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# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

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## MA *Augmentative and Alternative Communication* (01252133)

**Department** Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology (NQF level 8) **or** BAHons Augmentative and Alternative Communication degree **or** relevant honours degree provided that sufficient background in severe communication disability and research is evident, in which case an admissions examination may be required
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level of the previous relevant qualification
3. A weighted average of at least 65% in the research module of the previous qualification

### Additional requirements

- An acceptable level of proficiency in English or Afrikaans is required.
- An approved research proposal is also required.



## Curriculum: Final year

### Core modules

#### Dissertation: AAC 890 (AAK 890)

<b>Module credits</b>	180.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communicat
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Year

#### Module content

A dissertation based on independent research on a topic related to the field of augmentative and alternative communication, selected in collaboration with a supervisor. The dissertation should be based on an approved research proposal and ethics clearance. Use of computer programs for data analysis and report writing is required.

#### 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.

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