University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

BSc (Chemistry) (02133173)

Department	Chemistry
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	430
NQF level	07

Programme information

Those students registered for the BSc (Chemistry) programme and who have opted to select any of the dual major fields of study offered within this programme must take note of the following:

- Their Academic Record will list all the modules that they have completed towards a second major field of study (based on final year modules completed).
- Their Degree certificate will only print the officially approved programme name:

Bachelor of Science
Chemistry

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2023

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications. Click here for this Faculty Brochure.**

Minimum requirements Achievement level English Home Language or English First Additional Language	**Mathematics**	**Physical Sciences**	**APS**
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
5	5	5	**34**

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

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.

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.

International students: Click here.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

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, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BSc (Chemistry), may be considered for admission to the BSc – Extended programme – Physical Sciences, which requires an additional year of study.

BSc – Extended Programme – Physical Sciences **Minimum requirements** **Achievement level**			
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	**Mathematics**	**Physical Sciences**	**APS**
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
4	4	4	**28**

Note:

*The BSc – Extended programmes are not available for students who meet all the requirements for the corresponding mainstream programme.

*Please note that only students who apply in their final NSC or equivalent qualification year will be considered for admission into any of the BSc – Extended programmes. Students who are upgrading or taking a gap year will not be considered.

Other programme-specific information

1.1 Requirements for specific modules

A candidate who:

a. does not qualify for STK 110, must enrol for STK 113 and STK 123;
b. registers for Mathematical Statistics (WST) and Statistics (STK) modules must take note that WST and STK modules, except for STK 281, may not be taken simultaneously in a programme; a student must take one and only one of the following options:

- WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, WST 321, and STK 353

  or
- WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, STK 320, STK 353.

  or
- STK 110, STC 122, STK 210, STK 220, WST 212, STK 310, STK 320, STK 353.

c. registers for a module presented by another faculty must take note of the timetable clashes, prerequisites for that module, subminimum required in examination papers, supplementary examinations, etc.

1.2 Fundamental modules

a. It is compulsory for all new first-year students to satisfactorily complete the Academic orientation (UPO 102) and to take Academic information management modules (AIM 111 and AIM 121) and Language and study skills (LST 110). Please see curricula for details.
b. Students who intend to apply for admission to MBChB or BChD in the second semester, when places become available in those programmes, may be permitted to register for up to 80 module credits and 4 core modules in the first semester during the first year provided that they obtained a final mark of no less than 70% for Grade 12 Mathematics and achieved an APS of 34 or more in the NSC.

Promotion to next study year

A student will be promoted to the following year of study if he or she passed 100 credits of the prescribed credits for a year of study, unless the Dean on the recommendation of the relevant head of department decides otherwise. A student who does not comply with the requirements for promotion to the following year of study, retains the credit for the modules already passed and may be admitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, to modules of the following year of study to a maximum of 48 credits, provided that it will fit in with both the lecture and examination timetable.

General promotion requirements in the faculty

All students whose academic progress is not acceptable can be suspended from further studies.

- 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 at the end of the relevant semester.
- A student who has been excluded from further studies may apply in writing to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences for re-admission.
- 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.
- Should the student not be re-admitted to further studies by the Admissions Committee, he/she will be informed in writing.
- Students who are not re-admitted by the Admissions Committee have the right to appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee.
- Any decision taken by the Senate Appeals Committee is final.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 142

Fundamental = 14
Core = 96
Elective = 32

Elective Modules
Students must select elective modules with a total number of at least 32 credits.

Depending on a student's second major and other interests, the following combinations of modules are recommended (deviations allowed with permission from the head of department):

- Second major in biochemistry: MLB 111, GTS 161, and MBY 161 (32 credits)
- Second major in plant science: MLB 111, BOT 161, and MBY 161 (32 credits)
- Second major in geology: GLY 155, GLY 163 (32 credits)
- Second major in physics with an interest in applied mathematics: WTW 115, WTW 152, WTW 162, WTW 123 (32 credits)
- Second major in physics with an interest in statistics: WST 111, WST 121 (32 credits)
- Second major in physics with an interest in biology: MLB 111, BME 120 (32 credits)
- Second major in geography: ENV 101, GGY 156, GGY 166, GMC 110 (34 credits)
- Second major in mathematics: WTW 115, WTW 123, WTW 152, WTW 162 (32 credits)
- Second major in statistics: WST 111, WST 121 (32 credits)

Additional Information:

- Students who intend to take mathematics or mathematical statistics or physics to the 200-level, have to take the combination of WTW 114 and WTW 124 instead of WTW 114, WTW 146 and WTW 148.
- If a student does not intend to take second-year mathematics or mathematical statistics, then WTW 124 may be replaced with the combination of both of the following modules: WTW 146 and WTW 148

