

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing [BIS] (12131014)

Department Information Science

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 382

NQF level 07

Programme information

This package contextualises the South African publishing industry, with specific application to book publishing and corporate publishing. The objectives are to equip students with background knowledge on the industry, role players and trends, as well as with specific skills linked to the publishing value chain. These skills include: the commissioning of manuscripts aimed at specific markets; the management of the design, reproduction and printing phase; copy-editing and proofreading; financial and marketing management. Students are empowered to act as responsible information intermediaries who can add value to publications during the various phases of the publishing process.

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

APS

NSC/IEB

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The suggested second-choice programmes for Bachelor of Information Science *Publishing* are Bachelor of Information Science, Bachelor of Arts *Languages* and Bachelor of Arts.

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 her](#)

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

- Select a **language** up to year-level 3, from one of the language module groups, e.g. Afrikaans, English, German, French or an African language in consultation with the package organiser. A language for beginners may not be selected.
- Select modules to the level of **24 credits** on **year-level 1** of the selected language.
- Continue with the same **language** as selected on year-level 1 up to year-level 3.
- Select modules to the value of **40 credits** on **year-level 2** of the selected language.
- Select modules to the value of **30 credits** on **year-level 3** of the selected language.
- Students who wish to continue with language studies at postgraduate level should consult the specific department for the selection of their modules and may possibly have to select additional modules.

See Language groups for more information

LANGUAGE GROUPS FOR SELECTION IN PROGRAMMES

Note: Consult the yearbook for module-specific requirements/prerequisites by searching for the relevant language module.



Module group 1 - Afrikaans

Year level 1

- As a first language: AFR 110, 120
- For speakers of other languages (also for speakers of other languages who are registered for qualifications in education and law) AFR 114

Year level 2

- As a first language: AFR 214, AFR 210, 220
- For students following a programme in education: AFR 214, AFR 220

Year level 3

- As a first language: AFR 311, 321
- For students following a programme in education: Any modules with alpha codes AFR offered at year level 3.

Module group 2 - English

Year level 1

- For special purposes: ENG 118
- For academic purposes: ENG 110, 120

Year level 2

ENG 210, 220

Year level 3

- ENG 310, 320
- ENG 311, 322

Module group 3 - French

Year level 1

- For beginners: FRN 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed French in Grade 12): FRN 113, 123

Year level 2

FRN 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: FRN 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 4 - German

Year level 1

- For beginners: DTS 104
- Cultural-professional (for students who have passed German in Grade 12): DTS 113, 123

Year level 2

DTS 211, 221

Year level 3

Cultural-professional: DTS 361, 362, 363, 364

Module group 5 - Greek

Year level 1

GRK 110, 120

Year level 2

GRK 210, 220

Module group 6 - Hebrew

Year level 1



HEB 110, 120

Year level 2

HEB 210, 220

Module group 7 - Latin

Year level 1

LAT 110, 120 (students who passed Latin in Grade 12 may start immediately with Latin at year level 2)

Year level 2

LAT 210, 220

Year level 3

LAT 310, 320

Module group 8 - IsiNdebele

Year level 1

For speakers of isiNdebele as home language or first or second additional language

NDE 110, AFT 121

Year level 2

NDE 210, AFT 220

Year level 3

NDE 310, AFT 320

Module group 9 - IsiZulu

Year level 1

- For beginners: ZUL 110, 120
- For speakers of isiZulu as home language or first or second additional language: ZUL 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did ZUL 110, 120 at year level 1: ZUL 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121: ZUL 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, ZUL 211

Year level 3

ZUL 310, AFT 320

Module group 10 - Sepedi

Year level 1

- For beginners: SEP 110, 120
- For speakers of Sepedi as home language or first or second additional language: SEP 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did SEP 110, 120 at year level 1: SEP 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, SEP 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, SEP 211

Year level 3

SEP 310, AFT 320

Module group 11 - Setswana

Year level 1

- For beginners: STW 110, 120
- For speakers of Setswana as home language or first or second additional language: STW 111, AFT 121

Year level 2

- For students who did STW 110, 120 at year level 1: STW 210, 220
- For students who did AFT 121, STW 111 at year level 1: AFT 220, STW 211



Year level 3

STW 310, AFT 320

Module group 12 - Spanish

Year level 1

For beginners: SPN 101, 102

Year level 2

SPN 211, 221

Year level 3

SPN 311, 321

Module group 13 - Portuguese

Year level 1

- For beginners: PTG 101
- Portuguese language and culture (for students who have passed Portuguese in Gr 12): PTG 113, 123

Year level 2

PTG 211, 221

Year level 3

PTG 311, 321

Pass with distinction

A degree (undergraduate) in the School of IT is conferred with distinction on a student who did not repeat any module of his/her final year, obtained a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules for the final year, provided that a subminimum of 65% is obtained in each of these modules and provided that the degree is completed in the prescribed minimum period of time. Ad hoc cases will be considered by the Dean, in consultation with the relevant head of department.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 132

Fundamental: 26

Core: 82

Elective: 24

Additional information: Select two language modules from the Faculty of Humanities at first-year level (2 x 12 = 24 credits).

