University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

MIS (Information Science) (12254010)

Department	Information Science
Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Admission requirements

1. BISHons (Library Science) degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree **or** BISHons (Information Science) degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree **or** BISHons (Multimedia) degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree **or** BISHons (Publishing) degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree **or** equivalent honours degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree **or** MA (Development Communication) degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the master's degree **or** equivalent master's degree with a cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the master's degree

Additional requirements

Refer also to G31-G41.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean may, in exceptional cases, and on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, approve a fixed limited extension of the period of study.

Examinations and pass requirements

Upgrading from a master's to a doctoral degree

1. This EBIT faculty regulation should be read in addition to G41.
2. Upgrading from a master's to a doctoral degree can only be considered for exceptional students.
3. Application for upgrading can only be submitted after at least one year of study for the master's degree, but no later than two years.
4. The application for the upgrading must include the following:

- A letter from the candidate requesting the upgrade which includes a brief motivation.
- A progress report prepared by the candidate and supported by the supervisor on the work completed to date for the master's degree. The report must provide proof that the results obtained thus far are of such standard and scientific importance that it justifies its converting to a doctoral degree.

- All details regarding presentations during conferences and accepted publication(s) in internationally accredited and high impact journals must be provided in full.

5. A detailed explanation by the candidate of the intended doctoral project with an indication of the objectives of the project, methodology and the outcomes he or she intends to achieve with the project.
6. A recommendation of the supervisor with specific comment on the ability of the applicant as potential doctoral candidate as well as on the expediency and feasibility of the upgrading.
7. A report from at least one external referent. The supervisor should forward 2 nominations to the head of the relevant department for recommendation to the DD Research and Postgraduate studies who will appoint one referent.
8. A minimum of one journal article, where the candidate is the first author, in a high-impact accredited journal with an explanation by the supervisor with respect to the specific contribution made by the candidate.
9. A recommendation by the head of department.

The stipulations of the relevant Faculty regulations are applicable.

The Dean may, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, exempt a student from the examination on the dissertation.

The average mark awarded by all the examiners is the final mark, with the pass mark being at least 50%.

Research information

Refer also to G39.

A student must by means of a dissertation prove that he or she is capable of planning, instituting and executing a scientific investigation. Unless the Senate, on the recommendation of the supervisor, decides otherwise, a student, before or on submission of a dissertation, must submit proof issued by a recognised academic journal that an article was submitted, to the Head: Student Administration. The draft article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor if the supervisor is not a co-author. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the paper is taken through all the processes of revision and resubmission, as may be necessary. Conferment of the degree may be made subject to compliance with the stipulations of this regulation.

A dean may require, before or on submission of a dissertation, the submission of a draft article for publication to the supervisor. The draft article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor concerned.

The supervisor should then have the opportunity to take the paper through all the processes of revision and resubmission as may be necessary and/or appropriate in order to achieve publication.

The number of article that has to be submitted to an accredited journal on submission of a research master's dissertation should be one. At the latest, just before the department submits the final mark of a dissertation, a student should submit proof of submission of an article issued by an accredited journal, to the head of the department, for his/her recommendation to the dean. The submitted article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and should have been approved by the supervisor. The affiliations of both the student and supervisor should be listed as the University of Pretoria.

Refer also to G40.

With the exception of an honorary degree, a degree will be conferred on a student only if the student has complied with all the requirements for the particular degree and has reached the level of competence prescribed for the degree, and on condition that no one is entitled to any privileges pertaining to a degree before the degree has been conferred on him or her at a graduation ceremony.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Core modules

Dissertation: Information science 890 (INL 890) - Credits: 180.00

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.