

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Social Work [BSW] (01130144)

Department Social Work and Criminology

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 523

NQF level 08

Programme information

The purpose of this integrated programme is to provide qualifiers with professional training for a career in social work. The theoretical training goes hand in hand with appropriate practical skills training.

A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In accordance with the Children's Act (2005), all registered student social workers have to complete Form 30 in Part B of the National Child Protection Register (NCPR).

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)
5	30	28

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

* A police clearance certificate (PCC) is required to study social work. In terms of the Children's Act (2005), all registered student social workers have to complete Form 30 in Part B of the National Child Protection Register (NCPR).

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.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

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.

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, may apply for an exemption from ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- Students who are deemed NOT to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take language modules to the value of 12 credits from the other departments. ENG 118 or SEP 110 or ZUL 110 is suggested as a substitute for 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.
- In order to qualify for selection into the second year of the BSW programme, students need to obtain a general average mark of at least 60% for all the social work first-year modules respectively, and a weighted average of 60% for the rest of the required modules in the BSW programme. Students are selected according to academic achievement (i.e. GPA = 60%), Shadowmatch profile, and a discussion which carry an equal weight.
- No student will be allowed to commence with the fourth year of BSW before the successful completion of all the social work modules up to the third-year level..

Pass with distinction

A student has to obtain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 75% (not rounded) for the final-year modules in the BSW programme (i.e., MWT 452, MWT 454, MWT 455 and MWP 400) in order to pass the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 122

Core modules-special note

Select either APL 110 and APL 120 or Soc 110 and 120

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Information Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion Faculty of Veterinary Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion

Prerequisites Students who have obtained a mark of 4 or lower in English Home Language are deemed at risk in terms of academic literacy and must register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Unit for Academic Literacy

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module intends to equip students to cope more confidently and competently with the reading and understanding of a variety of texts, to apply these skills in a variety of contexts and to follow the conventions of academic writing.

Academic literacy for Humanities 125 (ALL 125)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites Students who have obtained a mark of 4 or lower in English Home Language are deemed at risk in terms of academic literacy and must register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Unit for Academic Literacy

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module equips students to understand and use a range of discipline-specific terminology; apply the strategies of critical and comprehensive reading to their own academic literacy; apply the conventions of academic writing to their own writing, using the process approach, to produce intelligible academic texts and use the correct referencing technique as required by the faculty.

English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department English

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module is intended to equip students with a thorough knowledge of English grammar and is particularly useful for those interested in a career in teaching, editing, document design or other forms of language practice.

Sepedi for beginners 110 (SEP 110)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 06

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department African Languages

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*For absolute beginners only.

The acquisition of basic Sepedi communicative skills with emphasis on everyday expressions and suitable high frequency vocabulary, within specific social situations.

Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101)

Module credits 0.00

NQF Level 00

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Humanities Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

isiZulu for beginners 110 (ZUL 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	African Languages
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For absolute beginners only

The acquisition of basic isiZulu communicative skills with emphasis on everyday expressions and suitable high frequency vocabulary, within specific situations.

Core modules

Introduction to social anthropology 110 (APL 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This introduction to social anthropology introduces basic themes of the discipline including ritual, religion, marriage and sex. It combines classic studies with recent scholarship, and asks the 'big question' about human society and human cultures that offer challenging perspectives on the world we live in.

Advanced introduction to social anthropology 120 (APL 120)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module builds on the ethnographic and theoretical themes introduced in APL 110, asking particular questions about how we may think about the relationship between the local and the global; indigenous and universal; public and private; the real and the possible. The module continues in the vein of APL 110, in that it explicitly encourages students to understand the society in which they live through a series of critical anthropological perspectives.

Criminology 110 (KRM 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Fundamental criminology

A general introduction to criminology is provided. An overview of factors that contribute to crime, forensic criminology and forensic criminalistics are investigated.

Part 2: Violent crime

Various types of violent crimes receive attention in this section.

Criminology 120 (KRM 120)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	KRM 110
Contact time	2 lectures per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Penology

Attention is given to the roleplayers in the criminal justice system, namely the police, judiciary and corrections.

Part 2: Crime prevention and control

The nature and extent of crime, theories to explain criminal behaviour and crime prevention and control are investigated.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Social work in practice 161 (MWP 161)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 05

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Introduction to social work and ethics in social work in practice.

Social work theory 110 (MWT 110)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to Social Work

Introduction of social work as discipline and profession. Overview of social work history, principles and values, methods, specialised fields and social work functions and roles.

