

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) - Credits: 30.00

Social development (2) 852 (MWT 852) - Credits: 30.00

Social policy 853 (MWT 853) - Credits: 30.00

Research methodology 864 (MWT 864) - Credits: 0.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: [Social work 895](#) (MWT 895) - Credits: 90.00

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.