

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BSc Information and Knowledge Systems (12133213)

Department Computer Science

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 418

NQF level 07

Admission requirements

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who are in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution, and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students.
- A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required.
- All lectures at the University of Pretoria are presented in English only.

Transferring students

Candidates previously registered for the BSc - Extended programme

The Admissions Committee of the faculty considers applications of candidates who were previously registered for the BSc - Extended programme, on grounds of their NSC results as well as academic merit. Such students will only be considered for the four-year programme if they have passed all the prescribed modules and obtained a minimum of 65% in the Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry modules, respectively.

Candidates previously registered at UP or at another university

The faculty's Admissions Committee considers applications of candidates who have already completed the final NSC examination and/or were previously registered at UP or at another university, on grounds of their NSC results as well as academic merit. Candidates who were dismissed from other faculties or universities will not be considered.

Candidates previously registered at a teacher's college or university of technology

The faculty's Admissions Committee considers the application of these candidates on the grounds of their NSC

results as well as academic merit.

Qualifications from countries other than South Africa

- Citizens from countries other than South Africa and South African citizens with foreign qualifications must comply with all the other admission requirements and the prerequisites for subjects/modules.
- In addition to meeting the admission requirements, it may be expected from candidates to write the **TOEFL, IELTS or SAT**, if required.
- Candidates must have completed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate's 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 [click here](#).

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Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

NSC/IEB

AS Level

Mathematics

NSC/IEB

AS Level

APS

4

D

5

C

30

* 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.

Promotion to next study year

General

- A student must pass all the modules of the first year of study, before he or she is permitted to register for any module of the third year of study. Module prerequisites remain applicable. Exceptions to this rule will be considered by the relevant head of department and the Dean.
- A student must pass all the modules of the second year of study, before he or she is permitted to register for any module of the fourth year of study (in the case of a four-year degree). Module prerequisites remain applicable. Exceptions to this rule will be considered by the relevant head of department and the Dean.
- A new first-year student, who has failed in all the prescribed modules of the programme at the end of the first semester, will not be permitted to proceed to the second semester in the School of Information Technology.
- A student who has not passed at least 70% of the credits of the current year of study after the November examinations will not be re-admitted to the School of Information Technology.
- Students who fail a module for a second time, forfeit the privilege of registering for any modules of an advanced year of study.
- Students whose academic progress is not acceptable can be suspended from further studies.

Procedure: Exclusion from and re-admission to further studies in the School of Information Technology

- a. A student who is excluded from further studies in terms of the stipulations of the abovementioned regulations will be notified in writing by the Dean or admissions committee of the School of Information Technology at the end of the relevant semester.
- b. A student who has been excluded from further studies may apply in writing to the admissions committee of the School of Information Technology on level 6 in the Engineering building I for re-admission.
- c. Written applications for re-admission to the second semester must be submitted at least 7 days before lectures resume for the second semester.
- d. Written applications for re-admission to the new academic year must be submitted before 12 January.
- e. Late applications will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances after approval by the Dean.
- f. Should a student not be re-admitted to further studies by the admissions committee of the School of Information Technology, he/she will be informed in writing.
- g. A student who is not re-admitted by the admissions committee of the School of Information Technology has the right to appeal to the Appeals Committee: Admissions in the Administration building, room 3-13.
- h. Any decision taken by the Appeals Committee: Admissions is final.
- i. Should the student be re-admitted by the Admissions Committee, strict conditions will be set which the student must comply with in order to proceed with his/her studies.
- j. A student, who is repeating his or her year, may be permitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head(s) of department, to register for modules of the following year of study in addition to the outstanding modules he or she has failed, providing that he or she complies with the prerequisites of these modules and no timetable clashes occur. In no semester may the total credits for which a student registers, exceed the normal number of credits per semester by more than 16 credits, except with special permission from the relevant head of department.

