



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BPolSci International Studies (01130038)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	370
NQF level	07
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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

- **Candidates are advised to apply early. Space is limited in all programmes. As soon as a programme reaches its full capacity, applications for the specific programme will be closed, even if it is before the official closing date.**
- The following candidates will be considered for admission:
 1. A candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another recognised 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
 2. Candidates who have completed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate's international ("foreign") qualifications, the so-called "Immigrant" or "Foreign Conditional Exemption". The only condition for the "Foreign Conditional Exemption" that is accepted is: 'completion of the degree course'. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at mb.usaf.ac.za.
- 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 above-mentioned is not applicable to selection programmes.
- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC. Prospective students who have already been granted conditional admission in these programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 26 or 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Humanities, subject to the availability of space and the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT).
- 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

English Home Language or English

First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

5

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30

To retain admission candidates are required to obtain an APS of at least 28 and must meet the minimum language requirements. Candidates who obtained an APS of 30 but do not comply with the subject requirement, must write the NBT as soon as possible to secure a place timeously.

* 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.

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.

Students following a degree programme: 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):

- 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.

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 and ALL 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) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125) - Credits: 6.00
- Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

- Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00

Elective modules

- Introduction to Social Anthropology 110 (APL 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Advanced introduction to Social Anthropology 120 (APL 120) - Credits: 12.00
- German for beginners 104 (DTS 104) - Credits: 24.00
- German: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (DTS 113) - Credits: 12.00
- German: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (DTS 123) - Credits: 12.00
- Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
- Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
- English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00
- English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Introduction to environmental sciences 101 (ENV 101) - Credits: 8.00
- Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00
- French for beginners 104 (FRN 104) - Credits: 24.00
- French: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (FRN 113) - Credits: 12.00
- French: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (FRN 123) - Credits: 12.00
- History 110 (GES 110) - Credits: 12.00
- History 120 (GES 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156) - Credits: 8.00
- Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166) - Credits: 8.00
- Theory of religion 110 (REL 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 110 (SOC 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 120 (SOC 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Spanish for beginners (1) 101 (SPN 101) - Credits: 12.00
- Spanish for beginners (2) 102 (SPN 102) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

International relations 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00

International relations 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

Sex, culture and society 210 (APL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Anthropology 220 (APL 220) - Credits: 20.00

German: Intermediate (1) 211 (DTS 211) - Credits: 20.00

German: Intermediate (2) 221 (DTS 221) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00

Modern English literature and English studies 210 (ENG 210) - Credits: 20.00

English 220 (ENG 220) - Credits: 20.00

Environmental sciences 201 (ENV 201) - Credits: 12.00

Contesting modernities I and II 210 (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Philosophy in context 220 (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00

French: Intermediate (1) 211 (FRN 211) - Credits: 20.00

French: Intermediate (2) 221 (FRN 221) - Credits: 20.00

Aspects of African history 210 (GES 210) - Credits: 20.00

The shaping of a modern South Africa 220 (GES 220) - Credits: 20.00

City, structure, environment and society 201 (GGY 201) - Credits: 12.00

Process geomorphology 252 (GGY 252) - Credits: 12.00

Geographic information systems introduction 221 (GIS 221) - Credits: 12.00

Dynamics of religion 210 (REL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Ancient religions and health 220 (REL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Religion and culture 221 (REL 221) - Credits: 20.00

Sociology 210 (SOC 210) - Credits: 20.00

Sociology 220 (SOC 220) - Credits: 20.00

Spanish: Intermediate (1) 211 (SPN 211) - Credits: 20.00

Spanish: Intermediate (2) 221 (SPN 221) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

International relations 310 (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00

International relations 320 (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00

Elective modules

Decoloniality, Anthropology and Africa 310 (APL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Anthropology 320 (APL 320) - Credits: 30.00

German: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (DTS 361) - Credits: 15.00

German: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (DTS 362) - Credits: 15.00

German: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (DTS 363) - Credits: 15.00

German: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (DTS 364) - Credits: 15.00

Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 314 (EKN 314) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 325 (EKN 325) - Credits: 20.00

English 310 (ENG 310) - Credits: 30.00

English 320 (ENG 320) - Credits: 30.00

Self and subjectivity 310 (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Philosophy in context 320 (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00

French: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (FRN 361) - Credits: 15.00

French: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (FRN 362) - Credits: 15.00

French: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (FRN 363) - Credits: 15.00

French: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (FRN 364) - Credits: 15.00

History 310 (GES 310) - Credits: 30.00

Globalisation, diversity and change 320 (GES 320) - Credits: 30.00

Theories and applications of human geography 301 (GGY 301) - Credits: 18.00

Applied geomorphology 363 (GGY 363) - Credits: 12.00

Material religion 310 (REL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology of religion 320 (REL 320) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology 310 (SOC 310) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology 321 (SOC 321) - Credits: 30.00

Spanish: Intermediate (3) 311 (SPN 311) - Credits: 30.00

Spanish: Intermediate (4) 321 (SPN 321) - Credits: 30.00

Political science 310 (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Political science 320 (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00

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