
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BISHons Publishing (12240005)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 160

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Admission requirements

- BIS in Publishing or any related package or equivalent degree;
- A minimum average of 65% in the undergraduate studies.

Additional requirements

Consult G Regulations G.16 to G.29.

Other programme-specific information

Subject to the provisions of G Regulation G.18.3, a full-time student must complete his or her studies for an honours degree within two academic years (four semesters) and an after-hours student within three academic years (six semesters) after first registration for the degree. However, the Dean may, on the recommendation of the Head of Department concerned, extend the period of study in both cases by a maximum of two semesters.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental modules

Research methodology 711 (INY 711)

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| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 2 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Information Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

Research methodology and the application thereof to resolve research problems and to create new knowledge, is a valued advantage to any student. The module is compiled with the following objectives in mind: to instruct the student in the basic principles of research and to avail them the opportunity to execute research projects in a professional manner. Students are guided from the selection of a problem to the presentation of a complete research report with practical suggestions based on a solid theoretical framework.

Core modules

Publishing management: Management and finance 722 (PUB 722)

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| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Information Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

This module focuses on the theory and practice of publishing management. Issues addressed include the following: personal skills; general management skills; financial skills; new product development; costing; editorial issues.

Publishing management: Organisation and processes 723 (PUB 723)

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| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | English |



Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module focuses on the theory and practice of publishing management. Issues addressed include the following: human resources; legal skills; project management; sales and marketing; communication skills; logistics; leadership.

The publishing environment: Developments and trends in the South African book industry 724 (PUB 724)

Module credits 15.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module is research-based. The focus is on developments and trends impacting on the value chain and supply chain of the local book industry.

The overall objective of the module is to generate research that can contribute to information on the shape and size of this cultural industry.

The publishing environment: Global developments and trends in book publishing 725 (PUB 725)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module is research-based. The focus is on global developments and trends impacting on book publishing as a cultural industry. The research parameters will be determined yearly by a selection of relevant global practices impacting on local developments and trends.

Editorial practice: Advanced copy-editing and editorial project management 728 (PUB 728)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

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| Contact time | 2 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Information Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 and Semester 2 |

Module content

One of the central role players in the publishing value chain is the copy-editor, whose tasks range from copy-editing and proofreading manuscripts, to developing budgets and schedules, and managing entire publishing projects through production. This module builds on students' knowledge of and skills in editorial practice, including advanced copyediting, editorial and production project management. The module also focuses on theory of editorial practice, including editorial approaches and policies.

Elective modules

Advanced e-publishing 712 (PUB 712)

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| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Service modules | Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 3 discussion classes per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Information Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 2 |

Module content

The aim of this module is to further familiarise students with the development, economics and delivery of electronic publications. Students develop strong e-production skills through hands-on implementation of publication workflows for various electronic publications. Students also implement a business plan for the distribution and marketing of these publications.

Editorial practice: List building and acquisition of rights 729 (PUB 729)

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| Module credits | 15.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 2 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Information Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 and Semester 2 |

Module content

At the heart of the publishing value chain lies the commissioning editor or publisher, whose tasks range from commissioning new titles and nurturing authors, through to managing entire publishing lists and making rights acquisitions. This module builds on students' knowledge of and skills in commissioning and acquisitions, with a particular focus on strategic and financial aspects of publishing list building, and acquisition policies and procedures.

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