Pass with distinction

A degree (undergraduate) in the School of IT is conferred with distinction on a student who did not repeat any module of his/her final year, obtained a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules for the final year, provided that a subminimum of 65% is obtained in each of these modules and provided that the degree is completed in the prescribed minimum period of time. Ad hoc cases will be considered by the Dean, in consultation with the relevant head of department.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 132

Students are required to choose their electives from what is referred to as an elective group. Once an elective group has been chosen, the modules listed per year level need to be completed in order to comply with the requirements of the degree programme. These elective groups, along with their respective first year modules are:

- Data Science (WTW 146, WTW 148, WTW 152, STK 110 and STC 122)
- Genetics (BME 120, BOT 161, GTS 161, MBY 161, MLB 111 and WTW 146)
- Geographical Information Systems (GGY 156, ENV 101, GGY 166 or GGY 168, GMC 110, STK 110 and WTW 146)
- IT and Enterprises (BEM 120, OBS 114, OBS 124 and STK 110)
- IT and Law (KRG 110, KRG 120, KRM 110 and KRM 120)
- IT and Music (MGS 110, MGS 120, MPE 170, MCS 200, WTW 146 and WTW 148)
- Software Development (INF 154, INF 164 and INF 171)

Please note: If FRK is selected as an elective, INF 183 has to be taken as well.

Fundamental modules

[Academic information management 111](#) (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic information management 121](#) (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic literacy for Information Technology 121](#) (ALL 121) - Credits: 6.00

[Academic orientation 112](#) (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

[Program design: Introduction 110](#) (COS 110) - Credits: 16.00

[Operating systems 122](#) (COS 122) - Credits: 16.00

[Imperative programming 132](#) (COS 132) - Credits: 16.00

[Introduction to computer science 151](#) (COS 151) - Credits: 8.00

[Discrete structures 115](#) (WTW 115) - Credits: 8.00

[Mathematics 134](#) (WTW 134) - Credits: 16.00

Elective modules

[Marketing management 120](#) (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00

[Biometry 120](#) (BME 120) - Credits: 16.00

[Plants and society 161](#) (BOT 161) - Credits: 8.00

[Introduction to environmental sciences 101](#) (ENV 101) - Credits: 8.00

[Financial accounting 122](#) (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00

[Aspects of human geography 156](#) (GGY 156) - Credits: 8.00

[Southern African geomorphology 166](#) (GGY 166) - Credits: 8.00

[Introduction to physical geography 168](#) (GGY 168) - Credits: 12.00

[Cartography 110](#) (GMC 110) - Credits: 10.00

[Introductory genetics 161](#) (GTS 161) - Credits: 8.00

[Informatics 154](#) (INF 154) - Credits: 10.00

[Informatics 164](#) (INF 164) - Credits: 10.00

[Informatics 171](#) (INF 171) - Credits: 20.00

[Informatics 183](#) (INF 183) - Credits: 3.00



Commercial law 110 (KRG 110) - Credits: 10.00
Commercial law 120 (KRG 120) - Credits: 10.00
Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00
Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00
Introduction to microbiology 161 (MBY 161) - Credits: 8.00
Music technology 200 (MCS 200) - Credits: 12.00
Musicology 100 (MGS 100) - Credits: 20.00
Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111) - Credits: 16.00
Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00
Statistics 122 (STC 122) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
Mathematical statistics 111 (WST 111) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 121 (WST 121) - Credits: 16.00
Numerical analysis 123 (WTW 123) - Credits: 8.00
Linear algebra 146 (WTW 146) - Credits: 8.00
Calculus 148 (WTW 148) - Credits: 8.00
Mathematical modelling 152 (WTW 152) - Credits: 8.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 142

Students must continue with the elective groups they chose in first year. The modules associated with each of the elective groups are the following:

- Data Science (STK 210, STK 220 and WST 212)
- Genetics (GTS 251, GTS 261, MBY 251 and MBY 261)
- Geographical Information Systems (GGY 283, GIS 220 and GMA 220)
- IT and Enterprises (BEM 212, FIL 251, OBS 210 and OBS 220)
- IT and Law (KRG 200, KRM 210 and KRM 220)
- IT and Music (MPE 270 and MCS 302)
- Software Development (INF 272, IMY 210 and IMY 220)

