



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## MPhil *Philosophy and Ethics of Mental Health* (Coursework) (10250531)

**Department** School of Medicine

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Admission requirements

1. Relevant honours degree in a field of relevance to either mental health or philosophy e.g. MBChB; BPsych; BAHons; LLB; BCur; or BOT.

### Additional requirements

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

### Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Students must complete the assignments of each of the core modules and obtain a minimum mark of 50% to pass in the respective core modules.
- ii. The dissertation must consist of five sections of which the first four will respectively address a topic from the core modules. The fifth section will be on an appropriate topic of the student's choice.
- iii. The first four sections of the dissertation should each be between 5 000 and 6 000 words and the fifth section should be approximately 10 000 words in length.
- iv. A minimum mark of 50% will be required in each section of the dissertation to pass.
- v. A student will be disqualified from further study towards this degree when he or she fails any one of the sections for the third time.

### Pass with distinction

The degree will be conferred with distinction on a student who obtains a mark of 75% or more for the dissertation.



## Curriculum: Final year

### Core modules

#### Core concepts in philosophy and mental health 881 (FEG 881)

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| <b>Module credits</b>         | 10.00  |
| <b>NQF Level</b>              | 09   |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.  |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 1 web-based period per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 other contact sessions per week, 2 seminars per week |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Psychiatry   |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 and Semester 2  |

#### Philosophy of science and mental health 882 (FEG 882)

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| <b>Module credits</b>         | 10.00  |
| <b>NQF Level</b>              | 09   |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.  |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 1 web-based period per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 other contact sessions per week, 2 seminars per week |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Psychiatry   |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 and Semester 2  |

#### Philosophy of mind and mental health 883 (FEG 883)

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| <b>Module credits</b>         | 10.00  |
| <b>NQF Level</b>              | 09   |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.  |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 1 web-based period per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 other contact sessions per week, 2 seminars per week |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Psychiatry   |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 and Semester 2  |

#### Ethics, values and mental health 884 (FEG 884)

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| <b>Module credits</b> | 10.00 |
| <b>NQF Level</b>      | 09    |



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| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.  |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 1 web-based period per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 other contact sessions per week, 2 seminars per week |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Psychiatry   |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 and Semester 2  |

### **Dissertation: Philosophy and ethics of mental health 890 (FEG 890)**

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| <b>Module credits</b>         | 140.00                         |
| <b>NQF Level</b>              | 09                             |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.              |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English |
| <b>Department</b>             | Psychiatry                     |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | 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**

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.

#### **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.