

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BPolSci International Studies (01130038)

Duration of study 3 years

Total credits 370

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Programme information

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of contemporary world politics and related changes in the international system. This will enable them, once they are employed in the public or private sector, to respond in an innovative and proactive manner to the problems and challenges of globalisation.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Candidates who comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels as well as the APS requirements of these programmes will be granted placement in the programmes, subject to the availability of space. The abovementioned is not applicable to selection programmes.
- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12. Prospective students who have already been granted provisional admission in these programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admission Committee should space be available. The Admission Committee of the Faculty of Humanities will consider these students once the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT) are available and depending on the availability of space.
- The Faculty will assess satisfactory performance in the NBT in the light of its commitment to ensure that an appropriate proportion of the applicants will be drawn from the disadvantaged category of the population.
- Applicants who meet the minimum APS requirement, but who do not comply with the subject requirements must write the NBT.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements				
Achievement level				APS
Afrikaans or English				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	



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Other programme-specific information

First year of study - FUNDAMENTAL MODULES

Students who are deemed to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take ALL 110 and ALL 125.

Students who are deemed NOT to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take language modules to the value of 12 credits from the list of language modules mentioned under Academic literacy.

Outline of credits for ELECTIVE MODULES (total = 188):

First year: 88/96

Second year: 40

Third year: 60

Elective modules

Year level 1

Select four disciplines. Do two semester modules (or the credit value thereof) from each of these disciplines.

Year level 2

Select two semester modules (or the credit value thereof) from the same discipline as for yr level 1; or select two Economics semester modules at yr level 2 (on condition that EKN 120 was taken and that the prerequisites are complied with) together with one additional module at yr level 2 if the Economics modules' credit value is not 40.

Year level 3

Select two semester modules (or the credit value thereof) either from the same discipline as for yr level 2; or from Political Science or from Economics together with one additional module at yr level 3 if the Economics modules' credit value is not 60.

Note:

- In collaboration with the coordinator, students can select any other appropriate modules as electives from the Faculty of Humanities.
- If Geography is taken as an elective at first-year level, a sufficient number of modules must be taken to ensure that the credit value for this subject is at least 24.
- Geoinformatics and Meteorology can only be taken in combination with Geography.

Academic literacy

The academic literacy of all students who enrol at the University of Pretoria for the first time and all new students enrolling with the Faculty of Humanities for the first time will be assessed at the start of the academic year by means of their NSC marks.

1. Students following a degree programme in English: The NSC Grade 12 English mark will be used to determine whether students in the Faculty of Humanities should register for the academic literacy modules (ALL 110 and ALL 125 in English):
 - Home Language: Students with a 4 or lower register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.
 - First Additional Language: Students with a 5 or lower register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.
2. Students following a degree programme in Afrikaans: The NSC Grade 12 Afrikaans mark will be used to determine whether students in the Faculty of Humanities should register for the academic literacy modules (VAG 110 and VAG 125 in Afrikaans):



- Home Language: Students with a 4 or lower register for VAG 110 and VAG 125.

All students in the Faculty of Humanities who are identified as being at risk in terms of their level of academic literacy, are compelled to obtain at least 12 credits in the academic literacy modules ALL 110 or VAG 110 and ALL 125 or VAG 125.

All students in the Faculty of Humanities who are not at risk in terms of their level of academic literacy, are compelled to obtain at least 12 credits in language modules:

Department of English

ENG 110 Introduction to literature in English (I)

ENG 120 Introduction to literature in English (II)

ENG 118 English for specific purposes

Departement Afrikaans

AFR 110 Afrikaanse taalkunde en letterkunde

AFR 120 Afrikaanse taalkunde en letterkunde

AFR 114 Afrikaans vir sprekers van ander tale (I)

Department of African Languages

NDE 110 Introduction to isiNdebele grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take isiNdebele in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

ZUL 110 IsiZulu for beginners

ZUL 111 Introduction to isiZulu grammar – Capita selecta

* Students want to take isiZulu in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

SEP 110 Sepedi for beginners

SEP 111 Introduction to Sepedi Grammar – Capita selecta

* Students who want to take Sepedi in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

STW 110 Setswana for beginners

STW 111 Introduction to Setswana Grammar – Capita selecta

*Students who want to take Setswana in the second semester, should also register for AFT 121 (African languages literature: Capita selecta)

Department of Modern European Languages

DTS 104 German for beginners

DTS 113 German: Cultural-professional (1) *Prerequisite: Grade 12 German

FRN 104 French for beginners

FRN 113 French: Cultural-professional (1) *Prerequisite: Grade 12 French

SPN 101 Spanish for beginners

SPN 102 Spanish for beginners

PTG 101 Portuguese for beginners

Department of Ancient Languages and Cultures

HEB 110 Hebrew

LAT 110 Latin

GRK 110 Greek



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 130

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology. Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Information Science



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules

Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Unit for Academic Literacy

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module intends to equip students to cope more confidently and competently with the reading and understanding of a variety of texts, to apply these skills in a variety of contexts and to follow the conventions of academic writing.



Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125)

Module credits	6.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Unit for Academic Literacy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module equips students to understand and use a range of discipline-specific terminology; apply the strategies of critical and comprehensive reading to their own academic literacy; apply the conventions of academic writing to their own writing, using the process approach, to produce intelligible academic texts and use the correct referencing technique as required by the faculty.

