

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BSocSciHons specialising in Anthropology (01243016)

Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120
NQF level	08

Programme information

The honours degree entails one year of full-time study and comprises of coursework, ethnographic field research and examinations, as well as a research report of 10 000 words based on field research which must be completed by the end of the academic year.

Students must conduct at least 5 weeks of fieldwork and are also required to attend departmental seminars.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree with specialisation in anthropology
2. A weighted average of at least 65% in Anthropology at final-year level, but students with 70% or more for Anthropology at final-year level will receive preference

Note: Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency.

Additional requirements

- If deemed necessary additional modules will be required.
- Students with a mark between 60% and 65% could be considered under special conditions. Apply to programme manager(s).

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Research methodology in anthropology 755 (APL 755)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 other contact session per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Quarter 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

Module content

Theory and practice of participant observation. Other techniques of data collection used by anthropologists. Organisation and use of field notes. Reflexivity and fieldwork. Practical application of research methods.

Politics of identity 756 (APL 756)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies
Period of presentation	Quarter 2

Module content

This module builds on the anthropological and ethnographic knowledge students have acquired. With reference to contemporary anthropological theories, students will deepen their insights into the world around them and the discipline itself. This will aid in the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills from a contemporary anthropological perspective.

Contemporary ethnography 761 (APL 761)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 other contact session per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English



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Period of presentation	Quarter 3
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Module content

The production of ethnographic texts, reflexivity in ethnographic writing, postmodernism, contemporary concerns about ethnographic texts and the “crisis of representation”. A critical reading of three recent ethnographies.

Research report: Anthropology 770 (APL 770)

Module credits	40.00
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NQF Level	08
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Year
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Module content

The honours degree entails one year of full-time study and comprises of coursework, ethnographic field research and examinations as well as a research report of between 12,000 to a maximum of 15,000 words based on field research which must be completed by the end of the academic year.

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.