
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BSocSci Philosophy, Politics and Economics (01130056)

Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	434
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Programme information

The purpose of this programme is to provide students with an in-depth knowledge and analytical understanding of contemporary political and economic issues. All three disciplines – political science, philosophy, and economics – focus on the social world and social phenomena, each from a different perspective. Economics focuses on the production of goods (why, how, and what is produced) and the consequences of such production to society (who benefits). Political Science focuses on political processes and governance issues such as decision-making. Philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision-making. The result of combining these perspectives is that students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. A PPE qualification is an internationally recognised ‘brand’, respected for its rigorous training, that immediately gives students entrance into a variety of careers related to economic or political policy making, from journalism to diplomatic service. This qualification will enable students, once they are employed in the public or private sector, to respond in a sensitive, rational, and innovative manner to moral problems and challenges within their politico-economic context.

Admission requirements

- Candidates are advised to apply early, due to limited space availability in all programmes. As soon as a programme reaches its full capacity, applications of the specific programme will be closed before the official closing date.
- The following candidates will be considered for admission:
 1. A candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another recognised tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria
 1. Candidates who have completed the National Senior Certificate with admission to degree studies or a certificate of conditional exemption on the basis of a candidate’s non-South African (“foreign”) qualifications, the so-called “Immigrant” or “Foreign Conditional Exemption”. The only condition for the “Foreign Conditional Exemption” that is accepted is: ‘completion of the degree course’. The exemption certificate is obtainable from Universities South Africa (USAf). Detailed information is available on the website at mb.usaf.ac.za.



- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 32 in Grade 12.
- The NBT is not applicable to this programme.
- PLEASE NOTE: Only students who indicated this programme as their first choice on the application form, will be considered.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.?
- The language of communication and correspondence is English only.
- For more information, please consult the Faculty yearbook on the UP website.
- **Note:** The A and IB HL levels are not included in the APS Conversion Table. Faculty requirements for admission based on these equivalent international qualifications are a D for the A level and 4 for the IB HL level.
- Non-NSC candidates who have already completed the equivalent of Grade 12, are advised to submit their Exemption certificates obtained from USAf (www.usaf.ac.za) along with their applications.
- Non-NSC candidates who do not have English Language in Grade 12 are advised to write the NBT or submit their SAT results. Please note that English Literature is not considered as a substitute for English language.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

English Home Language or English First Additional Language		Mathematics		APS
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
5	C	5	C	32

Candidates will be expected to achieve an APS of at least 32 in Grade 12 to retain admission.

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* Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Other programme-specific information

- The ALL modules are excluded due to the high AP Score (32) required.
- Students who consider doing an honours degree in Economics should consult the student administration of EMS to determine which additional modules they should include in their study programme in order to meet the entry requirements for BComHons in Economics.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Elective modules: Year 1

Select any two semester modules (one per semester) from the same discipline at yr- level 1 to the credit value of at least 20 credits (if selected from Economic and Management Sciences) or 24 credits (if selected from Humanities).

Fundamental modules

[Academic information management 101](#) (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00

[Academic information management 111](#) (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic information management 121](#) (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00

[Academic orientation 101](#) (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

[Economics 110](#) (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00

[Economics 120](#) (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00

[Philosophy 110](#) (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00

[Philosophy 120](#) (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00

[Politics 101](#) (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00

[Statistics 110](#) (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00

[Statistics 120](#) (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 152

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Economics modules in Year 2: EKN 214/234 or EKN 224/244.

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Political Sciences modules in Year 2: IPL 210/220 or STL 210/220.

Core modules

[Economics 214](#) (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00

[Economics 224](#) (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00

[Economics 234](#) (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00

[Economics 244](#) (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00

[Contesting modernities I and II 210](#) (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Philosophy in context 220](#) (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00

[International relations 210](#) (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00

[International relations 220](#) (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00

[Statistics 210](#) (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Statistics 220](#) (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00

[Political science 210](#) (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00

[Political science 220](#) (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Students should choose ONE of the following two sequences of Political Sciences modules in Year 3: IPL 310/320 or STL 310/320.

Core modules

[Economics 310](#) (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00

[Economics 320](#) (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00

[Self and subjectivity 310](#) (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00

[Philosophy in context 320](#) (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00

[International relations 310](#) (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00

[International relations 320](#) (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00

[Political science 310](#) (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00

[Political science 320](#) (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00

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