



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

BSc (Mathematics) (02133263)

Department	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	416
NQF level	07

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
 - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
 - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at [click here](#).
 - **Website:** [click here](#).
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, **or** was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of

application) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;

- a certificate of good conduct.

Note: Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, **or** was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), **or** has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

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. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution, and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the Admission Point Score (APS).
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students. Final admission is based on the final NSC/IEB results.

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Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

Mathematics

APS

NSC/IEB

NSC/IEB

5

6

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Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BSc (Mathematics), may be considered for admission to the BSc – Extended programme – Mathematical Sciences, which requires an additional year of study.

Please note: Progression from the BSc – Extended programme – Mathematical Sciences to the mathematics-



intensive programmes will be considered only if students obtained a GPA of 65% in their first-year modules. Students who pass all first-year modules will be advised on alternative academic pathways.

BSc - Extended Programme - Mathematical Sciences

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

NSC/IEB

4

Mathematics

NSC/IEB

5

APS

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Note:

*The BSc - Extended programmes are not available for students who meet all the requirements for the corresponding mainstream programme.

*Please note that only students who apply in their final NSC or equivalent qualification year will be considered for admission into any of the BSc - Extended programmes.

Other programme-specific information

1.1 Requirements for specific modules

A candidate who:

- does not qualify for STK 110, must enrol for STK 113 and STK 123;
- registers for Mathematical Statistics (WST) and Statistics (STK) modules must take note that WST and STK modules, except for STK 281, may not be taken simultaneously in a programme; a student must take one and only one of the following options:
 - WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, WST 321, and STK 353
or
 - WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, STK320, STK353.
or
 - STK 110, STK 122, STK 210, STK 220, WST 212, STK 310, STK 320, STK 353.
- registers for a module presented by another faculty must take note of the timetable clashes, prerequisites for that module, subminimum required in examination papers, supplementary examinations, etc.

1.2 Fundamental modules

- It is compulsory for all new first-year students to satisfactorily complete the Academic orientation (UPO 102) and to take Academic information management modules (AIM 111 and AIM 121) and Language and study skills (LST 110). Please see curricula for details.
- Students who intend to apply for admission to MBChB or BChD in the second semester, when places become available in those programmes, may be permitted to register for up to 80 module credits and 4 core modules in the first semester during the first year provided that they obtained a final mark of no less than 70% for Grade 12 Mathematics and achieved an APS of 34 or more in the NSC.



Promotion to next study year

A student will be promoted to the following year of study if he or she passed 100 credits of the prescribed credits for a year of study, unless the Dean on the recommendation of the relevant head of department decides otherwise. A student who does not comply with the requirements for promotion to the following year of study, retains the credit for the modules already passed and may be admitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, to modules of the following year of study to a maximum of 48 credits, provided that it will fit in with both the lecture and examination timetable.

General promotion requirements in the faculty

All students whose academic progress is not acceptable can be suspended from further studies.

- A student who is excluded from further studies in terms of the stipulations of the abovementioned regulations, will be notified in writing by the Dean or Admissions Committee at the end of the relevant semester.
- A student who has been excluded from further studies may apply in writing to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences for re-admission.
- Should the student be re-admitted by the Admissions Committee, strict conditions will be set which the student must comply with in order to proceed with his/her studies.
- Should the student not be re-admitted to further studies by the Admissions Committee, he/she will be informed in writing.
- Students who are not re-admitted by the Admissions Committee have the right to appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee.
- Any decision taken by the Senate Appeals Committee is final.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 140

Fundamental = 14

Core = 64

Elective = 62

Additional information:

Choose electives according to the following combinations with a view to pursuing specialisation in the relevant field:

