

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## MA specialising in Security Studies (Coursework) (01250408)

**Department** Political Sciences

**Minimum duration of study** 2 years

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Admission requirements

1. Honours degree in Political Sciences  
or  
Relevant honours degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree

Note:

1. An admissions essay/entrance examination may be required
2. Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency
3. Applicants with a weighted average of between 60% and 64% for the honours degree, might be considered for admissions via the RPL process (Refer to the UP General Academic Regulations and Student Rules G55)

### Additional requirements

- Prospective students may be required to submit an admissions essay or to sit for an examination or to do additional work/modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.

### Other programme-specific information

- At least two modules must be taken during the first year of study.
- Students may, with the approval of the programme manager, replace at the most one module with another suitable module with equal credits from another discipline.
- This program is not presented telematically or via distance education.



## Curriculum: Year 1

### Core modules

Mediation in African conflicts 871 (PTO 871) - Credits: 30.00

National security 871 (SEC 871) - Credits: 30.00

Security and strategic theory 877 (SEC 877) - Credits: 30.00

Methodology of security studies 878 (SEC 878) - Credits: 30.00

Strategic intelligence and forecasting 879 (SEC 879) - Credits: 30.00

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## Curriculum: Final year

### Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Security studies 895 (SEC 895) - Credits: 60.00

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#### 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.