

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BScHons in Human Physiology (10243027)

Department Physiology

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

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Programme information

The following requirements are set for completing the programme:

- ? Advanced instruction by means of self-tuition, scheduled lectures and compulsory assignments on topics assigned to the student.
- ? Taking part in an independent research project where the student is expected to submit a research report, as well as present an oral on the research project.
- ? Attendance of regular research meetings where students will present their project progress.
- ? Completion of a written seminar and oral presentation on the seminar.
- ? Attendance of journal club and presentation of a research article for at least one journal club session.
- ? Completion of practical laboratory techniques as used in the particular subsections of the subject, as well as submission of written practical reports.
- ? Attendance at the compulsory faculty module (TNM 700) Applied research methodology 700.
- ? Successful completion of the prescribed module (MBS 700) Medical biostatistics 700.
- ? Satisfactory attendance at a library-user course.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's (or equivalent) degree
2. An average of at least 60% in Physiology at final-year level

Note:

1. Interview with the HOD, programme coordinator and supervisors could be required
2. Letter of motivation from the applicant may be required

Additional requirements

The prerequisites for admission to the honours degree in certain fields of study are indicated in the syllabuses of the specific department.

Also consult current General Academic Regulations.

Examinations and pass requirements

1. The examination at the end of the programme will consist of two written papers of three hours each.
2. To comply with the pass requirements for the degree, a student must obtain a final mark of at least 50% in the theory component, as well as a pass mark of at least 50% for the research project.
3. The minimum period for completion of the honours degree is one year.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75% in the examination of the core module, MFG 777 (written, oral presentation, practical, etc.).

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Medical biostatistics 700 (MBS 700)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The role of statistics and the data analysis process, collecting data sensibly, graphical methods for describing data, numerical methods for describing data, summarizing bivariate data, probability, random variables and probability distributions, sampling variability and sampling distributions, estimation using a single sample, hypothesis testing using a single sample, comparing two populations or treatments, the analysis of categorical data and goodness-of-fit tests, simple linear regression and correlation: inferential methods, multiple regression analysis, analysis of variance, nonparametric (distribution-free) statistical methods. This course is designed as a statistics building block for a non-statistics major postgraduate student at master's level.

Human physiology 777 (MFG 777)

Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Physiology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Basic physiology knowledge, and specialised projects in Departmental research focus areas. This module includes 30 research credits.

Applied research methodology 700 (TNM 700)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	08
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	School of Medicine
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*Attendance module only.

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.