
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

BAdmin (Public Management and International Relations) (07131175)

Department	School of Public Management and Administration
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	401
NQF level	07
SAQA ID	83926

Programme information

This programme is directed towards the study of Public Administration that will equip the candidate for a career in the broad public sector. Candidates will gain in-depth knowledge of certain administrative and management practices in the South African and international public sectors. Emphasis is placed on the three spheres of government with reference to aspects such as resources management, international administration and management, policy, accountability and ethics, the role of the state, intergovernmental relations and administrative justice.

Students who achieved 70% and above in English Home Language (an A or a B), and 80% and above in English First Additional Language (only an A) in the NSC (or equivalent) will be exempted from ALL 124 and therefore do not have to register and pass this module to complete their degrees. Students who achieved 69% and below in English Home Language (a C and below), and 79% and below in English First Additional Language (a B and below) have to register for ALL 124 and pass this module in order to be awarded their degrees.

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.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have 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.
- All modules will be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

University of Pretoria website: [click here](#)

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

NSC/IEB

5

Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy

NSC/IEB

Mathematics 3 **or**

Mathematical Literacy 4

APS

28

Other programme-specific information

Note: See the alphabetical list of modules for prerequisites of all modules.

Language (German, English, French, Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish)

Please note: Candidates who did not obtain at least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in Grade 12, or who did not pass Statistics 113, 123, may not include EKN 120, 214, 234, 310, 320 and STK 110, 120 in their curriculum. Refer also to faculty prerequisites for these modules.

Specialisation modules for this degree are PAD 312 and 322

"Major subject"

To be considered a "major subject" the equivalent of four 14-week modules, including two at 300-level, must be passed provided that only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

Promotion to next study year

Renewal of registration, exclusion, dismissal and deregistration of modules

Refer to General Academic Regulations G3 and G4.

1. A student must pass at least 60% of the official credits listed for a year level of study for a three-year programme.
2. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of 60% of official credits, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the EMS Appeals Committee to be readmitted conditionally - with the proviso that the Appeals Committee may set further conditions with regard to the student's academic progress.
3. The EMS Appeals Committee may deny a student's application for readmission. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the EMS Appeals Committee.
4. If a student has been readmitted conditionally, his/her academic progress will be monitored after the first semester examinations to determine whether he/she has complied with the requirements set by the



Admissions Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.

5. A student must be able to complete the programme for which he or she is re-registering, within the prescribed minimum period (years = N) plus one year (N+1).
6. A student may be refused admission to the examination, or promotion to a subsequent year of study or promotion in a module (if applicable) if he/she fails to fulfil the attendance requirements. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is compulsory for all students.

Pass with distinction

- a. A degree may be awarded with distinction provided the candidate meets the following criteria:
 - i. Completes the degree within three years;
 - ii. Obtains a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 75%;
 - iii. Repeated passed modules will not be considered. The initial pass mark of module will be used when calculating the GPA.
- b. A degree will only be awarded with distinction to transferees from other degrees in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor degrees within three years (including the years registered for the other degree and credits transferred and recognised).
- c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
- d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

* The admission requirement for EKN 120 is at least 60% in STK 113 and STK 123 or Maths Grade 12 symbol 4. If EKN is included, STK 113 and 123 must be chosen as elective modules for students who do not comply with the Gr 12 requirement. Alternatively, students who do not comply, must register for BDO 121.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy for Economic and Management Sciences 124 (ALL 124) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 107 (UPO 107) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00

Public administration 112 (PAD 112) - Credits: 10.00

Public administration 122 (PAD 122) - Credits: 10.00

Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00

Public resource management 110 (PUF 110) - Credits: 18.00

Elective modules

German for beginners 104 (DTS 104) - Credits: 24.00

Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

French for beginners 104 (FRN 104) - Credits: 24.00

Informatics 112 (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00

Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00

Statistics 113 (STK 113) - Credits: 11.00

Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00

Statistics 123 (STK 123) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 141

On second year level, students should choose either Political Science **or** International Relations.

Core modules

International relations 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00

International relations 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Communication management 281 (KOB 281) - Credits: 5.00

Public administration 212 (PAD 212) - Credits: 16.00

Public administration 222 (PAD 222) - Credits: 16.00

Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

Industrial and organisational psychology 214 (BDO 214) - Credits: 16.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 224 (BDO 224) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00

Public management 210 (OPB 210) - Credits: 22.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 140

On third year level, students should choose either Political Science **or** International Relations.

Core modules

[International relations 310 \(IPL 310\)](#) - Credits: 30.00

[International relations 320 \(IPL 320\)](#) - Credits: 30.00

[Public administration 312 \(PAD 312\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

[Public administration 322 \(PAD 322\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

[Political science 310 \(STL 310\)](#) - Credits: 30.00

[Political science 320 \(STL 320\)](#) - Credits: 30.00

Elective modules

[Industrial and organisational psychology 319 \(BDO 319\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

[Industrial and organisational psychology 329 \(BDO 329\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

[Economics 310 \(EKN 310\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

[Economics 320 \(EKN 320\)](#) - Credits: 20.00

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.