Fundamental modules

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

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

Academic literacy for Information Technology 121 (ALL 121) - Credits: 6.00

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

Academic orientation 112 (UPO 112) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Marketing management 120 (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00

Information science 110 (INL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 120 (INL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Information science 140 (INL 140) - Credits: 12.00

Publishing: Introduction to publishing 110 (PUB 110) - Credits: 12.00

Publishing 120 (PUB 120) - Credits: 12.00

Visual culture studies 111 (VKK 111) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00

Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00

African languages literature: Capita selecta 121 (AFT 121) - Credits: 12.00

German: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (DTS 113) - Credits: 12.00

German: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (DTS 123) - Credits: 12.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

French: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (FRN 113) - Credits: 12.00

French: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (FRN 123) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to isiNdebele Grammar – Capita selecta 110 (NDE 110) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to Sepedi grammar – Capita selecta 111 (SEP 111) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to isiZulu grammar – Capita selecta 111 (ZUL 111) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 124

Fundamental: 8

Core: 76

Elective: 40

Additional information: Select two language modules from the Faculty of Humanities at second-year level (2 x 20 = 40 credits).

Fundamental modules

[Community-based project 202](#) (JCP 202) - Credits: 8.00

Core modules

[Information science 240](#) (INL 240) - Credits: 16.00

[Publishing 210](#) (PUB 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Publishing 220](#) (PUB 220) - Credits: 20.00

[Visual culture studies 211](#) (VKK 211) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

[Afrikaans 214](#) (AFR 214) - Credits: 20.00

[Afrikaans 220](#) (AFR 220) - Credits: 20.00

[African languages literature: Capita selecta 220](#) (AFT 220) - Credits: 20.00

[German: Intermediate \(1\) 211](#) (DTS 211) - Credits: 20.00

[German: Intermediate \(2\) 221](#) (DTS 221) - Credits: 20.00

[Modern English literature and English studies 210](#) (ENG 210) - Credits: 20.00

[English 220](#) (ENG 220) - Credits: 20.00

[French: Intermediate \(1\) 211](#) (FRN 211) - Credits: 20.00

[French: Intermediate \(2\) 221](#) (FRN 221) - Credits: 20.00

[isiNdebele 210](#) (NDE 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Sepedi grammar – Capita selecta 211](#) (SEP 211) - Credits: 20.00

[IsiZulu grammar – Capita selecta 211](#) (ZUL 211) - Credits: 20.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 126

Core: 96

Elective: at least 30

Additional information: Select one language module from the Faculty of Humanities at third-year level (at least 30 credits).

Core modules

[Publishing 310](#) (PUB 310) - Credits: 24.00

[Publishing 311](#) (PUB 311) - Credits: 24.00

[Publishing 320](#) (PUB 320) - Credits: 24.00

[Publishing 321](#) (PUB 321) - Credits: 24.00

Elective modules

[Afrikaans 311](#) (AFR 311) - Credits: 30.00

[Afrikaans 321](#) (AFR 321) - Credits: 30.00

[African languages literature: Capita selecta 320](#) (AFT 320) - Credits: 30.00

[German: Cultural-professional \(7\) 361](#) (DTS 361) - Credits: 15.00

[German: Cultural-professional \(8\) 362](#) (DTS 362) - Credits: 15.00

[German: Cultural-professional \(9\) 363](#) (DTS 363) - Credits: 15.00

[German: Cultural-professional \(10\) 364](#) (DTS 364) - Credits: 15.00

[English 310](#) (ENG 310) - Credits: 30.00

[English 320](#) (ENG 320) - Credits: 30.00

[French: Cultural-professional \(7\) 361](#) (FRN 361) - Credits: 15.00

[French: Cultural-professional \(8\) 362](#) (FRN 362) - Credits: 15.00

[French: Cultural-professional \(9\) 363](#) (FRN 363) - Credits: 15.00

[French: Cultural-professional \(10\) 364](#) (FRN 364) - Credits: 15.00

[isiNdebele 310](#) (NDE 310) - Credits: 30.00

[Sepedi 310](#) (SEP 310) - Credits: 30.00

[isiZulu 310](#) (ZUL 310) - Credits: 30.00

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.