

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## BAdmin specialising in Public Management and International Relations (07131175)

**Department** School of Public Management and Administration

**Minimum duration of study** 3 years

**Total credits** 401

**NQF level** 07

### Programme information

This programme is directed towards the study of Public Administration that will equip the candidate for a career in the broad public sector. Candidates will gain in-depth knowledge of certain administrative and management practices in the South African and international public sectors. Emphasis is placed on the three spheres of government with reference to aspects such as resources management, international administration and management, policy, accountability and ethics, the role of the state, intergovernmental relations and administrative justice.

Students who achieved 70% and above in English Home Language (an A or a B), and 80% and above in English First Additional Language (only an A) in the NSC (or equivalent) will be exempted from ALL 124 and therefore do not have to register and pass this module to complete their degrees. Students who achieved 69% and below in English Home Language (a C and below), and 79% and below in English First Additional Language (a B and below) have to register for ALL 124 and pass this module in order to be awarded their degrees.

Students who achieved 70% for English at Cambridge A level or AS level will be exempted from ALL 124 .

### Admission requirements

#### Important information for all prospective students for 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here](#) for this Faculty Brochure.

| Minimum requirements                                       |                                                 |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Achievement level                                          |                                                 |           |
| English Home Language or English First Additional Language | Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy            | APS       |
| NSC/IEB                                                    | NSC/IEB                                         |           |
| 5                                                          | Mathematics 3 <b>or</b> Mathematical Literacy 4 | <b>28</b> |

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.  
Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.  
Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.  
Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.  
Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2025: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), available at [click here](#).

**International students:** [Click here](#).

### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Closing dates:** Same as above.

### Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

#### Note:

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

### Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

## Other programme-specific information

Note: See the alphabetical list of modules for prerequisites of all modules.

Language (German, English, French, Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish)

Please note: Candidates who did not obtain at least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in Grade 12, or who did not pass Statistics 113, 123, may not include EKN 120, 214, 234, 310, 320 and STK 110, 120 in their curriculum. Refer also to faculty prerequisites for these modules.

Specialisation modules for this degree are PAD 312 and 322

### "Major subject"

To be considered a "major subject" the equivalent of four 14-week modules, including two at 300-level, must be passed provided that only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100-

and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

## Promotion to next study year

### **Renewal of registration, exclusion, dismissal and deregistration of modules**

Refer to General Academic Regulations G3 and G4.

1. A student must pass at least 60% of the official credits listed for a year level of study for a three-year programme.
2. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of 60% of official credits, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the EMS Appeals Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Appeals Committee may set further conditions with regard to the student's academic progress.
3. The EMS Appeals Committee may deny a student's application for readmission. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the EMS Appeals Committee.
4. If a student has been readmitted conditionally, his/her academic progress will be monitored after the first semester examinations to determine whether he/she has complied with the requirements set by the Admissions Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.
5. A student must be able to complete the programme for which he or she is re-registering, within the prescribed minimum period (years = N) plus one year (N+1).
6. A student may be refused admission to the examination, or promotion to a subsequent year of study or promotion in a module (if applicable) if he/she fails to fulfil the attendance requirements. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is compulsory for all students.

## Pass with distinction

- a. A degree may be awarded with distinction provided the candidate meets the following criteria:
  - i. Completes the degree within three years;
  - ii. Obtains a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 75%;
  - iii. Repeated passed modules will not be considered. The initial pass mark of module will be used when calculating the GPA.
- b. A degree will only be awarded with distinction to transferees from other degrees in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor degrees within three years (including the years registered for the other degree and credits transferred and recognised).
- c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
- d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.

# Curriculum: Year 1

## Minimum credits: 120

\* The admission requirement for EKN 120 is at least 60% in STK 113 and STK 123 or Maths Grade 12 symbol 4. If EKN is included, STK 113 and 123 must be chosen as elective modules for students who do not comply with the Gr 12 requirement. Alternatively, students who do not comply, must register for BDO 121.

## Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

Academic literacy for Economic and Management Sciences 124 (ALL 124) - Credits: 6.00

Academic orientation 107 (UPO 107) - Credits: 0.00

## Core modules

Industrial and organisational psychology 121 (BDO 121) - Credits: 10.00

Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00

Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00

Public administration 112 (PAD 112) - Credits: 10.00

Public administration 122 (PAD 122) - Credits: 10.00

Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00

Public resource management 110 (PUF 110) - Credits: 18.00

## Elective modules

German for beginners 104 (DTS 104) - Credits: 24.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

French for beginners 104 (FRN 104) - Credits: 24.00

Informatics 112 (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00

Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00

Statistics 113 (STK 113) - Credits: 11.00

Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00

Statistics 123 (STK 123) - Credits: 12.00

## Curriculum: Year 2

### Minimum credits: 141

On second year level, students should choose either Political Science **or** International Relations.

### Core modules

International relations theory and international organisation(s) 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Foreign policy analysis and diplomacy 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Communication management 281 (KOB 281) - Credits: 5.00

Public administration 212 (PAD 212) - Credits: 16.00

Public administration 222 (PAD 222) - Credits: 16.00

Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00

### Elective modules

Industrial and organisational psychology 214 (BDO 214) - Credits: 16.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 224 (BDO 224) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00

Public management 210 (OPB 210) - Credits: 22.00

Public Law 210 (PBL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Public Law 220 (PBL 220) - Credits: 10.00



## Curriculum: Final year

### Minimum credits: 140

On third year level, students should choose either Political Science **or** International Relations.

### Core modules

International political economy 310 (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Security and strategic studies 320 (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00

Public administration 312 (PAD 312) - Credits: 20.00

Public administration 322 (PAD 322) - Credits: 20.00

Political science 310 (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00

Political science 320 (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00

### Elective modules

Industrial and organisational psychology 319 (BDO 319) - Credits: 20.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 329 (BDO 329) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00

### 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.