



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD (International Relations) *Leadership and Security Studies* (01266003)

Department Humanities

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

This programme is offered as a joint degree by the University of Pretoria and King's College London. Further information is available from the programme manager.

Admission requirements

1. Master's degree in Political Science **or** International Relations **or** Security Studies **or** relevant master's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 70% for the research component of the master's degree
3. An admissions essay may be required

Note: Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Additional requirements

Prospective students may be required to submit an admissions essay or to sit for an examination or to do additional work/modules to enable them to reach the desired level of study.

An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.

An approved research proposal is required.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Political science and international relations 992 (PTO 992)

Module credits 360.00

NQF Level 10

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Political Sciences

Period of presentation Year

Module content

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Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Oral examination: Political Science and International Relations 901 (PTO 901)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Examination on the thesis.

Thesis: Political science and international relations 992 (PTO 992)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

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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

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.