

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BA in Fine Arts 4-year programme (01130119)

Department School of the Arts

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 494

NQF level 08

Programme information

This programme focuses on the main disciplines in fine arts, ie painting, sculpture, graphic printmaking, drawing and new media, as well as on the theories and concepts of art. Graduates qualify as professional artists. The programme is aimed at the promotion of aesthetic awareness and the broadening of visual, critical and creative thinking. The programme also incorporates art management, art communication and marketing, digital training and the use of a wide range of artists materials, media and techniques.

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 art requirements:
5	30	28	An A4 portfolio must be submitted. This will be evaluated along with a UP competency test with practical and theoretical components. Successful applicants must pass with at least 60% in each of the following components: • Conceptualisation test • Drawing • Interview • A4 portfolio

* To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC.

Admissions for the Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts programme will take place in July, September and 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 2025: 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.

Additional requirements

Departmental selection is necessary prior to admission to this programme. Although Art as a Grade 12 subject is not a requirement, a candidate must be able to demonstrate his/her creative potential and commitment to the chosen field of study. Candidates are therefore required to submit a portfolio of work for a merit selection review and, if invited, undergo a series of selection processes and be interviewed by a selection committee. Contact the coordinator for more information.

Other programme-specific information

- 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 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.

Promotion to next study year

- To be promoted to the second year of study, a student should pass all the core modules prescribed for the first year of study.
- To be promoted to the third year of study, a student should pass all the core modules prescribed for the second year of study.
- To be promoted to the fourth year of study, a student should pass all the core modules prescribed for the third year of study.

The Dean may approve exceptions to these promotion requirements on the recommendation of the head of the department.

Pass with distinction

The degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains at least 75% in BKK 400 and in VKK 401.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 128

To be promoted to the second year of study, a student should pass the following modules: BKK 100, VIT 100, VKK 111, 121, and 123.

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

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Visual culture studies 111 (VKK 111) - Credits: 12.00

Core modules

Fine arts (1) 101 (BKK 101) - Credits: 48.00

Professional art practice (1) 101 (VIT 101) - Credits: 24.00

Visual culture studies 121 (VKK 121) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00

Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to social anthropology 110 (APL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Advanced introduction to social anthropology 120 (APL 120) - Credits: 12.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00

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Theory of religion 110 (REL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Kaleidoscope of religions 120 (REL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 126

To be promoted to the third year of study, a student should pass all the core modules prescribed for the second year of study.

Core modules

Fine arts (2) 201 (BKK 201) - Credits: 52.00

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

Professional art practice (2) 201 (VIT 201) - Credits: 28.00

Visual culture studies 211 (VKK 211) - Credits: 20.00

Visual culture studies 221 (VKK 221) - Credits: 20.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 120

To be promoted to the fourth year of study, a student should pass all the core modules prescribed for the third year of study.

Core modules

Fine arts (3) 301 (BKK 301) - Credits: 60.00

Professional art practice (3) 301 (VIT 301) - Credits: 30.00

Visual culture studies 311 (VKK 311) - Credits: 30.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Fine arts (4) 400 (BKK 400) - Credits: 60.00

Fine Arts 401 (BKK 401) - Credits: 20.00

Arts research and methodology 400 (SOA 400) - Credits: 40.00

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.