

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## MSW in Social Development and Policy (Coursework) (01251076)

**Department** Social Work and Criminology

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Programme information

Closing date for applications: 31 July annually.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Social Work degree of equivalent
2. A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level
3. Registration at the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) or with a relevant professional body, where applicable

### Additional requirements

- At least two years appropriate practice experience.
- A compulsory module in research methodology, namely MWT 864, must be passed.

### Pass with distinction

A student passes with distinction when an average mark of 75% (not rounded) is achieved for the core modules and the mini-dissertation, subject to a minimum of 70% for the mini-dissertation.

# Curriculum: Year 1

## Core modules

### Social development (1) 851 (MWT 851)

<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Departmental selection
<b>Contact time</b>	8 lectures per day for 5 days
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Social Work and Criminology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

#### Module content

\*Closed - requires departmental selection

Conceptualisation and application of knowledge and skills of a developmental approach to social welfare, social work, social services and social development within an international, Southern African and South African perspective. Overview of the macro-socioeconomic, political and environmental context in which social welfare, social development and social work are implemented. New challenges for the implementation and facilitation of the developmental approach on all intervention levels in various practice settings.

### Social development (2) 852 (MWT 852)

<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Departmental selection
<b>Contact time</b>	8 lectures per day for 5 days
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Social Work and Criminology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

\*Departmental selection

Conceptualising and contextualising social welfare and economic development in addressing poverty and inequalities. The relatedness between human, social and economic development and how social work can implement and facilitate integrated sustainable community and social development. The place and role of participation, capacity building and empowerment of communities, and in particular that of women, in sustainable community and social development. Identification and analyses of challenges for social and economic development and the role of social work in the integration of social and economic development.

### Social policy 853 (MWT 853)

<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
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<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Departmental selection
<b>Contact time</b>	8 lectures per day for 5 days
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Social Work and Criminology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

\*Departmental selection

The role and impact of politics and socio-economic development on the conceptualization and implementation of social policy for development from a international, Southern African and South African context. The process and skills of policy analysis, policy formulation, policy communication and policy implementation. The principles and challenges of the political role of the social worker in the influencing, formulation and execution of social policy.

### Research methodology 864 (MWT 864)

<b>Module credits</b>	0.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Departmental selection.
<b>Contact time</b>	8 lectures per day for 5 days
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Social Work and Criminology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

#### Module content

\*Departmental selection

Research ethics, research approaches, types of research, research designs and research process as applicable to social work.

## Curriculum: Final year

### Core modules

#### Mini-dissertation: Social work 895 (MWT 895)

<b>Module credits</b>	90.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	MWT 864
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Social Work and Criminology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Year

#### Module content

A comprehensive report (80-100 pages) on an approved research project based on independent research in a specialist field in social work selected in consultation with a supervisor. Scholastic and advanced research of selected specialist area including the planning, resourcing and managing of processes. Accountability for achieving and evaluating personal and/or group output.

#### 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.