5. Bachelor's degree programmes

The programmes of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are broadly divided into two categories, namely general programmes and specialised programmes. General programmes offer you a broad background for various careers in related fields while specialised programmes are focused on specific careers.

The following diagrams offer a breakdown of the Faculty's programmes.



5.1 BA (Humanities)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) or school-leaving certificate from the Independent Examination Board (IEB) as certified by Umalusi with a mark of at least 4 (50%) in each of the four school subjects from the list of school subjects under "Undergraduate Programmes" in this Yearbook Part.
- An average final mark of 63% in the NSC or the IEB school-leaving certificate (excluding Life Orientation) for the three-year mainstream programme.
- An average final mark of 60-62,9% in the NSC (excluding Life Orientation) for the four-year extended curriculum programme.
- Your National Benchmark Test results may be taken into consideration for placement in the extended curriculum programme.
- Home Language code 4 (50%).
- First Additional Language code 3 (40%).
- Mathematics code 4 (50%) OR Mathematical Literacy code 6 (70%) (only if you will be taking Organisational Informatics as a subject).

Consult section 4 in this chapter for more information on the extended curriculum programmes.

Programme Content and Structure

The subjects of the programme BA (Humanities) are set out below according to the three groups, followed by a breakdown of the specific modules.

You can find the contents of these subjects and modules, as well as the specifications concerning the selection of subjects and modules, in the chapter "Undergraduate Subjects, Modules and Module Contents" in this Yearbook Part.

Your chosen subject combination depends on timetable considerations. The subjects and modules that you choose may not clash on the class, test and examination timetables. In addition, consult the schematic outline for permissible subject combinations on the fold-out page at the back of this Yearbook Part.

Group 1 Human Thought, Language, Culture and Art	Group 2 People and Society	Group 3 Half third-year-level subject (24 credits); offered on third-year level only
African Languages Afrikaans and Dutch Afrikaans Language Learning Ancient Cultures Applied English Language Studies Basic Xhosa (offered on first-year level only) Chinese English Studies French General Linguistics German Sign Language Studies (offered on first-year level only) Theatre Studies Visual Studies Xhosa	Geo-Environmental Science/ Geography and Environmental Studies History Organisational Informatics Philosophy Political Science Psychology Social Anthropology Socio-Informatics Sociology	318(24) Sign Language Linguistics (General Linguistics 1 and 2 are prerequisite pass modules) Consult the table of contents for module contents.

The content of the BA in the Humanities is presented at three consecutive year levels:

First-year level

At this level content is taught which is introductory in nature and which forms the foundation for the contents that are presented on subsequent levels.

At first-year level you take 5 subjects plus Knowledge Skills 172. Your subject choice is as follows:

Compulsory Module		Credits
Knowledge Skills 172		1 x 6 credits
Choose		
2 subjects	Group 1	2 x 24 credits
2 subjects	Group 2	2 x minimum 24 credits
1 subject	Group 1 or Group 2	1 x minimum 24 credits

Please note:

The credit value for the subject Geo-Environmental Science is higher than 24 credits.

Second-year level

At this level contents are still taught which do not necessarily concern specific human sciences aspects of Southern African realities, but which are directly relevant to an understanding of the problematic aspects of this reality.

In practicals and tutorials, the relevance of these contents to an understanding of problematic human sciences aspects of the Southern African reality is illustrated systematically.

In your second year you take four subjects that you took at first-year level.

Note the following:

- In order to gain access to Applied English Language Studies 214 or 244, you need to pass either General Linguistics 178 or English Studies 178.
- You may take Sociology and/or Social Anthropology at second-year level if you passed Sociology at first-year level.

Third-year level

The contents at this level are focused on problematic human sciences aspects of Southern African realities.

In each of the two majors you do a certain amount of work that is focused on enhancing the content integration within and between the two major subjects, as well as the overall coherence of the programme.

This work that forms part of the process of integrated assessment, can take on various forms: (interdepartmental) seminars, written assignments, practicals of various kinds, etc.

Your subject choice for your third year is as follows:

Choose	
2 subjects	Group 1
(that you took in your first and second year)	or
	Group 2
	or
	1 subject from Group 1 and 1 subject from Group 2
Half third-year-level subject or the equivalent of a half third-year	Group 1 or
subject based on the amount of credits (minimum of 24 credits) (that	Group 2 or
you took in your first and second year).	Group 3
(If you passed General Linguistics 178 and 278, you can take Sign Language Studies 318(24) as a half third-year-level subject.)	