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101)

Module credits	0.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Humanities Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Politics 101 (PTO 101)

Module credits	24.00
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year



Module content

An introduction to the study of organised political society at national and international levels with specific reference to political concepts, approaches and methods. The emphasis is on state and governance as frameworks for analysis in light of the salient changes brought about at national and international levels by globalisation. Attention is paid to the corresponding dynamics of regime development, performance and change at national and international levels considering increasing challenges to national sovereignty from within and without states in a context of a growing global agenda dealing with transnational issues and challenges, such as the environment, human rights, development and humanitarian intervention.

Elective modules

Anthropology 110 (APL 110)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Anthropology and Archaeology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to Anthropology

This introduction to anthropology introduces basic themes of the discipline including ritual, religion, marriage and sex. It combines classic studies with recent scholarship, and asks the 'big question' about human society and human cultures that offer challenging perspectives on the world we live in.

Anthropology 120 (APL 120)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Anthropology and Archaeology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Small places, Large issues

This module builds on the ethnographic and theoretical themes introduced in APL 110, asking particular questions about how we may think about the relationship between the local and the global; indigenous and universal; public and private; the real and the possible.

German for beginners 104 (DTS 104)

Module credits 24.00



Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*No previous knowledge of or experience in German required for admission. Students who passed grade 12 German are not allowed to register for this module

An intensive introductory study of the German language focusing on the acquisition of basic communication skills, namely listening, reading, speaking and writing. It also offers a brief introduction to the culture of German-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level A2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

German: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (DTS 113)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	Grade 12 German
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Comprehensive review of German grammar; development of reading, writing, speaking and understanding skills; analysis and interpretation of texts.

German: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (DTS 123)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	DTS 113
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Continuation of comprehensive review of German; further development of reading, writing, speaking and understanding skills; analysis and interpretation of texts.



Economics 110 (EKN 110)

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Economics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module deals with the core principles of economics. A distinction between macroeconomics and microeconomics is made. A discussion of the market system and circular flow of goods, services and money is followed by a section dealing with microeconomic principles, including demand and supply analysis, consumer behaviour and utility maximisation, production and the costs thereof, and the different market models and firm behaviour. Labour market institutions and issues, wage determination, as well as income inequality and poverty are also addressed. A section of money, banking, interest rates and monetary policy concludes the course.

Economics 120 (EKN 120)

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites EKN 110 GS or EKN 113 GS and at least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination or 60% in STK 113 and concurrently registered for STK 123

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Economics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with the core principles of economics, especially macroeconomic measurement the private and public sectors of the South African economy receive attention, while basic macroeconomic relationships and the measurement of domestic output and national income are discussed. Aggregate demand and supply analysis stands core to this course which is also used to introduce students to the analysis of economic growth, unemployment and inflation. The microeconomics of government is addressed in a separate section, followed by a section on international economics, focusing on international trade, exchange rates and the balance of payments. The economics of developing countries and South Africa in the global economy conclude the course.



English 110 (ENG 110)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*Alternative evening classes - 2 discussion classes per week
Introduction to Literature in English (1)
This module introduces the study of literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, prose, drama). The texts studied here will be mainly from the pre-twentieth century era and may include texts written in English from both Africa and other parts of the world. The aim of this module is to equip students with the critical and analytical skills required for a perceptive reading of poetry, novels and plays.

English 120 (ENG 120)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

*Alternative evening classes: 2 discussion classes per week

Introduction to Literature in English (2)

This module introduces the study of post-nineteenth century literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, drama, prose). Texts will be from both Africa and other parts of the world. By the end of this module students should have the background and analytical skills to perceptively read modern and contemporary poetry, novels and plays.



Philosophy 110 (FIL 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy

The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to the four main subfields of Philosophy, namely epistemology and metaphysics, ethics and political philosophy. This module introduces students to two of these subfields. Students must contact the Department of Philosophy to ascertain which two subfields are covered in each semester as the choice may change from time to time due to availability of teaching staff. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as critical judgment and discernment.

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy

The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to the four main subfields of Philosophy, namely epistemology and metaphysics, ethics and political philosophy. This module introduces students to two of these subfields. Students must contact the Department of Philosophy to ascertain which two subfields are covered in each semester as the choice may change from time to time due to availability of teaching staff. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as critical judgment and discernment.



French for beginners 104 (FRN 104)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*No previous knowledge of or experience in French required for admission. Students who passed grade 12 French are not allowed to register for this module.

An intensive introductory study of the French language focusing on the acquisition of basic communication skills, namely listening, reading, speaking and writing. It also offers a brief introduction to the culture of French-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level A2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

French: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (FRN 113)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	Grade 12 French
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Comprehensive review of French grammar; development of reading, writing, speaking and understanding skills; analysis and interpretation of texts.

French: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (FRN 123)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	FRN 113
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

Comprehensive review of French grammar; further development of reading, writing, speaking and understanding skills; analysis and interpretation of texts.

History 110 (GES 110)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Historical and Heritage Stud

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The making of the Modern World: a survey

A selection of themes on Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe and their contribution to the making of the Modern World.