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Language and study skills 110 (LST 110) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 102 (UPO 102) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

General chemistry 117 (CMY 117) - Credits: 16.00
General chemistry 127 (CMY 127) - Credits: 16.00
First course in physics 114 (PHY 114) - Credits: 16.00
First course in physics 124 (PHY 124) - Credits: 16.00
Calculus 114 (WTW 114) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematics 124 (WTW 124) - Credits: 16.00
Linear algebra 146 (WTW 146) - Credits: 8.00
Calculus 148 (WTW 148) - Credits: 8.00

Elective modules

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
Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156) - Credits: 8.00
Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166) - Credits: 8.00
Introduction to geology 155 (GLY 155) - Credits: 16.00
Earth history 163 (GLY 163) - Credits: 16.00
Cartography 110 (GMC 110) - Credits: 10.00
Introductory genetics 161 (GTS 161) - Credits: 8.00
Introduction to microbiology 161 (MBY 161) - Credits: 8.00
Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111) - Credits: 16.00
Atmospheric structure and processes 155 (WKD 155) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 111 (WST 111) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 121 (WST 121) - Credits: 16.00
Discrete structures 115 (WTW 115) - Credits: 8.00
Numerical analysis 123 (WTW 123) - Credits: 8.00
Mathematical modelling 152 (WTW 152) - Credits: 8.00
Dynamical processes 162 (WTW 162) - Credits: 8.00
Animal diversity 161 (ZEN 161) - Credits: 8.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 144

Core = 48
Elective = 96

Additional information:
Elective Modules (Credits = 96)

Students who do not intend to continue with Mathematics on third year level may replace WTW 220 with WTW 224

Students must select elective modules with a total number of at least 96 credits.
Depending on a student's second major and other interests, the following modules are recommended (deviations allowed with permission from the head of department):

- Second major in biochemistry: BCM 251, BCM 252, BCM 257, BCM 261, GTS 251, GTS 261, MBY 251 and MBY 261 (96 credits)
- Second major in plant science: BOT 251, BOT 261, MBY 251, MBY 261, BCM 251, BCM 257, BCM 261 and BCM 252 (96 credits)
- Second major in physics: PHY 255, PHY 263, WTW 211, WTW 218, WTW 220, WTW 248 (96 credits)
- Second major in geology: GLY 253, GLY 255, GLY 263, GLY 266, GGY 252, GKD 250, GIS 221 (GMC is a prerequisite)
- Second major in geography: GGY 252, GGY 283, GGY 201, ENV 201, GKD 250, GIS 220, and either GLY 253 or GLY 255 (88 credits)
- Second major in mathematics with an interest in physics: WTW 211, WTW 218, WTW 220, WTW 221, PHY 255, PHY 263 (96 credits)
- Second major in mathematics or applied mathematics: WTW 211, WTW 218, WTW 220, WTW 221, WTW 285, WTW 286, WTW 248 (84 credits – select another 12 credits)
- Second major in statistics: WST 211, WST 221, WTW 211, WTW 218, WTW 220 or WTW 224, WTW 221 (96 credits)

Core modules

Physical chemistry 282 (CMY 282) - Credits: 12.00
Analytical chemistry 283 (CMY 283) - Credits: 12.00
Organic chemistry 284 (CMY 284) - Credits: 12.00
Inorganic chemistry 285 (CMY 285) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Introduction to proteins and enzymes 251 (BCM 251) - Credits: 12.00
Carbohydrate metabolism 252 (BCM 252) - Credits: 12.00
Introductory biochemistry 257 (BCM 257) - Credits: 12.00
Lipid and nitrogen metabolism 261 (BCM 261) - Credits: 12.00
South African flora and vegetation 251 (BOT 251) - Credits: 12.00
Plant physiology and biotechnology 261 (BOT 261) - Credits: 12.00
Environmental sciences 201 (ENV 201) - Credits: 14.00
City, structure, environment and society 201 (GGY 201) - Credits: 14.00
Process geomorphology 252 (GGY 252) - Credits: 12.00
Introductory geographic information systems 283 (GGY 283) - Credits: 14.00