Presentation

The programme is presented by means of regular lectures, complemented with tutorials and/or practical classes.

Please note:

If you are taking Sociology 3 as a major subject, then 314 (first semester) and 364 (second semester) are compulsory modules. Students then follow 324 in the first semester and choose between 344 and 354 in the second semester. Please note that 344 and 354 cannot be taken together due to timetable clashes.

Programme Composition

FIRST YEAR (126 - 134 CREDITS)

In your first year you take five subjects plus Knowledge Skills 172. Your subject choice is as follows:

Compulsory modules		Credits
Knowledge Skills 172		1 x 6 credits
Choose		
2 subjects	Group 1 (Human Thought, Language, Culture and Art)	2 x 24 credits
2 subjects	Group 2 (People and Society)	2 x minimum 24 credits
1 subject	Group 1 or Group 2	1 x minimum 24 credits

Please note:

If you take the subject Geo-Environmental Science from Group 2, the credit value of this subject will be higher than 24 credits.

Compulsory Module

Subject number	Subject	Module
14507	Knowledge Skills	172(6) Information and Computer Competence

plus

Elective Modules

Group 1: Human Thought, Language, Culture and Art

Choose at least two subjects from this group.

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
41505	African Languages	114(12) Introductory Study of African Languages 144(12) Continued Introductory Study of African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	178(24) Introductory Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
14694	Afrikaans Language Learning	179(24) Afrikaans as Foreign Language OR 189(24) Afrikaans as Second Language
53813	Ancient Cultures	114(12) Introduction to the Ancient World I 144(12) Introduction to the Ancient World II
49638	Basic Xhosa (only at first-year level)	114(12) Introduction to Communication in Xhosa 144(12) Introduction to Communication in Xhosa
11302	Chinese	178(24) Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture
53880	English Studies	178(24) Literature and Language in Context
13145	French	178(24) Introduction to the French Language and Culture (if you did not take French in Grade 12) OR 188(24) Intermediate Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture (if you took French in Grade 12)
10294	General Linguistics	178(24) Introductory Outline to General Linguistics
26107	German	178(24) Introduction to the German Language and Culture (if you did not take German in Grade 12) OR 188(24) German Language, Literature and Culture of the 20th and 21st Centuries (if you took German in Grade 12)
13521	Sign Language Studies (only at first- year level)	178(24) South African Sign Language Acquisition
14032	Theatre Studies	114(12) Introduction to Western Theatre and the Principles of Text Study 144(12) Continued Study of the Western Theatre and Principles of Text Study
11802	Visual Studies	178(24) Visual Culture and Interpretation
21687	Xhosa	178(24) Introduction to Xhosa Language and Culture (if you did not have Xhosa or Zulu as Home Language in Grade 12) OR 188(24) Introduction to Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture (if you had Xhosa or Zulu as Home Language in Grade 12)

Group 2: People and Society

Choose at least **two** subjects from this group.

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
64165	Geo-Environmental Science (at second- and third-year levels you take Geography and Environmental Studies)	124(16) Introduction to Human-Environmental Systems 154(16) Introduction to Earth Systems Science
13463	History	114(12) Introduction to the Main Global Patterns and Developments in History

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
		144(12) Survey of South African History
12882	Philosophy	114(12) Introduction to Systematic Philosophy 144(12) Introduction to Moral Reasoning
44687	Political Science	114(12) Introduction to Political Science and South African Politics 144(12) Introduction to International Relations and African Politics
18414	Psychology	114(12) Psychology as Science 144(12) Psychology in Context
58173	Socio-Informatics	114(12) Knowledge and Technology in Society 144(12) Digital Media and Society
19003	Sociology	114(12) Introduction to Sociology and Social Anthropology 144(12) Social Issues in South Africa

SECOND YEAR (128 - 136 CREDITS)

In your second year you continue with **four** subjects that you took in your first year.

Note the following:

- In order to gain access to Applied English Language Studies 214 or 244, you need to pass either General Linguistics 178 or English Studies 178.
- You may take Sociology and/or Social Anthropology at second-year level if you have passed Sociology at first-year level.