History 120 (GES 120)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Historical and Heritage Stud

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Africa and South Africa: a survey

An overview focusing on the making of African and South African societies from the earliest times to the present with emphasis on the most significant historical forces, factors and events.

Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156)

Module credits 8.00



Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 2

Module content

This module begins by fostering an understanding of human geography. Then follows with the political ordering of space; cultural diversity as well as ethnic geography globally and locally; population geography of the world and South Africa: and four economic levels of development. The purpose is to place South Africa in a world setting and to understand the future of the country.

Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 3

Module content

Investigating southern African landscapes and placing them in a theoretical and global context. The geomorphological evolution of southern Africa. Introduction to the concepts of Geomorphology and its relationships with other physical sciences (e.g. meteorology, climatology, geology, hydrology and biology). The processes and controls of landform and landscape evolution. Tutorial exercises cover basic techniques of geomorphological analysis, and topical issues in Geomorphology.

Sociology 110 (SOC 110)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: The individual and society

An introduction to sociology, the classical sociological paradigm and the principles of sociological research.

Part 2: *The making of the South African order*

This section explores key factors involved in the making and shaping of the contemporary South African social order and considers the sociological implications thereof. Students will be introduced to the political economy of South Africa, with an emphasis on the nature of South Africa's industrialisation, the process of proletarianisation and the introduction of the migration labour system. In addition, the racial state, the foundations of its social project, and the spatial form of its 20th century racial modernity will be considered.

Sociology 120 (SOC 120)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: The sociology of institutions

An introduction to the social dynamics of institutions such as the family, the state, the economy, religion, education, and civil society, with specific focus on Southern Africa.

Part 2: Social stratification: Race, class and gender

The nature and dynamics of social stratification and inequality will be explored. Race, gender and class are the foci of the section. The South African reality in this regard is highlighted.

Spanish for beginners (1) 101 (SPN 101)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 discussion classes per week, 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Modern European Languages

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

*No previous knowledge of Spanish is required. Please note: Students with an advanced knowledge of Spanish (e.g. levels B1, B2 or higher) are not allowed to register for this module.

An introductory study of the Spanish language focusing on the acquisition of basic communication skills, namely listening, reading, speaking and writing. It also offers a brief introduction to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level A set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

Climate and weather of Southern Africa 164 (WKD 164)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 4

Module content

An introduction to the climate and general seasonal climatic circulation patterns of Southern Africa. Basic weather types and weather processes within the Southern African context. Interpretation of synoptic maps and synoptic station reports. Impacts of climate change and extreme climate events on society.

*BSc (Geography) and BSc (Environmental Sciences) students may register for WKD 155. Students are not allowed to earn credits for both WKD 155 and WKD 164.

Introduction to environmental sciences 101 (ENV 101)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 1

Module content

Introducing the basic concepts and interrelationships required to understand the complexity of natural environmental problems, physical and human environment, human induced environmental problems, the ways in which the natural environment affects human society and biodiversity, an introduction to major environmental issues in Southern Africa and sustainable development in the context of environmental issues.



Religion studies 110 (REL 110)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Theology Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The world of religion

What is religion? The functions of religion. Studying religion. Perspectives on religion. Common concepts and key terms in various religions will be dealt with - also generic dimensions and aspects. The interdependence of religion, culture and society.

Religion studies 120 (REL 120)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Theology Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Kaleidoscope of religions

The occurrence of religion in societies. Types of religion. Primal religions. Christianity, Judaism, Islam. A variety of religions will be addressed: capita selecta will be made from Christianity; Hinduism; Buddhism; New Religions; New Age; main developments in the world and South Africa.

Spanish for beginners (2) 102 (SPN 102)

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	SPN 101
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

Please note: Students with an advanced knowledge of Spanish (e.g. levels B1, B2 or higher) are not allowed to register for this module.

An intensive introductory study of the Spanish language focusing on the acquisition of basic communication skills, namely listening, reading, speaking and writing. It also offers a brief introduction to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level A2 set by the "Common European Framework for Reference for Languages."



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

International relations 210 (IPL 210)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101 (GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

International theory and organisation

What causes war and peace? Can international order and justice be reconciled? Does the international structure matter? The answers depend on the theoretical lenses through which world politics are viewed. An overview is provided of competing theoretical perspectives of international relations. It includes mainstream and alternative perspectives, as well as the underlying ideas, theories and variants of each. These theories also propose different approaches to global peace, amongst others peace through international organisation. A comprehensive analysis is made of selected international organisations with a universal or regional scope, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Southern African Development Community, and of international law that underpins these organisations and their activities.

International relations 220 (IPL 220)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101 (GS), IPL 210(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2



Module content

Foreign policy and diplomacy

A short introduction to the study of foreign policy is followed by an explanation of the use of the comparative method and a framework for foreign policy analysis and evaluation. This allows for a comparative study of the foreign policies of selected states from the major regions of the world, amongst others of South African foreign policy. In each case study the policy environment, the formulation and implementation processes, as well as the substance of the particular state's foreign policy are covered. Thereafter the focus narrows to diplomacy: the oldest, most versatile and universally used instrument of foreign policy. The nature, history, modes of diplomacy and legal framework of the institution are explored. Examples are drawn from global practice, with specific consideration of the evolution of diplomatic practice within the African and South African context.

