

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Political science 320 (STL 320)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Humanities</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BAdmin specialising in Public Management and International Relations</a> <a href="#">BA specialising in Law</a> <a href="#">BA specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics</a> <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts [BA] 3-year programme</a> <a href="#">Bachelor of Arts [BA] 4-year programme</a> <a href="#">BPolSci specialising in International Studies</a> <a href="#">BPolSci specialising in Political Studies</a> <a href="#">BSocSci specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies</a>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	PTO 101, STL 210(GS), STL 220(GS), 310(GS)
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Political Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Part 1: Public Policy Studies: A high-level critical analysis of the theory and practice of public policy within the domestic, regional, and international context. Attention is given to key aspects of the policy-making process, including, but not limited to: agenda setting, policy adoption, policy assessment, and policy termination. Case studies may differ year-on-year depending on local and international developments.

Part 2: Political analysis: The methods and practice of political analysis are the focus of this module. The principles and problems underpinning different approaches and methods of political analysis are described and explained. This includes the nature, methods and use of comparative analysis, forecasting, risk analysis, performance evaluation and the political audit. These analytical methods are positioned in a political and policy context, with emphasis on practical application. Applicable examples and case studies are used throughout and differ year-on-year depending on domestic and international developments.

### **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.

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The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) 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.