Elective Modules

Group 1: Human Thought, Language, Culture and Art

Subject number	Subject	Modules
41505	African Languages	214(16) Intermediate Study of African Languages 244(16) Continued Intermediate Study of African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	278(32) Intermediate Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
14694	Afrikaans Language Learning (only up to second-year level)	 279(32) Afrikaans as Foreign Language (follows on Afrikaans Language Learning 179) OR 289(32) Afrikaans as Second Language (follows on Afrikaans Language Learning 189)
53813	Ancient Cultures	211(8) Continued Ancient Cultures 221(8) Continued Ancient Cultures 241(8) Continued Ancient Cultures 251(8) Continued Ancient Cultures
93874	Applied English Language Studies (In your first year, you must have English Studies 178 or General Linguistics 178 as a prerequisite pass module.)	214(16) Applied English Language Studies 244(16) Applied English Language Studies
11302	Chinese	278(32) Continued Study of Chinese Language and Culture
53880	English Studies	214(16) Reading Literature and Culture 244(16) Reading Literature and Culture
13145	French	278(32) Continued Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture
10294	General Linguistics	278(32) Language and the Human Mind

Subject number	Subject	Modules
26107	German	278(32) Intermediate Study of the German Language, Literature and Culture (follows on German 178) OR 288(32) German Language, Literature and Culture from the 18th century to the present (follows on German 188)
14032	Theatre Studies	214(16) Textual Analysis 244(16) Theatre History: Theory and Forms of Drama and Theatre
11802	Visual Studies	278(32) 19th and 20th Century Visual Culture
21687	Xhosa	214(16) Continued Xhosa Language and Culture 244(16) Continued Xhosa Language and Culture (214 and 244 follow on Xhosa 178) OR 224(16) Continued Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture 254(16) Continued Xhosa Language,
		Communication and Culture (224 and 254 follow on Xhosa 188)

Group 2: People and Society

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
56502	Geography and Environmental Studies (follows on Geo- Environmental Science at first-year level)	225(16) Urban and Tourism Development 265(16) Environmental Studies
13463	History	214(16) Key Processes in the Making of Western History244(16) African and South African: Colonisation and the Re-ordering of Societies
14689	Organisational Informatics	214(16) Principles of Information Systems 244(16) Introduction to Application Design
12882	Philosophy	214(16) Subdisciplines in Philosophy I 244(16) Subdisciplines in Philosophy II
44687	Political Science	212(8) Political Behaviour222(8) The Global Political Economy242(8) Political Development252(8) Foreign Policy Analysis
18414	Psychology	 213(8) Approaches to Psychological Theories of the Person 223(8) Human Development in Context 243(8) Research Design in Psychology 253(8) Data Analysis in Psychology
54186	Social Anthropology (you must have taken Sociology 1 at first-year level)	212(8) Social Anthropological Themes222(8) Medical Anthropology242(8) Public Anthropology252(8) South African Anthropology
58173	Socio-Informatics	214(16) Interaction Design 244(16) Information Society
19003	Sociology	212(8) Poverty, Development and the Environment 222(8) Social Identities and Inequalities 242(8) Sociology of Communication 252(8) Industrial Sociology

THIRD YEAR (120 - 134 CREDITS)

Your subject choice for your third year is as follows:

Choose	
2 subjects (that you took in your first and second year)	Group 1 or Group 2 or 1 subject from Group 1 and 1
Half third-year-level subject or the equivalent of a half third-year subject based on the number of credits (minimum of 24 credits) (that you took in your first and second year) (If you passed General Linguistics 178 and 278, you can take Sign Language Studies 318(24) as a half third-year-level subject.)	subject from Group 2 Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 3

Please note:

If you are taking Sociology 3 as a major subject, then 314 (first semester) and 364 (second semester) are compulsory modules. Students then follow 324 in the first semester and choose between 344 and 354 in the second semester. Please note that 344 and 354 cannot be taken together due to timetable clashes.

Elective Modules

Group 1: Human Thought, Language, Culture and Art

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
41505	African Languages	318(24) Advanced Study of the African Languages 348(24) Continued Advanced Study of the African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	318(24) Advanced Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature348(24) Advanced Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
53813	Ancient Cultures	311(12) Advanced Ancient Cultures 321(12) Advanced Ancient Cultures 341(12) Advanced Ancient Cultures 351(12) Advanced Ancient Cultures
93874	Applied English Language Studies	318(24) Applied English Language Studies 348(24) Applied English Language Studies
11302	Chinese	318(24) Intermediate Study of Chinese Language and Culture I 348(24) Intermediate Study of Chinese Language and Culture II
53880	English Studies	318(24) Reading Literature, Culture and Theory 348(24) Reading Literature, Culture and Theory
13145	French	318(24) Advanced Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture I 348(24) Advanced Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture II
10294	General Linguistics	318(24) Advanced Linguistics 348(24) Advanced Linguistics
26107	German	318(24) Advanced Study of German Language and Culture I 348(24) Advanced Study of German Language and Culture II (318 and 348 follow on German 278) OR 328(24) Advanced Study of the German Literature and Culture I 358(24) Advanced Study of the German Literature and Culture II (328 and 358 follow German 288)