Political science 210 (STL 210)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Political dynamics (Micro)

The study of the theory and practice of behavioural phenomena in politics. With reference to appropriate examples, the emphasis is on the study of political culture, leadership, communication, interests groups, parties and party systems; on elections, electoral systems, voting behaviour; and on public opinion and direct popular control techniques.

Political science 220 (STL 220)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101 (GS), STL 210(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2



Module content

Political dynamics (Macro)

A theoretical basis and framework is provided for the description, analysis and classification of political and policy problems. The emphasis is on the nature of the state, governance and conflict in Africa. Amongst others a study is made of the issues of colonialism and post-colonialism, democratisation, authoritarianism and the development of the state in Africa, in the context of a globalising world.

Elective modules

Anthropology 210 (APL 210)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites APL 110(GS)

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Anthropology and Archaeology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Sex, gender and healing This module explores sex, sexuality, gender, sickness and healing. It entails analysing the ways in which these concepts are understood in diverse social contexts and studies how anthropologists think about them in contemporary society.

Anthropology 220 (APL 220)

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites APL 110, APL 120(GS)

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Anthropology and Archaeology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Power and wealth This module explores anthropological perspectives on politics, power and wealth in colonial and postcolonial contexts. Key concepts that are discussed include anthropological approaches to citizenship, cosmopolitanism, hegemony, human rights, neoliberalism, sovereignty, civil society, gender, race and class.

Economics 214 (EKN 214)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



Prerequisites	EKN 110 GS and EKN 120 or EKN 113 GS and EKN 123 and STK 110 GS and STK 120 GS
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Macroeconomics

From Wall and Bay Street to Diagonal Street: a thorough understanding of the mechanisms and theories explaining the workings of the economy is essential. Macroeconomic insight is provided on the real market, the money market, two market equilibrium, monetarism, growth theory, cyclical analysis, inflation, Keynesian general equilibrium analysis and fiscal and monetary policy issues.

Economics 224 (EKN 224)

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	EKN 110 GS and EKN 120 or EKN 113 GS and EKN 123; and STK 110 GS and 120 GS
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Microeconomics

Microeconomic insight is provided into: consumer and producer theory, general microeconomic equilibrium, Pareto-optimality and optimality of the price mechanism, welfare economics, market forms and the production structure of South Africa. Statistic and econometric analysis of microeconomic issues.

Modern English literature and English studies 210 (ENG 210)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	ENG 110, ENG 120
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	English



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*Alternative evening classes - 3 discussion classes per week

Modern English literature and English language studies

This module focuses on post-nineteenth century literature in English as well as on historical and theoretical aspects of the English language.

English 220 (ENG 220)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites ENG 110, ENG 120

Contact time 2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

*Alternative evening classes - 3 discussion classes per week

Twentieth-century, postcolonial and contemporary literature

This module focuses on post-nineteenth century literature in English. Various genres are covered and particular attention is given to postcolonial writing.

Philosophy 210 (FIL 210)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites At least one of FIL 110, 120

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Philosophy

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

History of modern philosophy I and II

A concise history of modern philosophy. The following are examples of themes that may be explored: The Renaissance, the Scientific Revolution, the foundations of the modern worldview (in contrast to the premodern), the European Enlightenment, Romanticism, German Idealism (Kant and Hegel), Marx and Marxism, Kierkegaard and Existentialism, the philosophy of Nietzsche. A selection of contemporary critical responses to modern philosophy may be explored; these may include for example African philosophy, analytical (Anglo-American) philosophy, postmodernism, neo-Marxism, etc.



Philosophy 220 (FIL 220)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	At least one of FIL 110, 120
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Political philosophy and ethics

In this module the ways in which human reality is reflected on in practical philosophy, are examined. Both the analytical, interpretative perspective and the normative perspective are covered. This is done with the aid of a selection of key themes and texts from the history of philosophy, but with special attention to their contemporary relevance. The first of the two foci of this semester module will be on political philosophy. Among the issues that may be covered are justice, power, ideology, authority, the social contract, law, legitimacy, recognition, etc. The second focus of this semester module will be on ethics. Among the issues that may be covered are the formation of rules, principles, ideal, dispositions and the capability to judge that regulate such diverse phenomena as freedom, equality, rights, distribution, oppression. pluralism, and others. The classical approaches to ethics - virtue ethics, deontology, consequentialism - will form the backdrop against which moral philosophy will be discussed. In this module, in general, the student can expect to be exposed to the work of Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Sidgwick, Nietzsche, Weber, Mead, Arendt, Habermas, Rawls, Ricoeur, Walzer, Young, Sen, Honneth, and others.

History 210 (GES 210)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	GES 120(GS)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Historical and Heritage Stud
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Themes from African History A selection of themes on the history of Africa and its people during pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial times, focusing on the social, political and economic forces that helped shape the African historical experience.

History 220 (GES 220)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education



Prerequisites GES 110(GS), GES 120(GS)

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Historical and Heritage Stud

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Rise and fall of segregation and apartheid Focuses on the origin and theoretical foundations of these policies and their entrenchment in SA legislation. The resistance against the institution of these respective policies and the subsequent dismantling of apartheid. The impact on social, cultural and economic terrain.

