

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Music [BMus] 4-year programme (01132003)

Department School of the Arts

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 500

NQF level 08

Programme information

This programme is aimed at the acquisition of specialist music skills and knowledge. The programme can be compiled in such a way that, on its completion, students are qualified for a wide variety of music-related occupations, including the following: solo performer, orchestral or chamber musician, music teacher at all levels (for individual and group tuition), musicologist, music technologist, entrepreneur and impresario.

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 music requirements:
5	30	28	Music: 4 (50-59%) or Grade VII Practical and Grade V Theory (UNISA/Royal Schools/Trinity) or a comparable standard and a practical audition and theoretical test passed with at least 60%

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

Admissions for the Bachelor of Music degree 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 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.

Additional requirements

Departmental selection is required for this programme.

Admission is subject to tests in the first instrument, music theory and harmony. Level 4 in Music as a Grade 12 subject or Grade VII Practical and Grade V Theory (Unisa, Royal Schools, Trinity) serves as a guideline of the expected standard.



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 125.
- MME 400 can only be taken if the first instrument is piano, violin, jazz or classical voice.
- MEI 403 is performing art, with a public concert of 1 hour in the second semester.
- The choice of instrument is based on the availability of an appropriate teacher.
- In order to be admitted to MTI 100 (Second instrument) in any instrument other than percussion, organ, harpsichord or singing, a student should have reached at least Unisa Grade V or a comparable standard in that instrument; in the case of organ, harpsichord, percussion and singing, admission is at the discretion of the head of the department.

Practical music

Students choose a first and a second instrument from the following: Voice, piano, keyboard, organ, harpsichord, violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion, harp, guitar, recorder, saxophone and ensemble. Jazz and/or classical streams are allowed, according to availability.

Attendance modules

- i. In addition to the modules mentioned in the learning programme, students are obliged to attend the weekly recital classes and seminars.
- ii. It is compulsory for all music students to be a member of a departmental ensemble, choir and/or the UP Symphony Orchestra and UP Symphonic Wind Orchestra.
- iii. Unsatisfactory attendance at the performance classes, seminars and compulsory ensembles and choirs as stipulated under (i) and (ii) may, at the discretion of the head of the department, lead to a lowering of the student's practical or any one academic module's year mark.

Promotion to next study year

Admission to the second year of study

Must obtain at least 108 credits for music modules at year level 1.

Admission to the third year of study

Obtain all credits at level 1 (142 credits), as well as at least 130 credits for music modules at yr level 2.

Admission to the fourth year of study

Must obtain all credits at level 2 (155 credits), as well as at least 110 credits for music modules at yr level 3.

Pass with distinction

In order to be awarded the degree with distinction, a student has to obtain a weighted average of at least 75% (not rounded) for the final-year modules.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 132

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.



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

Core modules

Aural training 100 (GHO 100)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

All major-, minor-, chromatic scales, modes, intervals, 3 and 4 part chords in all inversions, primary and secondary chord progressions, basic modulations, rhythmic and melodic sight-singing/dictation, based on the *movable doh system*, in Western and African music.

General music studies 100 (MAM 100)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

This module is intended to equip students with a) language and research skills, academic writing, assignment writing, plagiarism, referencing, and an introduction to Musicology, and b) providing music students with knowledge and skills for optimal development as performing artists. Specific strategies for health promotion as well as the prevention of injury will be focused on. A variety of health-related topics will include: the role of nutrition and rest, dealing with stress, music performance anxiety, musculoskeletal health and hearing health.

First instrument 100 (MEI 100)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Technical work, solo recital including ensemble playing, and sight-reading.

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading, performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles, and chamber/ensemble works comprising 25% of repertoire selection. Compulsory is the performance of a South African (solo or ensemble) composition of an acceptable standard.

In jazz: Students enrolled for MEI 100 (jazz), must take MME 100 (jazz) & MTI 100 (jazz ensemble).

Musicology 100 (MGS 100)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

*Requires knowledge of music notation.

Baroque, Classical and Introduction to Jazz: A historical musicological approach to the development and contexts of Western art music during the Baroque and Classical era, and an introduction to the history of jazz, through in-depth critical listening and reading of representative major composers, musical genres, styles and forms.

