

# BSc in Medical Sciences

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The Department of Anatomy is part of the School of Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences and offers a Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences degree in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Students are trained in the basic medical sciences, which include clinical anatomy, physical and forensic anthropology, histology, cell biology and embryology. These subjects can be combined with elective modules from physiology, pharmacology and genetics. Ideally, students who register for this degree should have a keen interest in research related to anatomy and the basic medical sciences.

Students are trained in the basic medical sciences, including clinical anatomy, physical anthropology and cell biology. During the course of their studies they work with human material, including human skeletal material, and do cadaver dissection.

Career opportunities exist in the field of research in any of the subdisciplines of anatomy, in academia, in forensic science and in the health science industry. Other careers that may be considered are in sports science, virology, chemical pathology, immunology, health administration or ergonomics. Technical careers, for example in the Departments of Anatomy or Physiology at universities, are another possibility.

Graduates are sought after by institutes in the academic, government and private sectors, where they are employed as lecturers, researchers, medical and forensic scientists, and sales representatives in the medical sciences and pharmacological industries. Several of our postgraduates are currently studying at research facilities in North America and Europe.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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## Career Opportunities

Postgraduate studies are highly recommended. Honours, master's and doctoral degrees can be obtained in any of the subdisciplines of anatomy: neuro-anatomy, clinical anatomy, cell biology, physical and forensic anthropology, histology and embryology. Students who obtain this degree can also continue with their studies to obtain postgraduate degrees in physiology, genetics and

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## Programme Code

02133407

## 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 5	NSC/IEB 5	NSC/IEB 5	<b>32</b>

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

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

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### Minimum duration of study

3 years, full-time

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### 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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