

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Information Science Honours [BISHons] (12240006)

Department Information Science

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Programme information

Refer also to G16-G29.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Information Science degree, with a weighted average of at least 60% for relevant third-year modules
or
Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Multimedia degree, with a weighted average of at least 60% for relevant third-year modules
or
Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing degree, with an average of at least 60% for relevant third-year modules
or
relevant bachelor's degree, with a weighted average of at least 60% for the relevant third-year modules

Other programme-specific information

Subject to the provisions of G18.3, a full-time student must complete his or her studies for an honours degree within two academic years (four semesters) and a part-time student within three academic years (six semesters) after first registration for the degree. However, the Dean may, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, extend the period of study in both cases by a maximum of two semesters.

Examinations and pass requirements

Refer also to G18 and G26.

1. The examination in each module for which a student is registered, takes place during the normal examination

period after the conclusion of lectures (i.e. usually October/November or May/June).

2. G18(1) applies with the understanding that under exceptional circumstance an extension of a maximum three years may be approved: provided that the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, may approve a stipulated limited extension of this period.
3. A student must obtain at least 50% in an examination for each module where no semester or year mark is required. A module may only be repeated once.
4. In modules where semester or year marks are awarded, a minimum examination mark of 40% and a final mark of 50% is required.
5. No supplementary or special examinations are granted at postgraduate level.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction if students registered for the degree for the first time, complete the degree within the minimum prescribed time and pass all modules with a weighted average of 75% (not rounded).



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Select any three electives (45 credits) in collaboration with the package organiser.

Fundamental modules

Research methodology 711 (INY 711) - Credits: 15.00

Research report 734 (INY 734) - Credits: 30.00

Core modules

Information and knowledge management (I) 713 (INY 713) - Credits: 15.00

Information behaviour, retrieval and organisation 714 (INY 714) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

Information ethics 715 (INY 715) - Credits: 15.00

Information and knowledge management (II) 716 (INY 716) - Credits: 15.00

Data management 717 (INY 717) - Credits: 15.00

Fourth industrial revolution 722 (INY 722) - Credits: 15.00

Competitive intelligence (I) 726 (INY 726) - Credits: 15.00

Competitive intelligence (II) 727 (INY 727) - Credits: 15.00

Information communication 730 (INY 730) - Credits: 15.00

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.