Social work theory 120 (MWT 120)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Ethics in social work
Ethical standards and practice in social work. Social work values and ethics.

Psychology 110 (SLK 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module is a general orientation to Psychology. An introduction is given to various theoretical approaches in Psychology, and the development of Psychology as a science is discussed. Selected themes from everyday life are explored and integrated with psychological principles. This module focuses on major personality theories. An introduction is given to various paradigmatic approaches in Psychology.

Psychology 120 (SLK 120)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module introduces the student to a basic knowledge and understanding of the biological basis of human behaviour. The module addresses the key concepts and terminology related to the biological subsystem, the rules and principles guiding biological psychology, and identification of the interrelatedness of different biological systems and subsystems. In this module various cognitive processes are studied, including perception, memory, thinking, intelligence and creativity. Illustrations are given of various thinking processes, such as problem solving, critical, analytic and integrative thinking.

Sociology 110 (SOC 110)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Invitation to Sociology

How do we understand ourselves as individuals in relation to society? How are our individual life courses and large-scale processes of social and historical change related to each other? How have our societies come to be what they are today? And how can we think of our private troubles as public issues? These questions are at the very heart of sociology as a distinctive way of thinking about and understanding the social worlds that we inhabit. This module invites students to become familiar with sociological ways of thinking about current issues and personal experiences (particularly in the southern African context), and to develop the analytical skills that are necessary in order to ask and answer critical questions about the communities, society, and world that they live in. The module will include a specific emphasis on academic reading skills.

Sociology 120 (SOC 120)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Sociology
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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Module content

Thinking sociologically

Drawing from the idea of Sociology as a discipline that focuses on critical thinking, the module will introduce students to ways of questioning the obvious and the taken-for-granted. In particular, power and inequality will be problematised, with a focus on how power operates to structure racial, class and gender inequalities across institutions, ideologies and identities. The module will introduce students to the operations of power as manifested in the production of institutions, the proliferation of identities and heightened contestations among ideologies. The module will include a specific emphasis on writing skills.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 156

Core modules- special note

- If Criminology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select SLK 210 and SOC 220 or APL 210.
- If Psychology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SOC 220 or APL 210.
- If Sociology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SLK 210 .
- If Anthropology is selected up to third-year level, students also have to select KRM 220 and SLK 210.

Elective modules- special note:

Select one of the following: KRM 210 (20) or SLK 220 (20) or SOC 210 (20) or APL 220 (20).

Core modules

Sex, culture and society 210 (APL 210)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	APL 110 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Cultural constructions of sex and sexuality are the primary building blocks of social organisation. Anthropological discussions of sexuality tend to revolve around the various aspects of social organisation, such as the lifecycle, gendered identities, and personhood. These discussions are informed by the cultural meanings we impute to differences in biological sex and reproduction, and the ways in which these meanings influence social organisation, personhood, and power. In this module, we will consider cultural constructions of sex and sexuality as these inform certain aspects of social organisation such as kinship and marriage. We will attempt to develop an anthropological perspective on the interplay between sex, culture and society. To this end, we will examine the physiology of sexuality, and then consider different theoretical perspectives on human sexuality as reflected in cross-cultural ethnographic case studies.

Criminology 220 (KRM 220)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Victimology

Contemporary issues in victimology are explored and special attention is given to aspects such as victim-based legislation and restorative justice.

Part 2: Political offences

Political offences such as corruption, assassination and human rights violations are investigated in this section.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Social work in practice 261 (MWP 261)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 06

Prerequisites MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161 and departmental selection.

Contact time 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Work-integrated learning in group and community work in various social work practice contexts.

Social work theory 210 (MWT 210)

Module credits 15.00

NQF Level 06

Prerequisites MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161 and departmental selection.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Part 1: Community work

Community work as social work method in social work.

Part 2: Group work

Group work as social work method in social work.

Social work theory 220 (MWT 220)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161 and departmental selection.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection
Child and family care.

Business management 114 (OBS 114)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	May not be included in the same curriculum as OBS 155
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The entrepreneurial mind-set; managers and managing; values, attitudes, emotions, and culture: the manager as a person; ethics and social responsibility; decision making; leadership and responsible leadership; effective groups and teams; managing organizational structure and culture inclusive of the different functions of a generic organisation and how they interact (marketing; finance; operations; human resources and general management); contextualising Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in each of the topics.

Business management 124 (OBS 124)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites	Admission to the examination in OBS 114
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Value chain management: functional strategies for competitive advantage; human resource management; managing diverse employees in a multicultural environment; motivation and performance; using advanced information technology to increase performance; production and operations management; financial management; corporate entrepreneurship.

