

# University of Pretoria

## Internationally recognised for its quality, relevance and impact

### Make Today Matter

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The institution has a rich, colourful history and a bright future – a unique mix of academic tradition and progressive vision. The vision is to be Africa’s leading research intensive university, recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact. Relying on over a century of experience and well-established facilities, UP develops human capital and generates the knowledge and skills required to meet the many challenges of the world at large, within the context of a developing nation.

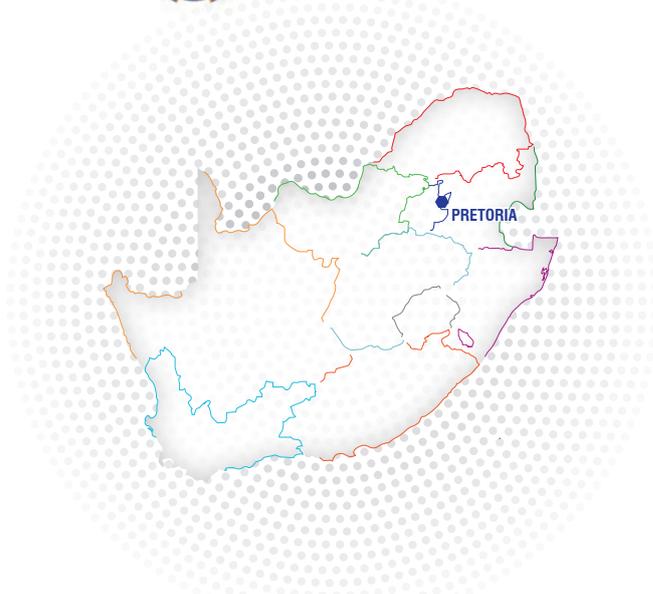
### The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of Africa’s leading Higher Education institutions

The University’s long-term strategic plan, UP 2025, captures the essence of a shared vision, aiming to sustain UP’s quality and relevance as a university that is firmly rooted in Africa, and to harness its existing and future potential for diversity. UP strives to ensure that it is recognised in the global-market place of knowledge production.

As one of South Africa’s oldest and most prestigious Higher Education institutions, UP produces sought-after graduates who are well-rounded citizens shaped by its holistic student-centred approach to education enabled by a wide range of campus activities and student societies including sports, arts and culture. UP strives to teach its students to “make today matter” by drawing on the experiences of yesterday and using the knowledge of today to improve tomorrow. University staff and students are driven by the view that every action in the present shapes the future.

### Academic offerings and programmes

UP offers 1 453 academic programmes, which lead to 230 different qualifications. Furthermore, the university has established institutes, centres and units to enhance its research output. The nine faculties and one business school, produces on average, 14% of South Africa’s doctoral degrees, 23.2% of its professional



engineers, 15.4% of all healthcare professionals and all the country’s veterinary scientists annually, according to 2016 figures.

### Campuses and Faculties

The University has nine faculties, including the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences on the Onderstepoort Campus, the only one of its kind in South Africa, where ground breaking research and clinical work take place. The University also has a business school, the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS).

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The Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) was rated the best business school in Africa and one of the best globally by the prestigious UK Financial Times Executive Education rankings in 2015, making it the 11th consecutive year of being ranked among the top business schools worldwide.

UP has six campuses in Pretoria, and the Gordon Institute of Business Science in Illovo, Johannesburg.

#### The UP faculties include:

- Economic Management Sciences Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- Education
- Engineering, Building Environment, and Information Technology
- Health Sciences Humanities
- Law
- Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- Theology and Religion
- Veterinary Sciences.

### Research excellence

UP has over many years consistently achieved research outcomes that place it among the top performing research institutions in South Africa.

The University has maintained the leading position among the top research-intensive universities with respect to its total combined annual research outputs, and is steadily improving its standing in the rankings of international universities.

The changing profile of postgraduate students and young research requires a strong pipeline from undergraduate to postgraduate studies, and from postgraduate qualifications to academic and research careers. Growing the pipeline of masters and doctoral students is therefore a key strategy, with figures showing a steady growth of more than 18% over the past five years in overall postgraduate enrolments.

The focus on multidisciplinary research teams has further enhanced the University's capacity in specific research areas, resulting in increased productivity and recognition, and in strong regional and international networks.

International partnerships are central to the University's research strategy, as is worldwide collaboration with researchers and Higher Education institutions. UP continually extends its global reach and, in particular its focus on Africa. Several institutes, centres, and units support research that reaches into the

continents, and that prioritises pressing development, social justice and leadership challenges.

### Academic calendar

For full-time study, the academic year runs from February till end of November. The year has 2 semesters, with a winter recess during June/July.

### Important application closing dates:

Degree programmes that are limited in the student numbers they can accommodate, and which have a specific selection process, have earlier application closing dates than others.

- 31 May (Health Sciences)
- 30 June (other selection programmes)
- 31 August (all other programmes for non-South African citizens)

### Application Process

Applications are received online at [www.up.ac.za/apply](http://www.up.ac.za/apply)

Minimum entry requirements exist for all programmes, and information on these can be found on this UP website.

### Language

All International students have to prove that they are proficient in English to study at UP.

### Accommodation at the University of Pretoria

The University offers various on-campus living accommodation. As the numbers are limited, placement is based on previous and on-going academic merit. Applications for accommodation are indicated on the application form used to apply to study at UP.

### International Students

UP provides comprehensive support services to international student through the International Office. The services include immigration compliance, health insurance requirements, special orientation, banking services information, etc.

The International Office also provides information on Student Exchanges and Study Abroad programmes, and offer a comprehensive service to Postdoctoral Fellows.

The University has various support services for all students on campus, including student health, counselling, and academic development and also have various student leadership organisations.

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