



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

PhD (Public Policy) (07267114)

Department School of Public Management and Administration

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

All postgraduate programmes are not offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty concerning the presentation of this programme.
(See General Regulations G.42 to G.54).

Admission requirements

- An accredited master's degree in Public Administration or a related discipline from an accredited tertiary educational institution.
- A minimum of 65 % for the master's dissertation which must have been externally examined.
- All applicants are subject to a selection process by a departmental panel of academic experts (the Postgraduate Committee of the SPMA) in accordance with departmental prerequisites.
- The Postgraduate Committee of the SPMA may set additional admission requirements in accordance with the area of specialisation of the candidate.
- A preliminary research proposal on a topic selected in consultation with the assigned study leader will be submitted to the Post Graduate Committee of the SPMA.
- The decision of the Postgraduate Committee of the SPMA is final.

Additional Requirements:

Candidates will only be considered for admission to the PhD (Public Policy) if the Postgraduate Committee of the School of Public Management and Administration is convinced that the applicant has the necessary expertise to complete the required seminar in the field of Public Administration successfully and has gained sufficient research knowledge on the master's level to conduct research for and complete a doctoral thesis. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

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Other programme-specific information

PBP 995 Thesis Public Policy in accordance with the General Academic Regulations of the University of Pretoria applying at the time of registration.

Research information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G50 and G54.

Proof of submission of an article to an accredited journal on the thesis topic is required as part of the graduating process (General Academic Regulations G50 and G51).

A thesis is submitted to the Head: Student Administration, before the closing date for the various graduation ceremonies as announced annually.



Curriculum: Year 1

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Core modules

Research proposal: PBP 900 950 (PAD 950)

Module credits 0.00

NQF Level 10

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of Public Management and Administration

Period of presentation Year

Module content

The philosophy of science; Scientific thinking and research action. Science and theory; Academic writing; research structure/theses; sources and referencing. Critical theories and analyzing the body of knowledge for each theory. Advanced qualitative research methods; Advanced quantitative research methods; Proposal design and defence.

Thesis: Public administration and management 990 (PAD 990)

Module credits 360.00

NQF Level 10

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department School of Public Management and Administration

Period of presentation Year



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Research proposal: PBP 900 950 (PAD 950)

Module credits 0.00

NQF Level 10

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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