Fundamental modules

[Community-based project 202](#) (JCP 202) - Credits: 8.00

Core modules

[Theoretical computer science 210](#) (COS 210) - Credits: 8.00

[Data structures and algorithms 212](#) (COS 212) - Credits: 16.00

[Software modelling 214](#) (COS 214) - Credits: 16.00

[Netcentric computer systems 216](#) (COS 216) - Credits: 16.00

[Introduction to database systems 221](#) (COS 221) - Credits: 16.00

[Concurrent systems 226](#) (COS 226) - Credits: 16.00

[Computer organisation and architecture 284](#) (COS 284) - Credits: 16.00

[Discrete structures 285](#) (WTW 285) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

[Consumer behaviour 212](#) (BEM 212) - Credits: 16.00

[Introductory geographic information systems 283](#) (GGY 283) - Credits: 14.00

[Geographic data analysis 220](#) (GIS 220) - Credits: 14.00

[Remote sensing 220](#) (GMA 220) - Credits: 14.00

[Molecular genetics 251](#) (GTS 251) - Credits: 12.00

[Genetic diversity and evolution 261](#) (GTS 261) - Credits: 12.00

[Multimedia 210](#) (IMY 210) - Credits: 16.00

[Multimedia 220](#) (IMY 220) - Credits: 16.00

[Informatics 272](#) (INF 272) - Credits: 14.00

[Commercial law 200](#) (KRG 200) - Credits: 24.00

[Criminology 210](#) (KRM 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Criminology 220](#) (KRM 220) - Credits: 20.00

[Bacteriology 251](#) (MBY 251) - Credits: 12.00

[Mycology 261](#) (MBY 261) - Credits: 12.00

[Music technology 302](#) (MCS 302) - Credits: 18.00

[Business management 210](#) (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00

[Business management 220](#) (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00

[Statistics 210](#) (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Statistics 220](#) (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00



[Applications in data science 212](#) (WST 212) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 144

As with the 2nd year elective modules, the 3rd year elective modules follow on from the elective group chosen in first year. The modules for 3rd year, given per elective group are the following:

- Data Science (COS 314, COS 326 and STK353)
- Genetics (COS314 and (COS 326 and COS 344) or (GTS 354 and GTS 367) or (GTS354 and BTC 361))
- Geographical Information Systems (COS 326, COS 344, GIS 310 and GIS 320)
- IT and Enterprises ((OBS 359 and OBS 369) or (OBS310 and OBS 320))
- IT and Law (KRM 310, KRM 320 and KUB 420)
- IT and Music (Another 3rd year COS module (either COS 314, COS 326, COS 344 or COS 341) and MCS 402)
- Software Development (COS 326 and INF 354)

Core modules

Software engineering 301 (COS 301) - Credits: 27.00

Computer security and ethics 330 (COS 330) - Credits: 18.00

Computer networks 332 (COS 332) - Credits: 18.00

Programming languages 333 (COS 333) - Credits: 18.00

Multimedia 310 (IMY 310) - Credits: 30.00

Elective modules

Plant genetics and crop biotechnology 361 (BTC 361) - Credits: 18.00

Artificial intelligence 314 (COS 314) - Credits: 18.00

Database systems 326 (COS 326) - Credits: 18.00

Computer graphics 344 (COS 344) - Credits: 18.00

Geographic information systems 310 (GIS 310) - Credits: 22.00

Spatial analysis 320 (GIS 320) - Credits: 22.00

Genome evolution and phylogenetics 354 (GTS 354) - Credits: 18.00

Population and evolutionary genetics 367 (GTS 367) - Credits: 18.00

Informatics 354 (INF 354) - Credits: 15.00

Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420) - Credits: 10.00

Music technology 402 (MCS 402) - Credits: 40.00

Business management 310 (OBS 310) - Credits: 20.00

International business management 359 (OBS 359) - Credits: 20.00

International business management 369 (OBS 369) - Credits: 20.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.