Process geomorphology 252 (GGY 252)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites GGY 166 or GLY 155

Contact time 4 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 2

Module content

Physical processes that influence the earth's surface and management. Specific processes and their interaction in themes such as weathering; soil erosion; slope, mass movement and fluvial processes. Practical laboratory exercises are based on the themes covered in the module theory component.

Geographic information systems introduction 221 (GIS 221)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites Prohibited combination GGY 283

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

*GIS 221 does not lead to admission to any module at 300 level.

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), theoretical concepts and applications of GIS. The focus will be on the GIS process of data input, data analysis, data output and associated technologies. This module teaches students to use GIS as a tool.



Religion studies 210 (REL 210)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Theology Dean's Office

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Focus on religion

Part 1: Christianity

Jesus as founder of Christianity; Images of Jesus; current research on the 'historical Jesus'; core issues in the debate on the 'historical Jesus'. Capita selecta from themes like: New Testament Christianity; Christian history in survey; Christian missions; After the Industrial Revolution and the Enlightenment; Christianity in a secularist age; The rise of Third World Christianity.

Part 2: Traditional African religiosity

Primal religion and traditional African religion; Traditional life and world view. Key elements like: Concept of time; Concept of God; Ancestral cult; Power doctors, healers and cultic leadership; Ethics: Examples of African religion; San religion; Zulu religion; Shona religion.

Religion studies 220 (REL 220)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Theology Dean's Office

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Myth, symbols and other phenomena

Religion in diachronic and phenomenological perspective; Cosmologies and theologies; Myth and narrative; Ritual; Spirituality; Offices; Symbolism and communication. The module will focus primarily on mythical motives and thought patterns in the Old and New Testaments. By means of a capita selecta the chosen texts are analysed within the timeframe and world view of their own origin.

Part 2: Ancient religions

The content, characteristics and influence of religions in the Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean worlds will be studied: e.g. Egypt, Canaan, Mesopotamia, Greece etc. (A selection will be made every year.)



Religion studies 221 (REL 221)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Theology Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Religion and ethics

Sources of ethical decision making. Comparative survey of major ethical principles. Religion and ethics on: Politics, Economics, Justice, Human rights, freedom and responsibility, Society, Sexuality, etc.

Part 2: African life issues

The aim of this module is to acquaint the student with life issues from Africa regarding community life. The role of women in the community. The role and function of music as religious experience. Perspectives on time from a religious viewpoint. Aspects regarding evil. Perspectives on personal and community relationships as seen from religious texts. Initiation rites, rituals and religion. Patriarchs, ancestors and worship.

Sociology 210 (SOC 210)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	SOC 110(GS), SOC 120(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: *Sociology of work: Globalisation*

The contemporary process of globalisation at a world level impacts on the process of change and economic development. This section will discuss processes and debates associated with economic globalisation and the global dominance of finance capital in the late 20th and early 21st century. We will review contemporary debates associated with these issues.

Part 2: *Gender, family and households*

This section focuses on theories and issues relevant to the understanding of households, families and gender. It addresses thematics such as dynamic family structures, poverty, the survival strategies of poor households, gender-based violence and the ways in which the aforementioned affect family life and forms as well as children and youth in particular. A special emphasis is placed on exploring these issues in a Southern African context.



Sociology 220 (SOC 220)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	SOC 110, SOC 120(GS)
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: *Demography, health and society*

This section explores the dynamic relationship between demography and health, with examples drawn from South African and international case studies. The substantial increase in world population during the past century compounds key issues faced by contemporary societies. Interplay between demographic processes, such as morbidity, mortality, fertility and mobility, impact on the size of a population. In turn, these are to an extent shaped by the structure of a population as well as the cultural context of a society. Central to this are concerns around health and disease.

Part 2: *Cultural Sociology*

This section explores themes in cultural sociology, with an emphasis on the ways in which meaning is constructed in everyday life by individuals as well as collectives, on the one hand, and the intersection between culture and institutional forms and social structure on the other. Students will be introduced to the work of some of the key thinkers in the field, and will be provided with the opportunity to write an independent essay on a theme in cultural sociology.

Spanish: Intermediate (1) 211 (SPN 211)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	SPN 102
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on the further development of communicative skills with special emphasis on the receptive activities of the language, namely listening and reading. Careful attention is given to critical aspects of Spanish grammar. Short fictional and non-fictional texts are used for comprehension as well as for demonstrating cultural aspects of the Spanish-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.1 set by the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages".

Spanish: Intermediate (2) 221 (SPN 221)

Module credits	20.00
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Prerequisites	SPN 211
Contact time	4 discussion classes per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module continues with the development of communicative skills of the language. Special attention is given to the comprehension of written texts, spoken and audio-visual inputs. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

City structure, environment and society 266 (GGY 266)

Module credits	24.00
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An urbanising world. Urban structure and land use. Urban processes. The urban environment. Social structure and change in cities. Living in the city. Economy, society and politics in the city. Third-world cities and South African cities. Urban futures.

German: Intermediate (1) 211 (DTS 211)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	DTS 104 or DTS 113 or DTS 123 (before 2011) or Grade 12 German
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on the further development of communication skills with special emphasis on the receptive activities of the language, namely listening and reading. Careful attention is given to critical aspects of German grammar. Short fictional and non-fictional texts are used for comprehension as well as for demonstrating cultural aspects of the German-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.



