

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Industrial Psychology (07267145)

Department Human Resource Management

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

The PhD degree is conferred by virtue of a thesis.

The relevant head of department reserves the right to prescribe any additional modules/seminars for a candidate.

A candidate must also pass the compulsory module in EBW 801 Research methodology 801 if it has not been completed at master's level. However, the Dean may, in exceptional cases and on the recommendation of the relevant head of department/director, waive this prerequisite.

Not all postgraduate programmes are offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty's student administration concerning the presentation of this programme.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant master's degree accredited by the HPCSA
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the master's degree

Additional requirements

The Dean or Postgraduate Committee has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

Due to capacity constraints, there is not necessarily an intake of new students every year. It remains the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the degree they wish to apply for, will indeed be offered.

Examinations and pass requirements

The thesis should be passed in accordance with the stipulations of General Academic Regulations G50 and G54, as well as a compulsory module in Research Methodology.

Research information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G50 and G54.

The research component comprises a thesis and a research article for publication (General Academic Regulation G51). A candidate will work under the guidance of a supervisor to develop a detailed research proposal according to departmental guidelines and regulations. The proposal must be presented to the departmental PhD committee and must be officially approved by all relevant committees before the candidate can commence with his/her research. The candidate will continue his/her research under the guidance of his/her supervisor until the research is completed according to the rules and regulations of the University. An oral defence of the thesis may be required as part of the final examination. Furthermore, a research article based on the candidate's research must be submitted for publication to a recognised accredited journal. The article is a compulsory condition for the degree to be conferred on the candidate. The research component contributes 100% towards the total requirement for the degree.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

[Thesis 995](#) (BDO 995) - Credits: 360.00

[Research proposal 901](#) (EBW 901) - Credits: 1.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

[Thesis 995](#) (BDO 995) - Credits: 360.00

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.