

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

People and their environment 284 (BOK 284)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery [MBChB]
Prerequisites	CMY 151, GNK 120, GNK 127, MLB 111, PHY 131, GNK 128, BOK 121, MGW 112, FIL 155, MTL 180, SMO 121, AIM 111, AIM 121, ELH 111, ELH 112 Second year academic status.
Contact time	15 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Family Medicine
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

(a) People and their environment (6 weeks)

Interpersonal skills; contextual and environmental aspects within which patients develop and live with their specific problems; medical ethics with regard to the community, patients and the medical profession; the role and duties of the medical practitioner within the South African legal system, especially with regard to interpersonal violence in society, injuries, the process of dying and death; genetic disability in the South African society; public health and health research. This section of the module can only be taken by medical students.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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