

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Consumer Science option Development (02263007)

Department Consumer and Food Sciences

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

- At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
- At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
- With the exception of a shorter period that may be approved by the Dean, at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University has expired.

The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.

Renewal of registration

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department or the Postgraduate Committee, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the PhD degree consists of the following:

- Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
- A thesis.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum duration of study and the requirements to submit an article/s for publication.

Admission requirements

1. Master of Consumer Science degree
or
Relevant master's degree
2. An average of at least 60% for the master's degree
3. Research methodology passed at master's level

Note: Additional modules may be required to reach the desired level of competency



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Consumer Science 990 (VBR 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Consumer Science 990 (VBR 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Consumer and Food Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

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.