



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

BScHons Genetics (02240705)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 135

NQF level 08

Programme information

The honours study programmes serve as the first level of postgraduate training and the aim is therefore to introduce students to the methods of research – from the reading of research papers, through to the conceptualisation, planning, execution and communication of a research project.

Renewal of registration

- i. Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.
- ii. A student for an honours degree must complete his or her study, in the case of full-time students, within two years and, in the case of after-hours students, within three years of first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, may give approval for a limited extension of this period.

In calculating marks, General Regulation G.12.2 applies.

Apart from the prescribed coursework, a research project is an integral part of the study.

Admission requirements

- An appropriate BSc degree
- At a final grade point average of at least 60% at final-year level
- At least 4 genetics modules in the final year level
- Applicants may be subjected to an entrance evaluation examination

Examinations and pass requirements

A pass mark is required for all the components of the honours study programme and the final honours mark is calculated proportionally to the credits of the respective prescribed modules.

Pass with distinction

The BScHons degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules and a minimum of 65% in any one module.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

Additional information:

- Additional modules may be prescribed by the head of the department where deemed necessary. Honours students may also be required to complete a biometry or equivalent module, if they have not already done so during their undergraduate training.
- Suitably qualified candidates may also apply for the interdepartmental BSchons in Biotechnology (Code 02240393) with a registration in the Department of Genetics. For more information, please refer to the programme information for the BSchons in Biotechnology.

Core modules

[Seminar course 702](#) (GTK 702) - Credits: 15.00

[Research project 703](#) (GTK 703) - Credits: 60.00

[Trends in genetics 704](#) (GTK 704) - Credits: 15.00

[Research methods 705](#) (GTK 705) - Credits: 30.00

[Molecular and cellular biology 721](#) (MLB 721) - Credits: 15.00

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