

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BEdHons in Educational Psychology (09240016)

Department Educational Psychology

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 128

NQF level 08

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree on NQF-level 7 and
2. Psychology (passed at third-year level) and Education (passed at second-year level)

Examinations and pass requirements

Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.

Chancellor's examination

A final-year student who has failed a maximum of three semester modules or their equivalent, with a final mark of at least 40% in each, may be admitted by the Dean to a Chancellor's examination/s in these modules during January of the following year, provided that this will enable the student to comply with all the requirements for the degree.

Research information

A research project is compulsory and must be handed in for examination, as prescribed by the particular department.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75%, with a minimum of 70% in each module (no rounding).

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 128

When the full-time option is chosen, all "Fundamental" and "Core" modules must be selected. When the part-time option is chosen, NMQ 745, EDS 711, ISA 731 and KGG 730 must be selected in the 1st year and NMQ 755, LDS 730, NOS 780 and LOT 730 must be selected in the final year.

Fundamental modules

Part 1: Research proposal 755 (NMQ 755)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Humanities Education
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Guided literature research, formulation of a conceptual framework and development of a research proposal for a supervised research project of limited scope.

Part 2: Research report 780 (NOS 780)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	NMQ 755
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Educational Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Supervised research project of limited scope. Application of quantitative and/or qualitative research methods. Writing a research report and presenting a research paper in a team. Classes will be directed towards using real-life examples from educational contexts, through which students learn the theory and methods associated with various approaches to research. It will include a sound foundation in the understanding of meta-theories and the application of the philosophical underpinnings within educational research.

Core modules

Philosophy and social imperatives of education 711 (EDS 711)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Educational Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Meta-theories in education. Empiricism; rational empiricism; critical rationalism; critical theory; phenomenology; hermeneutics; system theory; philosophies in education: traditional philosophies; indigenous (African) philosophies. The influence of modernism and postmodernism on education. Sociological imperatives for education. Theories of societal change and roles and values of education. Comparative perspectives on learning theories and their meaning for education.

Inclusive education 731 (ISA 731)

Module credits 16.00

NQF Level 08

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Educational Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Theoretical basis and nature of learning diversity, learning problems/barriers to learning, learning disabilities, cognitive functioning and special educational needs. Background, principles and implementation of inclusive education policy. Principles and practical application of learning support. Identification, screening, informal assessment and support to learners who display spoken and written language, mathematics, perceptions and non-verbal learning difficulties.

Socio-emotional health and wellbeing 730 (KGG 730)

Module credits 16.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Educational Psychology

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The Socio-emotional health and wellbeing module is aimed at educating students in the proactive promotion of wellbeing through socio-emotional learning and socio-emotional competence. It lays the theoretical foundation for informing stakeholders how students, teachers, parents and significant caregivers can help, guide and support (young) people in order to understand how they act in the family system and society context. The module explores systemic support strategies in contexts of high need. The module furthermore aims to assist students in developing the socio-emotional skills of people (especially younger people).

Learning diversity 730 (LDS 730)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Educational Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The Learning diversity module aims to introduce the theory of effective learning and barriers to learning. It will discuss enablers of effective learning, how barriers to learning can be addressed, the implications of inclusion when accommodating learners with barriers to learning, and how learning can be facilitated in multilingual contexts. It reviews the assessment of difficulties in reading, spoken and written language, mathematics, perceptual development as well as non-verbal learning challenges.

Life design 730 (LOT 730)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	no prerequisites
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Educational Psychology
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The Life design module aims to provide an overview of career theories with emphasis on the life design paradigm in a South African career counselling context. This module will equip students with the knowledge and skills required to provide meaningful and relevant career guidance services by applying the principles of major career theories alongside the principles of life design. Students will be introduced to using career information and education to foster career development. Students will learn how to facilitate the process of life design with learners in order to enable them to construct a career in equilibrium with other life demands.

Educational research methodology 745 (NMQ 745)

Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Science, Mathematics and Technology Education

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The nature of educational enquiry: contexts of research, research ethics, truth, rationality, subjectivity and objectivity; Quantitative and qualitative modes of enquiry, research designs and data collection techniques. Various approaches to qualitative research including case study research, historical research, ethnographic research, and action research. Basic concepts and principles of quantitative research. Statistical techniques in the educational research process. Survey methodology and questionnaire design. Classification and graphical representation of data. Descriptive measures. Statistical inference. Data-processing procedures. Parametric versus non-parametric tests. Some test statistics (e.g. F-Test and T-test). Formulating a research methodology for a limited project.

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.