

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PhD Actuarial Science (02260772)

Department Actuarial Science

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

A candidate must complete a thesis in one of several fields in which research is actively being done in the Department.

The programme consists of a thesis. Additional modules (as approved by the postgraduate coordinator) may be required depending on the candidate's background and the scope of the study. The research fields and the names of possible supervisors are available from the department at www.up.ac.za/actuarial.

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

- At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
- At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
- With the exception of a shorter period that may be approved by the Dean, at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University has expired.

The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.

Renewal of registration

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department or the Postgraduate Committee, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the PhD degree consists of the following:

- Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
- A thesis.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum duration of study and the requirements to submit an article/s for publication.

Admission requirements

1. Research master's degree in Actuarial Science **or** relevant master's degree
2. A CV with contactable references may be required
3. A copy of final master's dissertation may be required
4. An admission interview may be required
5. At least 60% for the research component at master's level

Requirement: Exemption for at least five of the A100- and A200-level subjects of the Actuarial Society of South Africa

Other programme-specific information

The minimum duration for this degree is two years. Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctoral degree must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period. (In accordance with General Regulations G.47 and G.51.)

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Consult the General Regulations that apply to the calculation of marks.
- ii. In order to obtain the PhD degree the candidate must:
 - pass the examinations and the prescribed modules, as determined in the study programme;
 - pass the thesis; and
 - pass the final examination on the thesis and general subject knowledge.

Promotion to next study year

The progress of all doctoral candidates is monitored biannually by the supervisor and the postgraduate coordinator. A candidate's study may be terminated if the progress is unsatisfactory or if the candidate is unable to finish his/her studies during the prescribed period.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Actuarial science 990 (AKW 990) - Credits: 360.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: [Actuarial science 990](#) (AKW 990) - Credits: 360.00

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