German: Intermediate (2) 221 (DTS 221)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	DTS 211
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module continues with the development of communicative skills of the language. Special attention is given to the comprehension of non-fictional and literary written texts, spoken and audio-visual inputs, as well as the application of knowledge of German grammar in oral and written production. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

French: Intermediate (1) 211 (FRN 211)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	FRN 104 or FRN 123
Contact time	4 discussion classes per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on the further development of communication skills with special emphasis on the receptive activities of the language, namely listening and reading. Careful attention is given to critical aspects of French grammar. Short fictional and non-fictional texts are used for comprehension as well as for demonstrating cultural aspects of the French-speaking countries. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

French: Intermediate (2) 221 (FRN 221)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	FRN 211
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

This module continues with the development of communicative skills of the language. Special attention is given to the comprehension of non-fictional and literary written texts, spoken and audio-visual inputs, as well as the application of knowledge of French grammar in oral and written production. This module complies with the requirements for level B1.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

International relations 310 (IPL 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101, IPL 210(GS), 220(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

International political economy

The nature and functioning of the international contemporary political-economic order are analysed against the background of the process of globalisation. The focus is on the interaction of political and economic trends and issues such as the economic importance and political impact of regional trade blocs; the debt burden of states; international aid; the role and influence of multinational corporations; and the transfer of technology to less-developed countries; the rise of new economic powers in the Global South; and global economic governance.

International relations 320 (IPL 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101, IPL 210(GS), 220(GS), 310(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Security and strategic studies

A study of traditional and contemporary approaches to security and strategy. Attention is paid to new theories on war, security and strategy; military and non-military security issues and threats; the national security of developing states; as well as the relationship between policy, strategy and tactics. The latter includes an introductory overview of the nature, levels, patterns, forms and instruments of strategy, and the laws of war. The national, regional and continental security situation in Africa and modes of multilateral security cooperation in particular are analysed, also in relation to extra-continental trends. Regarding the aforesaid, emphasis is placed on the legal and institutional framework, national security policy and strategic posture of South Africa.



Elective modules

Anthropology 310 (APL 310)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	APL 210(GS)
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Africa: anthropological perspectives Contemporary ethnographic studies in the African continent, with particular reference to politics, war, resettlement and refugees, religion, identity formation and identity politics, ethnicity and class, and consumption.

Anthropology 320 (APL 320)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	APL 210, APL 220(GS)
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Anthropology and Archaeology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Fieldwork, ethnography and theory This module reviews themes such as conducting fieldwork, writing ethnography and developing theory in anthropology. The module allows the opportunity to gain experience with ethnographic field methods in order to develop insight into the implications of methodological choices and their relationship to research questions and settings.

German: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (DTS 361)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DTS 221 or DTS 261, 262, 263 and 264
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to German linguistics. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.1 set by the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages".



German: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (DTS 362)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DTS 221 or DTS 261, 262, 263 and 264
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Analysis, interpretation and appropriation of relevant texts from different disciplines. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

German: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (DTS 363)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DTS 221 or DTS 261, 262, 263 and 264
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Principles of textual grammar of the German language. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

German: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (DTS 364)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DTS 221 or DTS 261, 262, 263 and 264
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Analysis, interpretation and appropriation of literary texts in cultural-historical perspective. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

Economics 310 (EKN 310)

Module credits	20.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	EKN 214, EKN 234 or EKN 224, EKN 244
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Public finance

Role of government in the economy. Welfare economics and theory of optimality. Ways of correcting market failures. Government expenditure theories, models and programmes. Government revenue. Models on taxation, effects of taxation on the economy. Assessment of taxation from an optimality and efficiency point of view. South African perspective on public finance.

Economics 314 (EKN 314)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	EKN 234, EKN 244
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

International trade/finance

International economic insight is provided into international economic relations and history, theory of international trade, international capital movements, international trade politics, economic and customs unions and other forms or regional cooperation and integration, international monetary relations, foreign exchange markets, exchange rate issues and the balance of payments, as well as open economy macroeconomic issues.

Economics 320 (EKN 320)

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	EKN 310 GS
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week



Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Economics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Economic analyses

Identification, collection and interpretation process of relevant economic data; the national accounts (i.e. income and production accounts, the national financial account, the balance of payments and input-output tables); economic growth; inflation; employment, unemployment, wages, productivity and income distribution; business cycles; financial indicators; fiscal indicators; social indicators; international comparisons; relationships between economic time series - regression analysis; long-term future studies and scenario analysis; overall assessment of the South African economy from 1994 onwards.

Economics 325 (EKN 325)

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites EKN 214, EKN 234

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Economics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Economic policy and development: Capita select

The course provides an introduction to growth economics and also to some topics on development economics. Firstly, historical evidence is covered and then the canonical Solow growth model and some of its empirical applications (human capital and convergence). Secondly, the new growth theory (the AK and the Romer models of endogenous growth) are covered. Some of the development topics to be covered include technology transfer, social infrastructure and natural resources.

English 310 (ENG 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites ENG 210, ENG 220

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Mediaeval and Renaissance literature

In this module students study the works of representative writers from Chaucer to Shakespeare and Milton. The general characteristics and techniques of these authors are discussed in relation to developments in aesthetic theory, generic conventions and socio-historical change.

