

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Drama [BDram] 4-year programme (01130118)

Department	School of the Arts
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	420
NQF level	07
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Programme information

This BDram degree is a four-year programme (extended curriculum programme) and consists of the existing number of regular modules for the standard three-year degree in addition to five foundational modules in the first year of study. The first year of the programme offers foundational support in academic information management, writing and literacy skills, visual imaging as well as competence in discipline-specific theory and praxis which are crucial towards entering drama studies.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2025

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	APS (Grade 11)	APS (NSC/IEB completed)	Additional requirements:
4	26	26	Applicants must complete and pass an audition process.

* To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 26 in the NSC.

Admissions for the Bachelor of Drama [4-year programme] will take place in August, Ad-hoc.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2026: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), 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.

Other programme-specific information

Academic literacy

Students with an achievement level of 5 or 6 or 7 for English Home Language or an achievement level of 6 or 7 for English First Additional Language or the foreign qualification equivalence as per the conversion table, are exempted from ALL 110 and ALL 125. Students who are not at risk in terms of their academic literacy, are compelled to obtain at least 12 credits in language modules in other departments in their second year of study.

Students who are deemed to be at risk with an achievement level of 4 and below for English Home Language or an achievement level of 5 and below for English First Additional Language or the foreign qualification equivalence must register for ALL 110 and ALL 125 in their second year of study.

LANGUAGE GROUPS FOR SELECTION IN PROGRAMMES

Note: Consult the yearbook for module-specific requirements/prerequisites by searching for the relevant language module.

Module group 1 - Afrikaans

Year level 1

- As a first language: AFR 110, 120

- For speakers of other languages (also for speakers of other languages who are registered for qualifications in education and law) AFR 114

Year level 2

- As a first language: AFR 214, AFR 210 ,220
- For students following a programme in education: AFR 214, AFR 220

Year level 3

- As a first language: AFR 311, 321
- For students following a programme in education: Any modules with alpha codes AFR offered at year level 3.

Module group 2 - English

Year level 1

- For special purposes: ENG 118
- For academic purposes: ENG 110, 120

Year level 2

ENG 210, 220

Year level 3

- ENG 310, 320
- ENG 311, 322

Module group 3 - French

Year level 1

- For beginners: FRN 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed French in Grade 12): FRN 113, 123

Year level 2

FRN 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: FRN 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 4 - German

Year level 1

- For beginners: DTS 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed German in Grade 12): DTS 113, 123

Year level 2

DTS 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: DTS 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 5 - Greek

Year level 1

GRK 110, 120

Year level 2

GRK 210, 220

Module group 6 - Hebrew

Year level 1

HEB 110, 120

Year level 2

HEB 210, 220



Module group 7 - Latin

Year level 1

LAT 110, 120 (students who passed Latin in Grade 12 may start immediately with Latin at year level 2)

Year level 2

LAT 210, 220

Year level 3

LAT 310, 320

Module group 8 - IsiNdebele

Year level 1

For speakers of isiNdebele as home language or first or second additional language

NDE 110, AFT 121

Year level 2

NDE 210, AFT 220

Year level 3

NDE 310, AFT 320

Module group 9 - IsiZulu

Year level 1

- For beginners: ZUL 110, 120
- For speakers of isiZulu as home language or first or second additional language: ZUL 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did ZUL 110, 120 at year level 1: ZUL 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121: ZUL 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, ZUL 211

Year level 3

ZUL 310, AFT 320

Module group 10 - Sepedi

Year level 1

- For beginners: SEP 110, 120
- For speakers of Sepedi as home language or first or second additional language: SEP 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did SEP 110, 120 at year level 1: SEP 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, SEP 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, SEP 211

Year level 3

SEP 310, AFT 320

Module group 11 - Setswana

Year level 1

- For beginners: STW 110, 120
- For speakers of Setswana as home language or first or second additional language: STW 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did STW 110, 120 at year level 1: STW 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, STW 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, STW 211

Year level 3

STW 310, AFT 320

Module group 12 - Spanish

Year level 1

For beginners: SPN 101, 102

Year level 2

SPN 211, 221

Year level 3

SPN 311, 321

Module group 13 - Portuguese**Year level 1**

- For beginners: PTG 101
- Portuguese language and culture (for students who have passed Portuguese in Gr 12): PTG 113, 123

Year level 2

PTG 211, 221

Year level 3

PTG 311, 321

Promotion to next study year

Students selected for the BDram four-year degree must pass all the modules at the end of the first year of study. The registration of students who do not comply with this requirement, will be suspended and no readmission will be considered. In such cases, students with satisfactory attendance will receive a foundation certificate of attendance indicating those modules that the student had successfully completed. Students will only be promoted to the second year of study after successful completion of all the first-year modules. From its second year (Curriculum: Year 2), the extended programme is aligned with the first year of the mainstream BDram programme.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 30

Core modules

Foundation in drama and film studies 101 (DFK 101) - Credits: 10.00

Foundation in production studies 101 (FDS 101) - Credits: 10.00

Foundation in theatre studies: theory 101 (TNT 101) - Credits: 10.00

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 100

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00

Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125) - Credits: 6.00

Core modules

Drama and film studies 110 (DFK 110) - Credits: 10.00

Drama and film studies 120 (DFK 120) - Credits: 10.00

Live and digital performance studies 111 (SBT 111) - Credits: 10.00

Live and digital performance studies 122 (SBT 122) - Credits: 10.00

Performance studies:Praxis 110 (TNP 110) - Credits: 20.00

Theatre studies: Theory 111 (TNT 111) - Credits: 10.00

Theatre studies: Theory 122 (TNT 122) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 126

Core modules

Drama and film studies 210 (DFK 210) - Credits: 15.00

Drama and film studies 220 (DFK 220) - Credits: 15.00

Live and digital performance studies 211 (SBT 211) - Credits: 15.00

Live and digital performance studies 222 (SBT 222) - Credits: 15.00

Community arts in practice 210 (SOA 210) - Credits: 6.00

Performance studies: Praxis 210 (TNP 210) - Credits: 30.00

Theatre studies: Theory 211 (TNT 211) - Credits: 15.00

Theatre studies: Theory 222 (TNT 222) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Core modules

Drama and film studies 310 (DFK 310) - Credits: 20.00

Drama and film studies 320 (DFK 320) - Credits: 20.00

Live and digital performance studies 311 (SBT 311) - Credits: 20.00

Live and digital performance studies 322 (SBT 322) - Credits: 20.00

Performance studies: Praxis 310 (TNP 310) - Credits: 40.00

Theatre studies: Theory 311 (TNT 311) - Credits: 20.00

Theatre studies: Theory 322 (TNT 322) - Credits: 20.00

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

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.