

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MA specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (01253036)

Department Philosophy

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Arts Honours in Philosophy, Politics and Economics degree
or
Relevant honours degree
2. A weighted average of at least 68% for the honours degree but students with a weighted average of at least 70% or more will receive preference
3. Research component passed at honours level

Note: Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency in research

Additional requirements

- Students with an average of between 68% and 70% in the majors/fields of specialisation could be considered for admission under special conditions. Apply to the programme manager.
- Prospective students may be required to do additional work/modules (for non-degree purposes) to enable them to reach the desired level of research capability, should it be found that they have not completed an appropriate research component at honours level.

Pass with distinction

For the degree to be awarded with distinction a student must obtain a minimum of 75% for the dissertation.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Philosophy, politics and economics 891 (FIL 891)

Module credits	180.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	as scheduled with study leader
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Research dissertation on an appropriate topic spanning all three disciplines – Philosophy, Political Sciences and Economics as approved by the head of the home department (Philosophy).

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.