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# BEng Chemical Engineering

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Chemical engineering involves all aspects of the industrial processes that, in the broadest sense, convert raw materials into higher-value products by means of combinations of physical, chemical, thermal, biochemical and mechanical changes. The programme provides you with the necessary foundation to ensure that once you graduate, you will be able to make creative contributions to the world's ever-increasing needs by:

- converting natural resources into efficient and useable forms of energy;
- developing more durable, lighter and renewable materials;
- designing more efficient, environmentally friendly processing plants;
- applying biotechnology to convert raw materials into products in a sustainable way;
- designing processes to ensure that limited natural resources, such as water, can be reused; and
- leaving a clean and sustainable environment behind for future generations.

A solid foundation in chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology is combined with the principles of the conservation of mass, energy and momentum, followed by the application of the economic tenets when designing equipment so as to ensure lucrative processes that will contribute to economic and industrial growth.

The programme is aimed at producing graduates who can develop new and innovative processes, ensuring continued growth to satisfy the abovementioned needs.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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## Career Opportunities

Chemical engineers are involved in industrial processes that convert raw materials into products with a higher economic value. This is achieved by means of physical, thermal, chemical, biochemical and mechanical changes and processes. Chemical engineers apply their specialised knowledge in the petroleum, food, minerals processing, power generation, and the paper and pulp industries, water and effluent treatment, as well as environmental engineering activities, including air pollution control. Like other engineering disciplines, chemical engineers are involved in research and development, techno-economic evaluation, equipment and plant design, process control and optimisation, construction, commissioning, operation and management, and the marketing and distribution of final products.



## Programme Code

12130002

## Closing Dates

- **SA** - 12/06/2022
- **Non-SA** - 12/06/2022

## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2023

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: 4-year programme

##### Achievement level

##### English Home

##### Language or

##### English First

##### Additional

##### Language

NSC/IEB

5

##### Mathematics

NSC/IEB

6

##### Physical Sciences

NSC/IEB

6

**APS**

**35**

The suggested second-choice programmes for BEng (Chemical Engineering) are BSc (Chemistry), BSc (Mathematics) and BSc (Physics) if your APS and subject requirements of your first-choice programme are not obtained.

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#### Minimum requirements: ENGAGE 5-year programme

##### Achievement level



**English Home  
Language or  
English First  
Additional  
Language**

**Mathematics**

**Physical Sciences**

**APS**

NSC/IEB

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**30**

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Conditional admission to the four-year programmes in the School of Engineering is guaranteed only if a prospective student complies with ALL the requirements as indicated in the table "Minimum requirements: 4-year programme".

Admission to the Engineering Augmented Degree Programme (ENGAGE) in the School of Engineering will be determined by the NSC results, achievement levels of 5 for Mathematics, Physical Sciences and English, and an APS of 30.

Students may apply directly to be considered for the ENGAGE programme.

You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme.

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: 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.

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**Minimum duration of study**

4 years, full-time

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**Faculty Notes**

All modules will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence at the University of Pretoria.

Faculty Yearbooks: [click here](#).

The University of Pretoria has decided not to set a specific closing date for applications to non-selection programmes for 2023. Applications will close when the available study spaces are filled (**close on availability of space**). Once the available number of study places for a specific programme are filled, no further applications for that particular programme will be considered. All applicants are therefore strongly advised and encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible after 1 April 2022 and to check the application site (UP Student Portal) regularly.

The Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology at the University of Pretoria is a leading source of graduates in the engineering, built environment and information technology professions. We achieve this by a focus on research to drive innovative and enquiry-led teaching for educating and positioning our students to be leaders in their professions. The Faculty has extensive and

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cutting-edge teaching, learning and laboratory facilities integrated with the excellent suite of facilities and services offered by the University. We facilitate access to our qualifications through our extended programmes but expect our students to excel and develop as future professionals through our programme offering. We invite you to consider enrolling in one of our programmes if you share our vision of excellence and want to position yourself as a leader in the professions that we support.

The Faculty is organised in four schools: the School of Engineering, the School for the Built Environment, the School of Information Technology and the Graduate School of Technology Management. The School of Engineering is the largest of its kind in the country in terms of student numbers, graduates and research contributions and offers programmes in all the major engineering disciplines with many specialisations also offered at undergraduate and graduate level.

The University of Pretoria aims to be internationally competitive while also locally relevant. Advisory boards at both faculty and departmental level promote alignment and excellence in our teaching and research activities. Where applicable and available our programmes are accredited by statutory and professional bodies at both national and international level.

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## Enquiries about the programme

[Click Here](#)

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**How to apply**



# Online Application





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

Disclaimer: Due to the continuous restructuring of the Faculty and this website, some of the information displayed here may not fully reflect the most recent developments in the Faculty. Any discrepancies that are experienced may be taken up with Student Administration of the Faculty.