- **Physics:** PHY 114 & PHY 124 and WST 111 & WST 121 or CMY 117 & CMY 127 (64 credits)
- **Chemistry:** CMY 117 & CMY 127 and WST 111 & WST 121 or PHY 114 & PHY 124 (64 credits)
- **Economics:** WST 111, WST 121, EKN 110, EKN 120 and one of FRK 111 or OBS 114 or FBS 112 (62 credits) (Please note: If FRK is selected as an elective, INF 183 has to be taken as well.)
- **Mathematical Statistics:** WST 111 & WST 121, EKN 110, EKN 120 and one of FRK 111 or OBS 114 or FBS 112 (62 credits)
- **Computer Science:** COS 110, COS 132, COS 151, WST 111 and WST 121 (72 credits)

Students who want to take other electives must consult the Undergraduate Programme Coordinator in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

Fundamental modules

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

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

[Language and study skills 110](#) (LST 110) - Credits: 6.00

[Academic orientation 102](#) (UPO 102) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

[Calculus 114](#) (WTW 114) - Credits: 16.00

[Discrete structures 115](#) (WTW 115) - Credits: 8.00

[Numerical analysis 123](#) (WTW 123) - Credits: 8.00

[Mathematics 124](#) (WTW 124) - Credits: 16.00

[Mathematical modelling 152](#) (WTW 152) - Credits: 8.00

[Dynamical processes 162](#) (WTW 162) - Credits: 8.00

Elective modules

[General chemistry 117](#) (CMY 117) - Credits: 16.00

[General chemistry 127](#) (CMY 127) - Credits: 16.00

[Program design: Introduction 110](#) (COS 110) - Credits: 16.00

[Imperative programming 132](#) (COS 132) - Credits: 16.00

[Introduction to computer science 151](#) (COS 151) - Credits: 8.00

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

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

[Financial management 112](#) (FBS 112) - Credits: 10.00

[Financial accounting 111](#) (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00

[Informatics 183](#) (INF 183) - Credits: 3.00

[Business management 114](#) (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00



First course in physics 114 (PHY 114) - Credits: 16.00
First course in physics 124 (PHY 124) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 111 (WST 111) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 121 (WST 121) - Credits: 16.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 132

Core = 84

Elective = 48

Additional information:

Choose electives according to the following combinations with a view to pursuing specialisation in the relevant field:

- **Physics:** PHY 255 & PHY 263 (48 credits)
- **Chemistry:** CMY 282, CMY 283, CMY 284 & CMY 285 (48 credits)
- **Economics:** EKN 214, EKN 224 & EKN 234 (48 credits)
- **Mathematical Statistics:** WST 211 & WST 221 (48 credits)
- **Computer Science:** COS 210, COS 212, COS 214 and any one of COS 216, COS 221, COS 284 (56 credits). Consult the Department of Computer Science for guidance on which of the additional modules is appropriate for you. Students wishing to continue with COS 332 in the third year of study should select COS 216. Students wishing to continue with COS 326 in the third year of study should select COS 221.

Students who want to take other electives must consult the Undergraduate Programme Coordinator in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

Core modules

[Linear algebra 211](#) (WTW 211) - Credits: 12.00

[Calculus 218](#) (WTW 218) - Credits: 12.00

[Analysis 220](#) (WTW 220) - Credits: 12.00

[Linear algebra 221](#) (WTW 221) - Credits: 12.00

[Vector analysis 248](#) (WTW 248) - Credits: 12.00

[Discrete structures 285](#) (WTW 285) - Credits: 12.00

[Differential equations 286](#) (WTW 286) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

[Physical chemistry 282](#) (CMY 282) - Credits: 12.00

[Analytical chemistry 283](#) (CMY 283) - Credits: 12.00

[Organic chemistry 284](#) (CMY 284) - Credits: 12.00

[Inorganic chemistry 285](#) (CMY 285) - Credits: 12.00

[Theoretical computer science 210](#) (COS 210) - Credits: 8.00

[Data structures and algorithms 212](#) (COS 212) - Credits: 16.00

[Software modelling 214](#) (COS 214) - Credits: 16.00

[Netcentric computer systems 216](#) (COS 216) - Credits: 16.00

[Introduction to database systems 221](#) (COS 221) - Credits: 16.00

[Computer organisation and architecture 284](#) (COS 284) - Credits: 16.00

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

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

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

[Waves, thermodynamics and modern physics 255](#) (PHY 255) - Credits: 24.00

[General physics 263](#) (PHY 263) - Credits: 24.00

[Mathematical statistics 211](#) (WST 211) - Credits: 24.00



Mathematical statistics 221 (WST 221) - Credits: 24.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 144

