

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BSocSciHons specialising in Psychology (01243019)

Department Psychology

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

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Programme information

This is an academic programme only, and does not lead to registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree with specialisation in Psychology
2. An average of at least 70% each for Psychology at second and final-year level
3. A research module (RES320 or an equivalent undergraduate research module) passed
4. In addition to the UP Admission Application, candidates are also required to submit a Departmental Application Form to the Department of Psychology. More information can be obtained at <https://www.up.ac.za/psychology/article/43589/honours-programme>

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Additional research modules may be required, if deemed necessary by the head of department.

Please note the following:

- Prospective students may be required to do additional work/modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.
- The Department also considers equity, in terms of race, gender, and disability when selecting candidates.
- The number of students selected will be limited.
- The programme is structured for one-year full-time study.

Examinations and pass requirements

Assessments

- i. In order to pass a module, a final mark of at least 50% must be obtained.
- ii. Progress in modules is assessed through a variety of activities in the form of normative and continuous assessments. Assessment is designed to ensure that all the outcomes of the modules have been evaluated.
- iii. The final results for all modules will only be published after confirmation of the results by the examination commission of the Faculty of Humanities. No results will be released beforehand.

Promotion to next study year

The programme is a one-year full-time course.

Pass with distinction

The degree is awarded with distinction if a candidate obtains at least a 75% cumulative weighted average on successful completion of the degree.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Elective modules

Select 4 elective modules.

Availability of elective modules is subject to departmental resources. Not all modules are presented each year, please confirm with the department before registration.

Core modules

[Theories and paradigms 751](#) (SLK 751) - Credits: 15.00

[Research report 761](#) (SLK 761) - Credits: 30.00

[Research methodology 764](#) (SLK 764) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

[Social psychology 752](#) (SLK 752) - Credits: 15.00

[Community psychology 753](#) (SLK 753) - Credits: 15.00

[Psychological assessment 755](#) (SLK 755) - Credits: 15.00

[Psychopathology 756](#) (SLK 756) - Credits: 15.00

[Neuropsychology 760](#) (SLK 760) - Credits: 15.00

[Cognitive psychology 762](#) (SLK 762) - Credits: 15.00

[Personality psychology 765](#) (SLK 765) - Credits: 15.00

[Therapeutic psychology 766](#) (SLK 766) - Credits: 15.00

[Developmental psychology 767](#) (SLK 767) - Credits: 15.00

[Capita selecta 768](#) (SLK 768) - Credits: 15.00

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.