Music theory 100 (MKT 100)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Classical and jazz: Melody, harmonic concepts, diatonic triads, cadences, diatonic quartads, secondary dominants, contrapuntal techniques in a two-part texture, phrase structures, one-part, binary, ternary forms; inventions and variation forms.

Methodology 100 (MME 100)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Piano: The methodology of basic elements of piano tuition as well as relevant repertoire up to grade 3 level of all recognised examination boards. Evaluation of beginner and technical books for beginner tuition.

Jazz: Technical skills and methods relevant to jazz improvisation, common forms and chord sequences, elements of style and repertoire. (Compulsory with MEI 100 (jazz))

Classical voice: International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for Italian; Italian diction for singers; practice methods; physiology and anatomy of the vocal mechanism; vocal hygiene; methodological concepts such as dynamic body alignment and breathing for singing; Baroque repertoire studies.

Music education 100 (MML 100)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

This module introduces music students to develop their own in-depth understanding of both music and learning. Students will also explore levels of formal, nonformal, and enculturative music learning to understand musical identity in different world cultures and global music environments.

Second instrument 100 (MTI 100)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 05

Prerequisites Admission into relevant programme

Contact time 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading, recital pieces of contrasting styles.

In Jazz: Repertoire, stylistic considerations, instrumental technique and performance demands for successful participation in a jazz ensemble.

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 138

Select one elective music module at year level 2.

Core modules

Aural training 200 (GHO 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	GHO 100
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

All major-, minor-, chromatic-, whole tone-, pentatonic scales, modes, intervals, 3 and 4 part chords in all inversions, recognition of chromatic chord progressions and improvisation, modulations, rhythmic and melodic sight-singing/dictation based on the *movable doh system*, in Western and African music.

First instrument 200 (MEI 200)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	In jazz: MEI 100 (jazz)
Contact time	1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Technical work, solo recital including ensemble playing, and sight-reading.

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading, performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles, and chamber/ensemble works comprising 25% of repertoire selection. Compulsory is the performance of a South African (solo or ensemble) composition of an acceptable standard.

In jazz: Students enrolled for MEI 200 (jazz), must take MME 200 (jazz)

Musicology 200 (MGS 200)

Module credits	24.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

*Requires knowledge of music notation.

The Romantic era, Twentieth century Art music, Jazz: A historical musicological approach to the development and contexts of Western art music that spans the Romantic era, twentieth century, and jazz, through in-depth critical listening and reading of representative major composers, musical genres, styles and forms.

Music theory 200 (MKT 200)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	MKT 100
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Modulation with any key relationship, general chromatic chords, complex chord structures, contrapuntal techniques in a three-part texture, rondo form, sonata form, canon, fugue.

Methodology 200 (MME 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	MME 100
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Piano: The methodology of basic elements of piano tuition as well as relevant repertoire up to grade 3 level of all recognised examination boards. Evaluation of beginner and technical books for beginner tuition.

Jazz: Technical skills and methods relevant to jazz improvisation, common forms and chord sequences, elements of style and repertoire. (Compulsory with MEI 100 (jazz))

Classical voice: International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for German; German diction for singers; phases of phonation; reducing tension in the vocal mechanism; voice classification and opera styles; singing recitativo; classical vs contemporary singing; Classical repertoire studies.

Music education 200 (MML 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

This module will direct students to develop their understanding of the embodied nature of music learning and knowing, enabling them to create inspiring music experiences in a teaching and learning environment.

Second instrument 200 (MTI 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	MTI 100
Contact time	1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading, and recital pieces of contrasting styles.

In Jazz: Repertoire, stylistic considerations, instrumental technique and performance demands for successful participation in a jazz ensemble.



Community arts in practice 210 (SOA 210)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Programme-specific execution of a community-related project.

Elective modules

General composition studies 200 (KPS 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Composition and orchestration

Digital notation and introduction to orchestration techniques.

Music technology 200 (MCS 200)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

This module is the start of a series of modules that form part of an elective programme aiming to prepare, equip and train the student with music-technology related skills and specialisations. It is designed to provide a thorough introductory audio-related engineering and programming skillset for the candidate. The student enrolled in the elective programme does so with the intention to be trained as an expert in the music-technology field and related disciplines.