Core = 72

Elective = 72

Additional information:

- Students may choose modules from Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematical Statistics, Applied Mathematics, Financial Mathematics and Computer Science. Students must consult the relevant yearbook entries for admission requirements for the different honours degrees listed below.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Physics** should take PHY 356 & PHY 364.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Chemistry** should take CMY 382, CMY 383, CMY 384 & CMY 385.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Economics** should take EKN 310, EKN 320, EKN 325 & WTW 383.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Mathematical Statistics** should take WST 311, WST 312, WST 321, WST 322 & STK 353.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Applied Mathematics** should take WTW 382, WTW 386, WTW 383 & WTW 387.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Financial Engineering** should take WTW 354 & WTW 364, and two modules from WST 311, WST 312, WST 321 & WST 322.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Mathematics of Finance** should take WTW 354 & WTW 364, and two modules from WST 311, WST 312, WST 321, WST 322, WTW 383 & WTW 386.
- **Students who wish to pursue an honours degree in Computer Science** should take COS 301 and any three of COS 314, COS 326, COS 330, COS 332, COS 333, COS 341 and COS 344.
- Students who want to take other electives must consult the Undergraduate Programme Coordinator in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

Core modules

[Analysis 310](#) (WTW 310) - Credits: 18.00

[Complex analysis 320](#) (WTW 320) - Credits: 18.00

[Algebra 381](#) (WTW 381) - Credits: 18.00

[Geometry 389](#) (WTW 389) - Credits: 18.00

Elective modules

[Physical chemistry 382](#) (CMY 382) - Credits: 18.00

[Analytical chemistry 383](#) (CMY 383) - Credits: 18.00

[Organic chemistry 384](#) (CMY 384) - Credits: 18.00

[Inorganic chemistry 385](#) (CMY 385) - Credits: 18.00

[Software engineering 301](#) (COS 301) - Credits: 27.00

[Artificial intelligence 314](#) (COS 314) - Credits: 18.00

[Database systems 326](#) (COS 326) - Credits: 18.00

[Computer security and ethics 330](#) (COS 330) - Credits: 18.00

[Computer networks 332](#) (COS 332) - Credits: 18.00

[Programming languages 333](#) (COS 333) - Credits: 18.00

[Compiler construction 341](#) (COS 341) - Credits: 18.00



[Computer graphics 344 \(COS 344\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Economics 310 \(EKN 310\)](#) - Credits: 20.00
[Economics 320 \(EKN 320\)](#) - Credits: 20.00
[Economics 325 \(EKN 325\)](#) - Credits: 20.00
[Electronics, electromagnetism and quantum mechanics 356 \(PHY 356\)](#) - Credits: 36.00
[Statistical mechanics, solid state physics and modelling 364 \(PHY 364\)](#) - Credits: 36.00
[The science of data analytics 353 \(STK 353\)](#) - Credits: 25.00
[Multivariate analysis 311 \(WST 311\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Stochastic processes 312 \(WST 312\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Time-series analysis 321 \(WST 321\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Actuarial statistics 322 \(WST 322\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Financial engineering 354 \(WTW 354\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Financial engineering 364 \(WTW 364\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Dynamical systems 382 \(WTW 382\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Numerical analysis 383 \(WTW 383\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Partial differential equations 386 \(WTW 386\)](#) - Credits: 18.00
[Continuum mechanics 387 \(WTW 387\)](#) - Credits: 18.00

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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.