English 311 (ENG 311)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites ENG 158 and a minimum of 64 credits in ENG modules. In addition, students must achieve a minimum average of 65% in the second-year ENG modules or pass a departmental entrance test.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Editing principles and practice

This module practises several basic language-editing skills on a variety of texts from different fields and of varying levels of complexity for specific target audiences. The principles of plain language editing are also introduced and strategies for overcoming textual complexity for given audiences are explored. Special attention is also given to the demands of editing South African English, client relations and the ethics of editing. Considerable practical work is required.

English 320 (ENG 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites ENG 220

Contact time 2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation English

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Augustan, Romantic and 19th-century literature

In this module students read a representative selection of 18th- and 19th-century texts in English. The general characteristics and techniques of these texts are discussed in relation to developments in aesthetic theory, generic conventions and socio-historical change.



English 322 (ENG 322)

Module credits	30.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	ENG 158 and a minimum of 64 credits in ENG modules.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	English
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to teaching English to speakers of other languages.

This module introduces both the theoretical and practical dimensions of TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Areas covered include (i) the nature of the foreign/second language learning process; (ii) the major approaches and methods of foreign/second language teaching and (iii) focused methodologies for teaching grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, speaking and listening.

Philosophy 310 (FIL 310)

Module credits	30.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	At least three of FIL 110, 120, 210, 220
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Module content

Philosophical anthropology and cognitive philosophy

In this module the focus is on the quest to understand humankind and its relations to reality and knowledge. Both the analytical, interpretative perspective and the normative perspective are covered. This is done with the aid of a selection of key themes and texts from the history of philosophy, but with special attention to their contemporary relevance. The first of the two foci of this semester module is philosophical anthropology or contemporary metaphysics. Themes covered may include: Is a human more than the sum total of its properties?; the relation between consciousness, self-consciousness and the human unconscious; the meaning of life; the nature of personal identity; the issue of free will, and others. The second focus of the semester module is the cognitive disciplines of philosophy, such as philosophy of science, philosophy of mind and epistemology. In philosophy of science, themes covered may include the types of reasoning in science, the nature and role of explanations in science, the scientific realism debate, the nature of scientific progress, justification of scientific theories, the role of truth in science, and others. In philosophy of mind, themes covered may include the relation between spirit, psyche and body - the mind-body problem, the nature of consciousness and qualia, dualism, materialism, functionalism, physicalism, supervenience, intentionality, and others. In epistemology themes covered may include rationalism, empiricism, transcendental, idealism and Kant foundationalism coherentism, epistemic internalism and externalism, radical scepticism, and others.

Philosophy 320 (FIL 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites FIL 110, 120, 210, 220 and 310

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Philosophy

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Philosophical hermeneutics and social philosophy

The first of the two foci of this semester module is a discussion and analysis of philosophical perspectives on the hermeneutical problem (the problem of understanding and interpretation), with particular attention to contemporary thinkers such as Nietzsche, Heidegger, Gadamer and Derrida. The second focus of the semester module is social philosophy where philosophical questions on social forms, structures, institutions, practices, habitus and ethos will be raised. A range of themes may be investigated, such as structure and agency, social imaginaries, new social formations, institutional cultures, gender and sexuality, subject constitution, and others. Furthermore, the framing of these themes in a spectrum of approaches including Critical Theory, Theory of Ideology, Constructivism, Social Action Theory, Metaphorology, Critical Race Theory, Genealogy, and others will be analysed and explored.

French: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (FRN 361)

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites FRN 221 or FRN 261, 262, 263 and 264 (before 2011)



Contact time	2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Principles of textual grammar of the French language. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

French: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (FRN 362)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	FRN 221 or FRN 261, 262, 263 and 264 (before 2011)
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 2 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Analysis, interpretation and appropriation of relevant audio-visual material and texts from non-fictional and fictional sources.

This module complies with the requirements for level B2.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

French: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (FRN 363)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	FRN 361
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Principles of grammar of the French language. Introduction to professional translation and interpreting for the purpose of learning French as a foreign language.

French: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (FRN 364)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	FRN 362
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class



Academic organisation Modern European Languages

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Analysis, interpretation and appropriation of literary texts in cultural-historical perspective.

History 310 (GES 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites GES 110, GES 120; GES 210(GS), GES 220

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Historical and Heritage Stud

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Historical trends in the modern world A selection of political, economic and social themes.

History 320 (GES 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites GES 210, 220 or approval of HOD

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Historical and Heritage Stud

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Globalisation, diversity and change Theories and interpretation on the process of change. Globalisation and its significance for, inter alia, the global economy, the nation-state, nationalism, ethnicity and culture.

Environmental geomorphology 361 (GGY 361)

Module credits 18.00

Service modules Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites GGY 252 and only for students studying BSc (Geography) or BSc (Environmental Sciences).

Contact time 4 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor



Period of presentation Quarter 4

Module content

*Note: The module is available for BSc (Geography) and BSc (Environmental Sciences) students only. The theory content of this module is the same as GGY 363 and students are not allowed to earn credits for both GGY 361 and GGY 363.

Interactions of geomorphic processes within the physical and built environments; themes such as geomorphology and environmental change, slope processes and the environment, geomorphic risks and hazards, soil erosion and conservation, geomorphology in environmental management, applied weathering. Practicals involve fieldwork including sampling and mapping and subsequent laboratory analysis.