Psychology 210 (SLK 210)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	SLK 110, SLK 120(GS)
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module human development from conception through adolescence to adulthood is discussed with reference to various psychological theories. Incorporated are the developmental changes related to cognitive, physical, emotional and social functioning of the individual and the context of work in adulthood. Traditional and contemporary theories of human development explaining and describing these stages are studied in order to address the key issues related to both childhood and adulthood.

Sociology 220 (SOC 220)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	SOC 110, SOC 120(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Culture and religion in the construction of identities: Gender, sexuality and race

The global proliferation of identities is explored through the lens of social categories of difference. The convergence of ideologies and institutions in the construction of identities at the intersections of gender, sexuality and race is examined with a particular emphasis on modern African identities, drawing on the sub-disciplines of the sociology of religion and cultural sociology.

Social welfare law 110 (WRG 110)

Module credits 7.00

NQF Level 05

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Private Law

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module is designed to introduce students to some of the legal aspects of particular importance to social workers. The module includes the following components: An introduction to law in general including an overview of the sources of law, the South African court system, the legal profession, legal aid and the procedural law; the law of persons, with specific reference to the commencement and termination of legal subjectivity and the legal status of a person; an introduction to the criminal law and punishment and the role of the social worker in the criminal process.

Social welfare law 120 (WRG 120)

Module credits 7.00

NQF Level 05

Prerequisites WRG 110 GS

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Private Law

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module is a continuation of the first module in social welfare law which aims to familiarise students with certain aspects of the law of particular importance to social workers. The module consists of the following components: an introduction to the matrimonial law, the matrimonial property law and the divorce law; parental authority including aspects such as the acquisition, nature, content and interference with parental authority; the role of the social worker in the family law context.

Elective modules

Anthropology 220 (APL 220)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	APL 110, APL 120 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Power and wealth

This module explores anthropological perspectives on politics, power and wealth in colonial and postcolonial contexts. Key concepts that are discussed include anthropological approaches to citizenship, cosmopolitanism, hegemony, human rights, neoliberalism, sovereignty, civil society, gender, race and class.

Criminology 210 (KRM 210)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	KRM 110,120
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Forensic criminalistics

The integrated nature of systematic criminal investigation is explored by demarcating the study field into the criminal tactic and technique.

Part 2: Youth misbehaviour

The nature, extent, theoretical explanations as well as prevention and control of youth misbehaviour are investigated.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Psychology 220 (SLK 220)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites SLK 110, SLK 120(GS).

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module is a social-psychological perspective on interpersonal and group processes. Themes that are covered include communication, pro-social behaviour, social influence and persuasion, political transformation, violence, and group behaviour.

Sociology 210 (SOC 210)

Module credits 20.00

NQF Level 06

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites SOC 110(GS), SOC 120(GS)

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Industrial sociology

This module addresses sociological approaches to the workplace. Its focus is on theories of work and the current themes and debates within the sociology of work with an emphasis on exploring these issues from a southern perspective. Some of the themes that will be covered include the theorisation and conceptualisation of work, work in industrialising societies, workplace restructuring and reorganisation, flexibility in the labour market, changing technologies and the implications for work and employment, and new forms of work (including atypical work, service work, emotional labour, professional work).



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 125

Elective modules-special note

Select one of the following module pairs to the credit value of 60: KRM 310 and KRM 320; or SOC 310 and SOC 321; or SLK 310 and SLK 320; or APL 310 and APL 320.

Core modules

Social work in practice 361 (MWP 361)

Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261 and departmental selection
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Work-integrated learning with individuals and families in various social work practice contexts.

Social work theory 311 (MWT 311)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261 and departmental selection.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Part 1: Theories in social work

Relevant theories in social work.

Part 2: Casework

Casework as social work method.

Social work theory 321 (MWT 321)

Module credits	20.00
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NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261 and departmental selection
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Specialised fields in social work

Social work in health care.

Part 2: Specialised fields in social work

Addiction and gerontology.

Elective modules

Decoloniality, Anthropology and Africa 310 (APL 310)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	APL 210 GS
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module considers the colonial histories of anthropology in Africa and their impact on traditions of knowledge production in the discipline to propose a decolonised anthropology. It does so by critically reflecting on old and contemporary ethnographies from and about the African continent and pays particular attention to ethnographic methods, politics of representation, reflexivity, power and identity as pertinent questions to establish a decolonised anthropology. Students in this module are encouraged to imagine a decolonised anthropology in and for Africa.