Chamber music 201 (MCS 201)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Specialisation in either Western, African or jazz ensemble music – the history, general repertoire knowledge, collaborative performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles.

In Jazz: Jazz styles, analysis and improvisation concepts through practice and performance of relevant jazz repertoire.

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 120

Select three elective modules at year level 3.

Core modules

First instrument 300 (MEI 300)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	In jazz: MEI 200 (jazz)
Contact time	1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Technical work, solo recital including ensemble playing, and sight-reading.

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading, performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles, and chamber music/ensemble works comprising 25% of examination repertoire selections. Compulsory is the performance of a South African (solo or ensemble) composition of an acceptable standard.

In jazz: Prerequisite is MEI 200 (jazz).

Musicology 300 (MGS 300)

Module credits	36.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

*Requires knowledge of music notation.

The twentieth-century. A historical musicological approach to the development and contexts of music in the 20th century, including Western Art music, Indigenous Art music, Pop and Jazz, through in-depth critical listening and reading of representative major composers, musical genres, styles and forms.



Music education 300 (MML 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module provides guidelines and opportunities so that students can become successful music educators, leading them to choose appropriate content, teaching strategies and skills in order to teach in a variety of milieus, communities and contexts. Opportunities are provided for you to grow your potential as musician and as music educator.

Elective modules

General composition studies 300 (KPS 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Introduction to acoustic and electroacoustic compositional practices, advanced notation, film scoring and vocal writing.

Capita selecta: Music 300 (MCS 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	MCS 201
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Specialisation in either Western, African or jazz ensemble music – the history, general repertoire knowledge, collaborative performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles.

In Jazz: Jazz styles, analysis and improvisation concepts through practice and performance of relevant jazz repertoire. Prerequisite is MME 200 (jazz) and MEI 200 (jazz).

Music technology 302 (MCS 302)

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites Admission into relevant programme. MCS 200

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

This module is the second in a series of modules that form part of an elective programme aiming to prepare, equip and train the student with music-technology related skills and specialisations. It is designed to provide a thorough, post-introductory audio-related engineering and programming skillset for the candidate. The student enrolled in the elective programme does so with the intention to be trained as an expert in the music-technology field and related disciplines.

Music theory 300 (MKT 300)

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Prerequisites MKT 200

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Classical theory: Procedures of Romanticism

Jazz theory: Analysis and theory of contemporary jazz



Music entrepreneurship 300 (MKZ 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

An overview of music entrepreneurship by exploring concepts such as entrepreneurship, macro-and micro economic environments, how to create a business venture, project management, marketing, writing a business plan, basic accounting and financial management. It aims to prepare students for a portfolio career approach by managing the many facets of being a musician.

Methodology 300 (MME 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	MME 200
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Piano: Advanced elements of tuition. The schools of technique, rubato and agogics, practice methods, memory function, study of the repertoire of all style periods up to Teachers' Licentiate level of all recognised examination boards.

Classical voice: International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for French; French diction for singers; general musicianship; stage presence; professional collaboration; introductory concepts of singing pedagogy; Romantic repertoire studies.

Music education 300 (MML 300)

Module credits	18.00
NQF Level	07
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

This module provides guidelines and opportunities so that students can become successful music educators, leading them to choose appropriate content, teaching strategies and skills in order to teach in a variety of milieus, communities and contexts. Opportunities are provided for you to grow your potential as musician and as music educator.

Music psychology 370 (MPE 370)

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Prerequisites No prerequisites

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Music

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

An introduction into the field of Music Psychology with an emphasis on the science of Musical Learning. The module will focus on musical development; the neurophysiology and plasticity of the musical brain; motivation for learning; and, the role of practice. The contents of this module will provide insight into students' own and musical experiences and provide a context for improving various aspects their musicianship.

Second instrument 300 (MTI 300)

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Prerequisites MTI 200

Contact time 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

In all instruments: Technical work, sight reading and recital pieces of contrasting styles.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Select two elective modules to the value of 80 credits.

