



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

## BSc Biological Sciences (02133397)

**Minimum duration of study** 3 years

**Total credits** 140

### 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.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students. Final admission is based on the Grade 12 results.

#### Minimum requirements

##### Achievement level

##### English Home

##### Language or

##### English First

##### Additional

##### Language

English Home		Mathematics		Physical Science		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
5	C	5	C	5	C	<b>30</b>

\* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BSc (Biological Sciences), may be considered for admission to the BSc - Extended programme for the Biological and Agricultural Sciences. The BSc - Extended programme takes place over a period of four years instead of the normal three years.

#### BSc Extended Programme for the Biological and Agricultural Sciences

##### Minimum requirements

##### Achievement level

##### English Home

##### Language or

##### English First

##### Additional

##### Language

English Home		Mathematics		Physical Science		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
4	D	4	D	4	D	<b>24</b>



## Other programme-specific information

A student must pass all the minimum prescribed and elective module credits as set out at the end of each year within a programme as well as the total required credits to comply with the particular degree programme. Please refer to the curricula of the respective programmes. At least 144 credits must be obtained at 300-/400-level, or otherwise as indicated by curriculum. The minimum module credits needed to comply with degree requirements is set out at the end of each study programme. Subject to the programmes as indicated a maximum of 150 credits will be recognised at 100-level. A student may, in consultation with the relevant head of department and subject to the permission by the Dean, select or replace prescribed module credits not indicated in BSc three-year study programmes to the equivalent of a maximum of 36 module credits.

It is important that the total number of prescribed module credits is completed during the course of the study programme. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, approve deviations in this regard. Subject to the programmes as indicated in the respective curricula, a student may not register for more than 75 module credits per semester at first-year level subject to permission by the Dean. A student may be permitted to register for up to 80 module credits in a the first semester during the first year provided that he or she obtained a final mark of no less than 70% for grade 12 Mathematics and achieved an APS of 34 or more in the NSC.

Students who are already in possession of a bachelor's degree, will not receive credit for modules of which the content overlap with modules from the degree that was already conferred. Credits will not be considered for more than half the credits passed previously for an uncompleted degree. No credits at the final-year or 300- and 400-level will be granted.

## Promotion to next study year

A student will be promoted to the following year of study if he or she passed 100 credits of the prescribed credits for a year of study, unless the Dean on the recommendation of the relevant head of department decides otherwise. A student who does not comply with the requirements for promotion to the following year of study, retains the credit for the modules already passed and may be admitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, to modules of the following year of study to a maximum of 48 credits, provided that it will fit in with both the lecture and examination timetable.

## Pass with distinction

A student obtains his or her degree with distinction if all prescribed modules at 300-level (or higher) are passed in one academic year with a weighted average of at least 75%, and obtain at least a subminimum of 65% in each of the relevant modules.



## Curriculum: Year 1

**Minimum credits: 140**

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Fundamental = 12

Core = 128

### **Additional information:**

Students who do not qualify for AIM 102 must register for AIM 111 and AIM 121.

Students who intend on applying for **MBChB**, or **BChD** selection, have to enrol for FIL 155(6), MGW 112(6) and MTL 180(12) with the understanding that they defer doing WTW 134 in the first semester, however, should they not be selected and want to continue with a BSc programme, WTW 165 must be taken in the second semester of the first year.

Students intending to apply for the **BVSc** selection have to enrol for MTL 180(12).

**Please note:** ANA modules can only be taken by **BSc (Medical Science)** students.

## Fundamental modules

### Academic information management 102 (AIM 102)

#### **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.

**Module credits** 6.00

#### **Service modules**

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 and Religion  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Information Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

#### **Module content:**

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



technology.

**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 and Religion

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Information Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

## Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

### 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.

**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 and Religion  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Informatics

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Language and study skills 110 (LST 110)

### Module content:

The module aims to equip students with the ability to cope with the reading and writing demands of scientific



disciplines.

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Unit for Academic Literacy
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Academic orientation 102 (UPO 102)

<b>Module credits</b>	0.00
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Natural and Agricultural Sciences Deans Office
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Year

## Core modules

### Biometry 120 (BME 120)

#### Module content:

Simple statistical analysis: Data collection and analysis: Samples, tabulation, graphical representation, describing location, spread and skewness. Introductory probability and distribution theory. Sampling distributions and the central limit theorem. Statistical inference: Basic principles, estimation and testing in the one- and two-sample cases (parametric and non-parametric). Introduction to experimental design. One- and twoway designs, randomised blocks. Multiple statistical analysis: Bivariate data sets: Curve fitting (linear and non-linear), growth curves. Statistical inference in the simple regression case. Categorical analysis: Testing goodness of fit and contingency tables. Multiple regression and correlation: Fitting and testing of models. Residual analysis. Computer literacy: Use of computer packages in data analysis and report writing.

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination, or at least 50% in both Statistics 113, 123
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Statistics



**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Plant biology 161 (BOT 161)

### Module content:

Basic plant structure and function; introductory plant taxonomy and plant systematics; principles of plant molecular biology and biotechnology; adaptation of plants to stress; medicinal compounds from plants; basic principles of plant ecology and their application in natural resource management.

