and research organisations. Food scientists also work in industries and companies that manufacture and supply materials (for example packaging and food additives, such as colourants and flavourants) to the food industry, or have secondary involvement in food production and sales.

Programme Code

02133406

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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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](#).

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.

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BSc (Food Science), 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

NSC/IEB

4

APS

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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.* 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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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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