

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Town and Regional Planning (12262023)

Department	Town and Regional Planning
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	360
NQF level	10

Programme information

- Subject to the stipulations of the General Academic Regulation G42, a master's degree is required for admission to studies for a PhD.
- A PhD student must submit a thesis which deals with a topic from the list of subject disciplines and research focus areas as stipulated by the relevant Department.
- Unless otherwise decided by the Dean, on the recommendation of the supervisor, the PhD degree is awarded on the basis of a thesis. An oral examination may be required at the request of the external examiners, or the dean, on the recommendation of the head of department.
- Unless the Senate, on the recommendation of the supervisor, decides otherwise, a student, before or on submission of a thesis, must submit proof of submission of an article issued by an accredited journal, to the Head: Student Administration. The submitted article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor if the supervisor is not a co-author. The supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that the paper is taken through all the processes of revision and resubmission, as may be necessary. Conferment of the degree may be made subject to compliance with the stipulations of this regulation.
- The student must provide proof by means of their work, thesis and examination of advanced original research and/or creative work which makes a real and substantial contribution to the knowledge and/ or practice of the discipline.

Refer also to G42 – G55.

Admission requirements

1. Master of Town and Regional Planning degree

or

equivalent master's degree deemed acceptable by the departmental Postgraduate Committee

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Additional requirements

A student must have successfully completed a relevant module in research methodology in order for his/her study proposal to be approved.

Examinations and pass requirements

An oral and/or written doctoral examination is required dealing with the contents of the thesis as well as the subject matter of the discipline on which it is based.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Town and regional planning 990 (SSB 990) - Credits: 360.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Town and regional planning 990 (SSB 990) - Credits: 360.00

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.