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
14032	Theatre Studies	318(24) Textual Analysis: Media and Film 348(24) History and Nature of Non-Western Theatre
11802	Visual Studies	318(24) Representation of Identity in South African Visual Culture 348(24) Representation of Identity in South African Visual Culture
21687	Xhosa	318(24) Advanced Xhosa Language and Culture 348(24) Advanced Xhosa Language and Culture (318 and 348 follow on Xhosa 214 and 244) OR 328(24) Advanced Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture 358(24) Advanced Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture (328 and 358 follow on Xhosa 224 and 254)

Group 2: People and Society

	Group 2: People and Society		
Subject number	Subject	Module(s)	
56502	Geography and Environmental Studies (if you are taking Geography and Environmental Studies as a major subject, you must obtain at least 56 credits instead of 48)	Choose any four of the following modules: 314(12) Geography of Tourism 323(12) The South African City 334(16) Environmental Processes and Hazards 358(16) Environmental Studies 363(12) Geographical Communication	
13463	History	318(24) Twentieth Century History: A Global Perspective 348(24) South Africa in the 20th century	
14689	Organisational Informatics	318(24) Systems Analysis and Design 348(24) Systems Development	
12882	Philosophy	(You can choose any two of the following three modules) 314(12) Structuralism and Post-structuralism 324(12) Phenomenology and Existentialism 333(12) Philosophy of Race AND (You can choose any two of the following three modules) 341(12) Philosophies of Resistance 354(12) Analytic Philosophy 364(12) Political Philosophy	
44687	Political Science	314(12) Political Theory 324(12) Comparative Politics 344(12) Political Conflict 354(12) Political Analysis	
18414	Psychology	314(12) Psychopathology 324(12) Social Psychology 348(24) Psychological Interventions	
54186	Social Anthropology	314(12) Read-and-Do Ethnography 324(12) Culture, Power and Identity 344(12) Theory and Debates in Social Anthropology 354(12) The Anthropology of Development	
58173	Socio-Informatics	348(24) Computational Social Science	

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
19003	Sociology	314(12) Social Theory 324(12) Political Sociology 344(12) Sociology of Work and Employment 354(12) Community Development 364(12) Social Research (344 and 354 cannot be taken together due to timetable clashes)

Group 3: Half third-year subject

Subject number	Subject	Module
13521	Sign Language Studies (General Linguistics 1 and 2 are prerequisite pass modules)	318(24) Sign Language Linguistics

Programme Assessment

The manner in which individual modules are assessed, is explained in the module framework/study guide that is handed out during the first lecture of each module.

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5.2 BA (Language and Culture)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) or the school-leaving certificate from the Independent Examination Board (IEB) as certified by Umalusi with a mark of at least 4 (50%) in each of the four school subjects from the list of school subjects at the back of this Yearbook Part.
- An average final mark of 63% in the NSC or the IEB school-leaving certificate (excluding Life Orientation) for the three-year mainstream programme.
- An average final mark of 60-62,9% in the NSC (excluding Life Orientation) for the four-year extended curriculum programme.
- Your National Benchmark Test results may be taken into consideration for placement in the extended curriculum programme.
- Home Language code 4 (50%).
- First Additional Language code 4 (50%).

Consult section 4 in this chapter for more information on the extended curriculum programmes.

Programme Content and Structure

This programme consists of subjects and modules, chosen from two groups, in which you can study and learn languages as well as cultural studies and relevant contextual content. In your first year, you should take at least one language which you have not taken before.

The subjects of the programme are set out below according to the groups that help guide your choice, followed by a breakdown of the specific modules. You can find the contents of these subjects and modules, as well as the specifications concerning the selection of subjects and modules, in the chapter "Undergraduate Subjects, Modules and Module Contents" in this Yearbook Part. Your chosen subject combination depends on timetable considerations. The subjects and modules that you choose may not clash on the class, test and examination timetables. In addition, consult the schematic outline for permissible subject combinations on the fold-out page at the back of this Yearbook Part.

Group A	Group B
Afrikaans Language Learning 179	Afrikaans and Dutch
Basic Xhosa (only offered at first-year	Afrikaans Language Learning 189
level)	African Languages
Biblical Hebrew	Ancient Cultures
Chinese	English Studies
French	German 188
German 178	History