University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

BPolSci (International Studies) (01130038)

Department	Political Sciences
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	372
NQF level	07

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

Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at click here.
  - **Website:** click here.
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, or was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

Note: Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, or was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), or has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

Note: Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- 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.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Faculty Yearbooks: click here.
- All modules (excluding foreign language modules) will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

1. You will be considered for conditional admission if space allows, and if you:

- are a Grade 11 applicant (with an APS of 30 or more excluding Life Orientation), please submit your final Grade 11 examination results, and have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement or an equivalent qualification; OR
- are transferring from other recognised institutions to the University of Pretoria; OR
- are a graduate or have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution; OR
- are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; AND
- comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels, as well as the APS requirements of specific programmes.

If you are an applicant from a country other than South Africa, please apply for conditional admission based on your final results equivalent to Grade 11. Final admission is based on the qualification equivalent to the NSC.

2. You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you:

- have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme; OR
- are a student transferring from another recognised tertiary institution and comply with the programme requirements; OR
- have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution or are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria.

If you are a citizen from a country other than South Africa or are a student with other qualifications equivalent to the NSC (including school qualifications from other countries, eg Spain, New Zealand, etc), you must obtain a Complete Exemption Certificate or a Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate based on your international ('foreign') qualifications. Certificates can only be obtained from Universities South Africa (USAf) at click here. In addition, these candidates must meet the relevant programme admission requirements.

University of Pretoria website: click here

Minimum requirements		
Achievement level English Home Language or English First Additional Language	**APS (Grade 11)**	**APS (NSC/IEB completed)**
5	**30**	**28**

* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC/IEB.

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: 132

In order to follow a Geography stream the following modules should be taken: ENV 101, GGY 156 and GGY 168.

Fundamental modules

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

Electives

Geography

In order to follow a Geography stream the following modules should be taken: ENV 201, GGY 201 and GIS 221.

Sociology

First semester: Select either **SOC 210 OR SOC 211**

Second semester: Select either **SOC 220 OR SOC 221**

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: 14.00
Contesting modernities 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: 14.00
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 211 (SOC 211) - Credits: 20.00
Sociology 220 (SOC 220) - Credits: 20.00
Sociology 221 (SOC 221) - 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

In order to follow a Geography stream the following modules should be taken: ENV 301, GGY 301 and GGY 383.

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
Development economics 315 (EKN 315) - 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
Human environmental interactions 301 (ENV 301) - Credits: 18.00
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
Human geography project 383 (GGY 383) - Credits: 24.00
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

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.