



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MA specialising in Fine Arts (01250108)

Department School of the Arts

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

The research can be conducted by means of a dissertation (BKS 858), a dissertation and solo exhibition (BKS 859) or a dissertation and curated exhibition (BKS 860).

Admission requirements

1. Relevant honours degree
or
Relevant four-year bachelor's degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree
or
A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level of the four-year bachelor's degree

Note:

1. An admissions essay/examination may be required
2. Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Additional requirements

The Research Committee of the Department of Visual Arts must approve the application which includes a research proposal.



Curriculum: Final year

The research can be conducted by means of :

- A dissertation (BKS 858), or
- A dissertation and solo exhibition (BKS 859) or
- A dissertation and curated exhibition (BKS 860).

Core modules

Dissertation: Advanced research in Fine Arts 858 (BKS 858)

Module credits 180.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites A four-year degree in Fine Arts or equivalent qualification (with approval by Senate) with an average of at least 65%.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Year

Module content

A dissertation on an approved topic completed under supervision of a supervisor.

Dissertation and creative production 859 (BKS 859)

Module credits 180.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites A four-year degree in Fine Arts or equivalent qualification (with approval by Senate) with an average of at least 65%

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Year

Module content

A solo exhibition of creative work investigating a relevant research theme/idea that has been meaningfully and appropriately delimited within contemporary discourses, accompanied by a dissertation of limited scope serving as a framing document and a catalogue for the exhibition. The creative work and the dissertation must be conceptually linked and integrated.

Dissertation and curatorial practice 860 (BKS 860)

Module credits 180.00

NQF Level 09



Prerequisites	A four-year degree in Fine Arts or equivalent qualification (with approval by Senate) with an average of at least 65%.
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

A curated exhibition investigating a relevant research theme/idea that has been meaningfully and appropriately delimited to comply with contemporary requirements; a dissertation of limited scope which will serve as a framing document, and a catalogue for the exhibition. The area and topic for research are those that were delineated in the research proposal. The curated exhibition and the dissertation must be conceptually linked and integrated.

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.