

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MSc in Dentistry (Coursework) (10252100)

Department School of Dentistry

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 240

NQF level 09

Programme information

The programme consists of core modules of which the student must choose two, attendance at the TNM module, a major subject (elective module) which extends over both years of study with a final examination in the final year of study and a mini-dissertation related to the major subject.

For candidates with a focus on Forensic Odontology, the programme consists of two core modules in Oral Biology and Molecular Pathology and the major subject (elective module) Forensic Odontology (FSC 820), which extends over both years of study with a final examination in the final year of study, the TNM research module, and a mini-dissertation related to the major subject. The duration of the course is 2 years.

A student must pass all the required core modules (as per course they registered for) at the University of Pretoria.

Only candidates who have met all the requirements for the MSc degree in their discipline, passed all the prerequisite modules; completed all applicable training as prescribed by the Head of Department concerned; and completed the required research component for the degree, will be allowed to write the final examination (exit examination) after which they will obtain the MSc qualification.

The student must submit and pass the research component done either by publication or a mini dissertation, on an approved topic related to the major subject.

Examinations and pass requirements

The stipulations of the General Academic Regulations apply. A minimum pass mark of 50% is required for all modules including the mini-dissertation.

Research information

The mini-dissertation research component related to the major subject will be examined and graded accordingly on whether the dissertation complies with the set requirements.

Curriculum: Year 1

Forensic Odontology: Select the following core modules: MDB 802, MPX 802, and TNM 802 = 50 credits

Oral Biology: Select MDB 802 and TNM 802 and one of the following modules (ANA 850, FSG 802, MPX 802 = 100 credits

All other disciplines: Select only two core modules: ANA 850 or FSG 802 or ANP 802 or MDB 802 or GTH 802 and TNM 802 = 100 credits

All elective modules are attendance modules in the first year and only examinable at the end of the final year.

Core modules

[Applied anatomical pathology 850](#) (ANA 850) - Credits: 50.00

[Anatomical pathology 802](#) (ANP 802) - Credits: 50.00

[Applied physiology 802](#) (FSG 802) - Credits: 50.00

[Community dentistry 802](#) (GTH 802) - Credits: 50.00

[Applied oral biology 802](#) (MDB 802) - Credits: 50.00

[Molecular pathology 802](#) (MPX 802) - Credits: 50.00

[Applied research methodology 802](#) (TNM 802) - Credits: 0.00

Elective modules

[Endodontics 820](#) (END 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Forensic odontology 820](#) (FSC 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Community dentistry 820](#) (GTH 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Oral Biology 820](#) (MDB 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Paedodontics 820](#) (ODO 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Orfacial surgery 820](#) (OFC 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Orthodontics 820](#) (ORD 820) - Credits: 80.00

[Oral medicine and periodontics 821](#) (PMG 821) - Credits: 80.00

[Prosthodontics 820](#) (PRD 820) - Credits: 80.00



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 810 (DEN 810) - Credits: 60.00

Elective modules

Endodontics 820 (END 820) - Credits: 80.00

Forensic odontology 820 (FSC 820) - Credits: 80.00

Community dentistry 820 (GTH 820) - Credits: 80.00

Oral Biology 820 (MDB 820) - Credits: 80.00

Paedodontics 820 (ODO 820) - Credits: 80.00

Orofacial surgery 820 (OFC 820) - Credits: 80.00

Orthodontics 820 (ORD 820) - Credits: 80.00

Oral medicine and periodontics 821 (PMG 821) - Credits: 80.00

Prosthodontics 820 (PRD 820) - Credits: 80.00

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.