

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Research paper 753 (SOC 753)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 08

Programmes [BSocSciHons specialising in Gender Studies](#)

[BSocSciHons specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[BSocSciHons specialising in Sociology](#)

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Sociology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

In this module students are expected to produce a research paper under weekly supervision. In the first instance, the paper ought to demonstrate a student's ability to conduct empirical research. However, with the necessary permission a student may also base the paper on the analysis of secondary data or draw on archival and/or documentary sources. The research paper needs to demonstrate students' understanding of and competence in all aspects of the research process, including making an argument, writing a report, analysing data, integrating research findings with the literature, and research ethics. Students who are registered for the BSocSciHons (Gender Studies) or BSocSciHons (Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies) need to ensure that the topic of their research paper aligns to the degree focus.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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