Applied geomorphology 363 (GGY 363)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites GGY 252

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 4

Module content

*Note: The content of this module is the same as GGY 361 and students are not allowed to earn credits for both GGY 361 and GGY 363.

Interactions of geomorphic processes within the physical and built environments; themes such as geomorphology and environmental change, slope processes and the environment, geomorphic risks and hazards, soil erosion and conservation, geomorphology in environmental management, applied weathering.

Religion studies 310 (REL 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Theology Dean's Office

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Part 1: Reflecting on religion

Theories about religion; Religion and ideology; Secularism; Uniqueness; Doctrinal issues, etc.

Part 2: Topical issues

The relationship between religion and various topical issues in society will be addressed, like: Religion and society; religion and gender; religion and economics; religion, politics and the state; religion and the environment, etc.

Religion studies 320 (REL 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Theology Dean's Office

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Religions as neighbours

Plurality; Religious interaction; Practical issues, e.g. Themes to be addressed are: conflict, propaganda, indoctrination, dialogue, syncretism, respect and tolerance. Models of dealing with plurality will be studied, e.g. fundamentalism, relativism, pluralism, inclusivism, exclusivism, secularism and co-responsibility and cooperation.

Part 2: Religion and the arts

Iconography; overview on the exposition of biblical themes in the expressive arts and music; religious aspects of well-known artefacts and musical compositions; function of art and music in worship.

Sociology 310 (SOC 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites SOC 120, SOC 210(GS), SOC 220(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Part 1: *Social theory*

This section focuses on contemporary social theory, in order to extend and broaden students' understanding of social theory beyond the classical canon. Students will be introduced to key conceptual vocabularies, theoretical paradigms and contemporary bodies of work in social theory. In addition, the way in which scholars who work on South Africa have drawn on social theory to inform and enrich their work is emphasized.

Part 2: Labour studies

The section addresses sociological approaches to the workplace. It will critically assess labour market policy and examine issues such as management practice, employment and unemployment, and discrimination and flexibility in the labour market in South Africa.

Sociology 320 (SOC 320)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites SOC 210, SOC 220(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: *Rural and urban sociology*

This section considers the relationship between the rural and urban, against the backdrop of the emergence and development of both capitalism in its various guises and globalisation within the twentieth and twenty-first centuries in the global North and South. Questions on the nature of social interaction in communities, changing ways of relating, inequality and livelihoods, collective action, local cultures and modernities are considered.

Part 2: *Sociology of religion*

This section looks at religion and secularism in social context. Specific emphasis is placed on religion and secularism as forces for social change.

Political science 310 (STL 310)

Module credits 30.00

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101, STL 210(GS), 220(GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Political theory

A theoretical and normative study of political ideas. This includes the study of key political thinkers such as Plato, Thomas Hobbes and John Rawls as well as the contemporary manifestations of ideologies such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism and nationalism. This normative assessment of politics concludes with a critical evaluation of the development, nature and practical value of prominent democratic theories including participatory, legal, and deliberative democracy.

Political science 320 (STL 320)

Module credits	30.00
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	PTO 101, STL 210(GS), STL 220(GS), 310(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Democratic studies

A high level critical analysis of democratic theory and practice. The analysis of democratic theory will include themes such as classical, radical, deliberative and feminist perspectives. The analysis of democratic practice will include aspects such as democratisation, democratic consolidation, democratic citizenship and society, the role and importance of civil society, the institutions and procedures for democracy and “good governance”.

Part 2: Political analysis

The methods and practice of political analysis is the focus of study. The principles and problems underpinning different approaches and methods of political analysis are described and explained. This includes the nature, methods and use of comparative analysis, forecasting, risk analysis, performance evaluation and the political audit. These analytical methods are positioned in a political and policy context, with emphasis on practical application. Applicable examples and case studies are used throughout.

Spanish: Intermediate (3) 311 (SPN 311)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	SPN 221
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Modern European Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Module content

A comprehensive review of Spanish grammar is presented in order to increase language proficiency with special emphasis on the productive activities of the language, namely speaking and writing. It also offers an introductory approach to Hispanic history. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.1 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

Spanish: Intermediate (4) 321 (SPN 321)

Module credits 30.00

Prerequisites SPN 311

Contact time 1 lecture per week, 4 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Modern European Languages

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module continues with the presentation of a comprehensive review of Spanish grammar in order to increase language proficiency with special emphasis on the interactive activities of the language, namely spoken and written interaction. It also offers an introductory approach to Hispanic literature. This module complies with the requirements for level B2.2 set by the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”.

Sustainable development 356 (GGY 356)

Module credits 18.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 1

Module content

The module conceptually integrates environmental, economic, and social components of sustainable development. Other topics covered include changing perceptions on development and environment, development paradigms, challenges of sustainable development, actors and actions in sustainable development, rural and urban livelihoods, and a Third World assessment of sustainable development in the developing world.

Development frameworks 366 (GGY 366)

Module credits 18.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.



Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 3

Module content

Classic development frameworks. Spatial development history and legacy in South Africa. Overview of contemporary environmental legislation in South Africa. Rural development strategy. Rural and agricultural reconstruction. Land reform. Urban development and strategy. Urban spatial reconstruction. National spatial development frameworks.

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