

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MSocSci specialising in Sociology (Coursework) (01253031)

Department Sociology

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Admission requirements

1. Honours degree in Sociology with relevant modules
or
Honours degree in Industrial Sociology
or
Relevant honours degree
2. A weighted average of at least 70% for the honours degree
3. Research component passed at honours level

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

- SOC 751 and SOC 756 or equivalent modules in research methodology and social theory are required.
- Prospective students may have to submit an admissions essay or sit for an examination or do additional modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English or Afrikaans is required.
- Students with an average between 68% and 70% could be considered for admission under special conditions. Apply to the programme manager.

Other programme-specific information

- Choose one of the following core modules: SOC 857, SOC 859 or SOC 860.
- Choose one elective module.
- SOC 857, SOC 859 and SOC 860 may be chosen as elective when not already selected as a core module.
- Not all modules are offered in any given year. Please contact the programme manager in this regard.



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

SOC 895 Mini-dissertation: Sociology

SOC 812 Advanced research methodology

Select One of the following:

SOC 857 Globalisation and development

SOC 859 Identity, culture and society

SOC 860 Political Economy to The Global South in the Twenty-First Century

Elective modules

One of the following:

GNR 861 Gender and the politics of knowledge

SOC 830 Managing Conflict

SOC 857 Globalisation and development**

SOC 858 The sociology of South Africa

SOC 859 Identity, culture and society**

SOC 860 Political Economy to The Global South in the Twenty-First Century**

SOC 861 Gender, family and households

SOC 862 Sociology organisations

Note:

**When not already selected as a core module

Core modules

Advanced research methodology 812 (SOC 812) - Credits: 30.00

Environment, society, and development 857 (SOC 857) - Credits: 30.00

Identity, culture and society 859 (SOC 859) - Credits: 30.00

Political economy to the global south in the twenty-first century 860 (SOC 860) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation: Sociology 895 (SOC 895) - Credits: 90.00

Elective modules

Gender and the politics of knowledge 861 (GNR 861) - Credits: 30.00

Managing conflict in the workplace 830 (SOC 830) - Credits: 30.00

Environment, society, and development 857 (SOC 857) - Credits: 30.00

The sociology of South Africa 858 (SOC 858) - Credits: 30.00

Identity, culture and society 859 (SOC 859) - Credits: 30.00

Political economy to the global south in the twenty-first century 860 (SOC 860) - Credits: 30.00

Gender, family and households 861 (SOC 861) - Credits: 30.00

Sociology of organisations 862 (SOC 862) - Credits: 30.00

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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.