Geographic data analysis 220 (GIS 220) - Credits: 14.00
Geographic information systems introduction 221 (GIS 221) - Credits: 12.00
Introductory soil science 250 (GKD 250) - Credits: 12.00
Sedimentology 253 (GLY 253) - Credits: 12.00
Fundamental and applied mineralogy 255 (GLY 255) - Credits: 12.00
Igneous and metamorphic petrology 263 (GLY 263) - Credits: 24.00
Geological field mapping 266 (GLY 266) - Credits: 6.00
Molecular genetics 251 (GTS 251) - Credits: 12.00
Genetic diversity and evolution 261 (GTS 261) - Credits: 12.00
Bacteriology 251 (MBY 251) - Credits: 12.00
Mycology 261 (MBY 261) - Credits: 12.00
Waves, thermodynamics and modern physics 255 (PHY 255) - Credits: 24.00
General physics 263 (PHY 263) - Credits: 24.00
Mathematical statistics 211 (WST 211) - Credits: 24.00
Mathematical statistics 221 (WST 221) - Credits: 24.00
Linear algebra 211 (WTW 211) - Credits: 12.00
Calculus 218 (WTW 218) - Credits: 12.00
Analysis 220 (WTW 220) - Credits: 12.00
Linear algebra 221 (WTW 221) - Credits: 12.00
Techniques of analysis 224 (WTW 224) - Credits: 12.00
Vector analysis 248 (WTW 248) - Credits: 12.00
Discrete structures 285 (WTW 285) - Credits: 12.00
Differential equations 286 (WTW 286) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 144

Core = 72
Elective = 72

Students must select elective modules with a total number of at least 72 credits.

Depending on a student's second major and other interests, the following modules are recommended (deviations allowed with permission from the head of department):

- Second major in biochemistry: BCM 356, BCM 357, BCM 367, BCM 368 (72 credits)
- Second major in plant science: BOT 356, BOT 358, BOT 365 and BOT 366 (72 credits).
- Second major in physics: PHY 356, PHY 364 (72 credits).
- Second major in geology: GLY365, GLY366, GLY367, GLY 368 (78 credits).
- Second major in geography: ENV 301, GGY 301, GGY 361 (**54 credits – 18 credits short**). Note that in order to qualify for BSc Honours in Geography, students need to change their registration to BSc Geography at the start of the third year to replace compulsory chemistry modules with additional Geography modules.
- Second major in mathematics: WTW 310, WTW 320, WTW 381 and WTW 389 (72 credits).
- Second major in applied mathematics: WTW 310, WTW 382, WTW 383, WTW 386 and WTW 387 (90 credits – 18 credits extra).
- Second major in statistics: WST 311, WST 312, WST 321, STK 353 (79 credits)

Core modules

Physical chemistry 382 (CMY 382) - Credits: 18.00
Analytical chemistry 383 (CMY 383) - Credits: 18.00
Organic chemistry 384 (CMY 384) - Credits: 18.00
Inorganic chemistry 385 (CMY 385) - Credits: 18.00

Elective modules

Macromolecules of life: structure-function and bioinformatics 356 (BCM 356) - Credits: 18.00
Biocatalysis and integration of metabolism 357 (BCM 357) - Credits: 18.00
Cell structure and function 367 (BCM 367) - Credits: 18.00
Molecular basis of disease 368 (BCM 368) - Credits: 18.00
Plant ecophysiology 356 (BOT 356) - Credits: 18.00
Plant ecology 358 (BOT 358) - Credits: 18.00
Phytomedicine 365 (BOT 365) - Credits: 18.00
Plant diversity 366 (BOT 366) - Credits: 18.00
Human environmental interactions 301 (ENV 301) - Credits: 18.00
Theories and applications of human geography 301 (GGY 301) - Credits: 18.00
Environmental geomorphology 361 (GGY 361) - Credits: 18.00
Geographic information systems 310 (GIS 310) - Credits: 22.00
Spatial analysis 320 (GIS 320) - Credits: 22.00
Structural geology 365 (GLY 365) - Credits: 18.00
Groundwater 366 (GLY 366) - Credits: 18.00
Economic geology 367 (GLY 367) - Credits: 36.00
Advanced Geological field mapping 368 (GLY 368) - Credits: 6.00
Electronics, electromagnetism and quantum mechanics 356 (PHY 356) - Credits: 36.00

Statistical mechanics, solid state physics and modelling 364 (PHY 364) - Credits: 36.00
The science of data analytics 353 (STK 353) - Credits: 25.00
Multivariate analysis 311 (WST 311) - Credits: 18.00
Stochastic processes 312 (WST 312) - Credits: 18.00
Time-series analysis 321 (WST 321) - Credits: 18.00
Analysis 310 (WTW 310) - Credits: 18.00
Complex analysis 320 (WTW 320) - Credits: 18.00
Algebra 381 (WTW 381) - Credits: 18.00
Dynamical systems 382 (WTW 382) - Credits: 18.00
Numerical analysis 383 (WTW 383) - Credits: 18.00
Partial differential equations 386 (WTW 386) - Credits: 18.00
Continuum mechanics 387 (WTW 387) - Credits: 18.00
Geometry 389 (WTW 389) - Credits: 18.00

Regulations and rules

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.

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