**Module credits** 8.00

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

**Prerequisites** MLB 111 GS

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## General chemistry 117 (CMY 117)

### Module content:

General introduction to inorganic, analytical and physical chemistry. Atomic structure and periodicity. Molecular structure and chemical bonding using the VSEOR model. Nomenclature of inorganic ions and compounds. Classification of reactions: precipitation, acid-base, redox reactions and gas-forming reactions. Mole concept and stoichiometric calculations concerning chemical formulas and chemical reactions. Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions. Physical behaviour gases, liquids, solids and solutions and the role of intermolecular forces. Rate of reactions: Introduction to chemical kinetics.

**Module credits** 16.00

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** A candidate must have Mathematics for at least 60% and 60% for Physical Sciences.

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Chemistry

**Period of presentation** Semester 1



## General chemistry 127 (CMY 127)

### Module content:

Theory: General physical-analytical chemistry: Chemical equilibrium, acids and bases, buffers, solubility equilibrium, entropy and free energy, electrochemistry. Organic chemistry: Structure (bonding), nomenclature, isomerism, introductory stereochemistry, introduction to chemical reactions and chemical properties of organic compounds and biological compounds, i.e. carbohydrates and aminoacids. Practical: Molecular structure (model building), synthesis and properties of simple organic compounds.

**Module credits** 16.00

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** Natural and Agricultural Sciences students: CMY 117 GS or CMY 154 GS Health Sciences students: none

**Contact time** 4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Chemistry

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Introductory genetics 161 (GTS 161)

### Module content:

Chromosomes and cell division. Principles of Mendelian inheritance: locus and alleles, dominance interactions, extensions and modifications of basic principles.. Probability studies. Sex determination and sex linked traits. Pedigree analysis. Genetic linkage and chromosome mapping. Chromosome variation.

**Module credits** 8.00

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

**Prerequisites** MLB 111 GS

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly tutorials

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Introduction to microbiology 161 (MBY 161)

### Module content:

The module will introduce the student to the field of Microbiology. Basic Microbiological aspects that will be



covered include introduction into the diversity of the microbial world (bacteria, archaea, eukaryotic microorganisms and viruses), basic principles of cell structure and function, microbial nutrition and microbial growth and growth control. Applications in Microbiology will be illustrated by specific examples i.e. bioremediation, animal-microbial symbiosis, plant-microbial symbiosis and the use of microorganisms in industrial microbiology. Wastewater treatment, microbial diseases and food will be introduced using specific examples.

<b>Module credits</b>	8.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
<b>Prerequisites</b>	MLB 111 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, fortnightly tutorials
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

## Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111)

### Module content:

Introduction to the molecular structure and function of the cell. Basic chemistry of the cell. Structure and composition of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Ultrastructure and function of cellular organelles, membranes and the cytoskeleton. General principles of energy, enzymes and cell metabolism. Selected processes, e.g. glycolysis, respiration and/or photosynthesis. Introduction to molecular genetics: DNA structure and replication, transcription, translation. Cell growth and cell division.

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate who has passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical/tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

## Physics for biology students 131 (PHY 131)

### Module content:

Units, vectors, one dimensional kinematics, dynamics, work, equilibrium, sound, liquids, heat, thermodynamic processes, electric potential and capacitance, direct current and alternating current, optics, modern physics, radio activity.





<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
<b>Contact time</b>	1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Physics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Mathematics 134 (WTW 134)

#### Module content:

*\*Students will not be credited for more than one of the following modules for their degree: WTW 134, WTW 165, WTW 114, WTW 158. WTW 134 does not lead to admission to Mathematics at 200 level and is intended for students who require Mathematics at 100 level only. WTW 134 is offered as WTW 165 in the second semester only to students who have applied in the first semester of the current year for the approximately 65 MBChB, or the 5-6 BChD places becoming available in the second semester and who were therefore enrolled for MGW 112 in the first semester of the current year.*

Functions, derivatives, interpretation of the derivative, rules of differentiation, applications of differentiation, integration, interpretation of the definite integral, applications of integration. Matrices, solutions of systems of equations. All topics are studied in the context of applications.

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	50% for Mathematics in Grade 12
<b>Contact time</b>	4 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Mathematics 165 (WTW 165)

#### Module content:

*\*Students will not be credited for more than one of the following modules for their degree: WTW 134, WTW 165, WTW 114, WTW 158. WTW 165 does not lead to Mathematics at 200 level and is intended for students who require Mathematics at 100 level only. WTW 165 is offered in English in the second semester only to students who have applied in the first semester of the current year for the approximately 65 MBChB, or the 5-6 BChD*



places becoming available in the second semester and who were therefore enrolled for MGW 112 in the first semester of the current year.

Functions, derivatives, interpretation of the derivative, rules of differentiation, applications of differentiation, integration, interpretation of the definite integral, applications of integration, matrices, solutions of systems of equations. All topics are studied in the context of applications.

**Module credits** 16.00

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** 50% for Mathematics in Grade 12 and MGW 112# or registered for BVSc

**Contact time** 1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Animal diversity 161 (ZEN 161)

### Module content:

Animal classification, phylogeny, organization and terminology. Evolution of the various animal phyla, morphological characteristics and life cycles of parasitic and non-parasitic animals. Structure and function of reproductive, respiratory, excretory, circulatory and digestive systems.

**Module credits** 8.00

**Service modules** Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** MLB 111 GS or permission from the HOD.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Zoology and Entomology

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

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