Core modules

Arts research and methodology 400 (SOA 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into the programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A research report on an approved topic.

Elective modules

Composition portfolio 400 (KPS 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Portfolio of acoustic or electroacoustic compositions.

Capita selecta: Music 401 (MCS 401)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

In Chamber Music: Specialisation in either Western, African or jazz ensemble music – historic background, collaborative instrumental performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles.

In Jazz: Jazz styles, analysis and advanced improvisation concepts through practice and performance of relevant jazz repertoire. Jazz performance students must take MEI 403.

Prerequisite is MSC 300 (jazz).

In Music Therapy: An introduction to music therapy theory and practice.

Music technology 402 (MCS 402)

Module credits 40.00

NQF Level 08

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites Admission into relevant programme

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Aspects of music technology: This module is the third and final in a series of modules that form part of an elective programme aiming to prepare, equip and train the student with music-technology related skills and specialisations. It is designed to provide an advanced and thorough, audio-related engineering and programming skillset for the candidate. The student enrolled in the elective programme does so with the intention to be trained as an expert in the music-technology field and related disciplines.

First instrument 400 (MEI 400)

Module credits 40.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites In jazz: MCS 300 (jazz), MEI 300 (jazz)

Contact time 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Technical work, solo recital including ensemble playing, and sight-reading.

In all instruments: Technical work, sight-reading, performance skills, recital pieces of contrasting styles, and chamber music/ensemble works comprising 25% of examination repertoire selections. Compulsory is the performance of a South African (solo or ensemble) composition of an acceptable standard.

In jazz: Prerequisite is MCS 300 (jazz) and MEI 300 (jazz)

First instrument 403 (MEI 403)

Module credits 40.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites In jazz: MCS 300 (jazz), MEI 300 (jazz)

Contact time 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Public recital of a combination of solo (75%) and ensemble (25%) works.

In all instruments: Performance and stage deportment skills, memorisation techniques, June – 30 minutes test recital, November – 60 minutes public recital comprising contrasting solo works of an advanced technical standard. Chamber music compositions have to constitute 25% of the programme content. Compulsory is the inclusion of a South African (solo or ensemble) composition of an appropriate standard.

In jazz: Prerequisite is MCS 300 (jazz) and MEI 300. Jazz performance students must take MCS 401.

Musicology 400 (MGS 400)

Module credits 40.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites MGS 310, MGS 320

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of the Arts

Period of presentation Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Philosophy of Music: An historical and systematic musicological approach to the Philosophy of Music through in-depth critical reading of representative major philosophers over time, from the Ancient Greeks to the present, as well as critical scrutiny of concurrent musical development.



Music theory 400 (MKT 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	MKT 300
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection.

Classical theory: Capita selecta: Procedures of the twentieth century.

Jazz theory: Analysis and theory of contemporary jazz

Music entrepreneurship 400 (MKZ 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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*Compulsory membership of UP concert choir or Tuks Camerata

Practical and theoretical aspects of choir conducting.

Methodology 400 (MME 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	MME 300
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year



Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Piano: Advanced elements of tuition. The interpretation of style elements from the Baroque period to contemporary repertoire with focus on the Baroque and Classical tuition, study of Classical and Baroque repertoire Gr 7 and 8 level of all recognised examination boards.

Classical voice: Advanced elements of tuition (continuance of MME 100, 200 & 300). Philosophy of teaching voice; practicing and self-regulation; teaching young voices; teaching breath management, resonance, registration, jaw and tongue position; expressive singing through use of the text; twentieth-century repertoire studies.

Music education 400 (MML 400)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission into relevant programme
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection

Philosophical grounding and didactics of music education. The module is designed for subject specialists to think critically and deeply about music teaching and learning. Your knowledge and practical teaching skills will be enhanced through opportunities of community music engagement.

Music psychology 470 (MPE 470)

Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of the Arts
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The aim of the module is to present a broad overview of how psychological research, models and theories have been used to explain a range of musical behaviours including the development of musical ability and expertise, musical performance, emotional responses to music, and music listening behaviours.

Requirement: An interest in psychology, and prior experience in formal music training or experience in choir singing.

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.