Anthropology 320 (APL 320)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	APL 210, APL 220 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Fieldwork, ethnography and theory

This module reviews themes such as conducting fieldwork, writing ethnography and developing theory in anthropology. The module allows the opportunity to gain experience with ethnographic field methods in order to develop insight into the implications of methodological choices and their relationship to research questions and settings.

Criminology 310 (KRM 310)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 07

Service modules Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Theories of crime

Theories focusing on understanding and explaining crime and criminality are investigated in this section.

Part 2: Psychocriminology

Explaining the relation between abnormal behaviour and criminality receives attention in this section.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Criminology 320 (KRM 320)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 07

Service modules Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Female crime

The historical exclusion of women in Criminology theory development and research is interrogated through an epistemological lens. Gender and racial disparity in the criminal justice system are placed firmly on the agenda.

Part 2: Contemporary criminology issues

In this section contemporary crime manifestations are examined.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Psychology 310 (SLK 310)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 07

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites SLK 210(GS), SLK 220(GS)

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Identification of abnormal behaviour in children based on knowledge of normal childhood development; introduction to the study of various models pertaining to abnormal behaviour; understanding and application of basic concepts in child psychopathology. This module also provides an introduction to psychopathology and symptomatology of adult abnormal behaviour. Terminology, definitions of abnormal behaviour, problems in diagnosis, labelling, and myths regarding abnormal behaviour are discussed. Neurosis as a specific mental disorder is studied critically from a multidimensional perspective, including intrapsychic, interpersonal and social-cultural explanations.

Psychology 320 (SLK 320)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 07

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites SLK 210 GS, SLK 220 GS, (RES 320 recommended)

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with a community psychological perspective on human behaviour and psychological interventions and also critically explores the contribution of various perspectives in psychology. The module focuses on themes such as definitions of key concepts, principles and aims of community psychology, and the role of the community psychologist as well as the impact of earlier thought frameworks on contemporary perspectives. The implications of these ideas for practical initiatives focused on mental health in communities, are discussed. The module further focuses on critical psychology. Critical psychology is an orientation towards psychology that is critical towards the assumptions and practices of psychology as it is practiced in the mainstream. It attempts to address power issues as they manifest in the practice of mainstream psychology. The focus is on examining how the practice and theories of mainstream psychology contribute to these power issues impacting on marginalised groups.

Sociology 310 (SOC 310)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	SOC 120, SOC 210(GS) or SOC 211 (GS), SOC 220(GS) or SOC 221 (GS)
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Structure, agency and power in social theory

How do we theorise the interrelationships between structure, agency, and power in society? This is the central question in this module, which provides students with an intensive introduction to critical social theories. Engaging with current affairs and debates in society, the module will enable students to learn how to develop theoretical knowledge about the ways in which power is structured and exercised in society – both from above and below, as well as across fields (the economic, the political, the cultural) and scales (the body, private and public spheres, communities and nation-states, and the world-system).

Sociology 321 (SOC 321)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	SOC 210(GS) or SOC 211(GS) and SOC 220(GS) or SOC 221(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Thinking methodologically

This module sets out to introduce students to 'doing research'. In this respect the assumptions and processes underpinning methodological choices in sociological research are considered in order to think about foundations of research, about how knowledge claims are made, how science is conceptualised, what role theory plays, as well as how values and ethics shape the politics of research. In addition to these foundational questions, a broad introduction to methods used in social research is provided by considering both the theoretical dimensions and practical application of various research tools. The purpose of the module is to equip students with the necessary competence to, describe ontological and epistemological debates and different approaches to research in the social sciences, delineate a research problem, identify units of analysis, make sampling decisions and formulate questions and hypothesis as well as understand the principles of quantitative (elementary statistical decision-making) and qualitative data analysis.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Social work in practice 400 (MWP 400)

Module credits	50.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261, MWT 311, MWT 321, MWP 361 and departmental selection
Contact time	1 discussion class per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Work-integrated learning and professional development in various social work practice contexts.

Social work management and social policy 452 (MWT 452)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261, MWT 311, MWT 321, MWP 361 and departmental selection
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Social work management, supervision and social policy.

Social development 454 (MWT 454)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261, MWT 311, MWT 321, MWP 361 and departmental selection.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Developmental social work, social development and sustainable development.

Social work research 455 (MWT 455)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites MWT 110, MWT 120, MWP 161, MWT 210, MWT 220, MWP 261, MWT 311, MWT 321, MWP 361 and departmental selection

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Research concepts, research ethics, types of research, research designs, research processes and research methods as applicable to social work. Independent research which results in a research report.

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.