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Academic year	
<p>The academic year comprises two semesters.</p> <p>Semester 1: January to June</p> <p>Semester 2: July to December</p>	
Closing dates for applications of incoming exchange and study abroad students	
<p>Semester 1: 30 September of the preceding year</p> <p>Semester 2: 31 March of the current year</p>	
Academic requirements	
Language requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL Test: The minimum requirement for the TOEFL test is 83 (see www.ets.org/toefl) • IELTS Test: The minimum requirement for the IELTS Test is 6 (see www.IELTS.org)
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
Yearbook	<p>The Online Yearbook is there to provide you with information about your degree programme. This includes admission requirements, the curriculum, as well as specific details regarding the programme. Important information about the modules, such as credit value, contact time and prerequisites, are all listed. It also includes faculty-specific information as well as the General Rules and Regulations, which you should take note of to ensure that you make a success of your studies.</p> <p>https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home</p>
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	A grade point average (GPA) is a number (%) that represents the average of a student's grades during a study period. It is weighted by the number of credits allocated to the modules the student was enrolled for. From 2012 onwards only a GPA based on module credits will be used to calculate a student's average.
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 2020 and is for the student's own account. The total amount for the semester 2019 is R26700.00.+ https://www.up.ac.za/student-accommodation
Alternative accommodation	Private accommodation companies on campus will assist students in finding accommodation, should formal accommodation not be available. https://www.up.ac.za/student-accommodation/article/256266/private-accommodation

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.
Compulsory medical cover	<p>All non-South African citizens need to comply with the immigration regulation as determined by the Republic before registration. Medical cover is required at all times for the period of your visa validity.</p> <p>The medical scheme must be registered with the <i>Medical Schemes Council of South Africa</i>. https://www.medicalschemes.com/MedicalSchemes.aspx?flt=L</p> <p>The University of Pretoria recommends Momentum Health (Ingwe option) and CompCare prior registration.</p>
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 R5 000, 00 (ZAR) per month for the duration of their stay.
Disability Unit	<p>UP recognizes the rights of all its students and takes special pride in making education accessible to students with disabilities. In order to do this, we try to have a culture of human rights, which enables students with disabilities to equally access, and participate in our dynamic learning and teaching environment. The Disability Unit works closely with departments and faculties to make the academic journey more equitable to navigate for students with disabilities.</p> <p>https://www.up.ac.za/disability-unit</p>
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.