Information sheet 2020/2021

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| Academic year  |
| The academic year comprises two semesters. Semester 1: 15 March to 05 July Semester 2: 16 August to 26 November |
| Closing dates for applications of incoming exchange and study abroad students  |
|  Semester 1: 30 September of the proceeding year Semester 2: 31 March of the current year  |
| Academic requirements  |
| Language requirements  | The English level required for all international exchange students will be: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Minimum marks required are: Writing: 22, Speaking: 23, Reading: 21,Listening: 27 Total: 93, through the medium of English   |
| Areas and subjects available to exchange students  | All courses, except selection courses, can be negotiated between students and faculty.  |
| Courses at master’s level  | Courses can be taken on master’s level, depending on each faculty’s requirements  |
| Choosing modules at UP  | Each prospective exchange student must negotiate his/her own subjects/modules with the relevant academic department. A list of subjects/modules offered at the University of Pretoria (UP) is available at [http://www.up.ac.za.](http://www.up.ac.za/)  |
| On the top menu of the Home page, click on Study at UP.  | Study at UP  |
| On the drop-down menu, select either Undergraduate or Postgraduate.  | Undergraduate/ Postgraduate  |
| On the left-hand menu, expand Study information. | Study information +  |
| Click on Yearbook information.  | Yearbook information  |
| Select your relevant yearbook and choose your subjects/modules. Please note that you may not choose year subjects/modules. Only semester subjects/modules will be taken into account for academic credits.  |
| Credits and grading  | Each student will carry a normal study load per semester. Credits obtained will depend on the number of modules prescribed for a specific degree programme.  |
| Grading of credits  | Grading values are given in percentages. The minimum pass for each module taken is 50%.  |
| Accommodation  |
|  Formal UP accommodation  | The ICD will assist students in obtaining accommodation on campus. However, accommodation will be allocated on a first  |
|  | come, first served basis and is not guaranteed.  |
| Accommodation is situated in Hatfield and the surrounding areas.  |
| Exchange students must apply for accommodation via the ICD when applying to study at UP.  |
| Accommodation is currently R4 450, 00 per month subject to change for 2021 and is for the student’s own account. The total amount for the semester 2020 is R26700.00.++ |
| Alternative accommodation  | Private accommodation companies on campus will assist students in finding accommodation, should formal accommodation not be available.  |
| Immigration  |
| Study visa  | As soon as they have been admitted, students must apply for study visas at the South African High Commission in their home countries or nearest neighbouring country.  |
| Recommended medical cover  | Students must join Momentum Health (Ingwe option) and Comp Care Medical Scheme in order for them to be registered. Health insurance or foreign medical cover will not be accepted. Students can apply online at [www.ingwehealth.co.za](http://www.ingwehealth.co.za/) and <https://compcare.co.za/> Medical cover must be paid in advance for the full period for which the study visa is issued. No exceptions will be made.  |
| General information  |
| Special orientation programme  | The ICD hosts a special orientation programme for all newcomers to UP. It is compulsory for all exchange and study abroad students to attend this programme.  |
| Estimated living costs  | It is advised that students prepare to spend at least R6 000, 00 (ZAR) per month for the duration of their stay.  |
| Leisure time  | South Africa offers a range of activities that people from abroad will enjoy. ICD staff members can assist you in organising field trips, etc.  |