

Pearson Institute Foundation Programme



Programme duration

Minimum: 1 years
Maximum: 2 years
Full-time

Qualification start date

Semester 1: February
Semester 2: July

This programme is offered at the following campuses

- Selected Pearson Institute Campuses

Programme structure

Year 1

You will complete a set curriculum in your first semester, which will consist of the following core modules:

- Academic English A
- Development Studies A
- Introduction to Computer Skills
- Introduction to Mathematics A
- Student Skills A

In your second semester you will continue with the following modules:

- Academic English B
- Mathematics for Degree Studies B

Or

- Development Studies B
- Student Skills B

And

A choice of two elective Faculty-specific modules:

- Introduction to Biology
- Introduction to Commerce
- Introduction to Critical Reasoning
- Introduction to IT
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Science
- Introduction to Writing and Communication Skills

For Graphic Design Streams, you will complete a set curriculum in your first semester, which will consist of the following core modules:

- Academic English A
- Development Studies A
- Introduction to Graphic Design
- Introduction to Graphic Design Illustration
- Student Skills A

In your second semester you will continue with the following modules:

- Academic English B
- Design Fundamentals
- Development Studies B
- Introduction to Computer Skills
- Student Skills B

Mid-year intake?

There is a mid-year intake in July. No graphic design students for Mid-year intake as the modules are not available for Mid-year intake.

Qualification description

The Pre-degree Foundation Programme bridges the gap between school and post-school education. It provides a sound foundation in a range of skills needed for higher education studies at Pearson Institute.

You will develop a theoretical understanding of, and practical skills in English language and comprehension, numeracy and the use of computers and technology. You will also learn how to study, conduct research and be a successful student. The core subjects are Student Skills, Academic English, Introductory Mathematics, Development Studies and an Introduction to Computer Skills. You will also choose two faculty-specific elective modules from a range of introductory topics including Commerce (Economics), IT, Science, Graphic Design and Psychology. The programme is designed to offer access to each of PI's faculties, aligned to the admission requirements for each degree.

Much of the success of our Pre-degree Foundation Programme is due to our unique blend of lecture-led learning, Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL), our smaller interactive classes and cutting-edge facilities such as campus resource centres and computer labs.

Within this supportive environment, you will also start developing essential skills for life as a student and for the world of work. You will learn how to analyse and solve real problems, apply logic, be innovative, work in teams and communicate effectively.

Entry requirements

- You need a South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) with certificate, diploma or degree entry or an equivalent foreign secondary qualification on an NSC level (NQF 4) confirmed by SAQA.

Or

- If you have an international school-leaving certificate, you need to provide a certificate of exemption issued by Universities South Africa (USAF).

And

- You need 17-24 Pearson Institute points for non-BSc streams.
- You need 24-31 Pearson Institute points for BSc streams.
- You need 40% or above for Grade 12 English as a home or first additional language.
- You need 30% or above for Grade 12 Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy for non-BSc streams.
- You need 30% or above for Grade 12 Mathematics for BSc streams.

Programme accreditation

- It is quality assured (externally moderated) by similar higher education institutions.
- While this programme is not registered on the qualifications framework, this is an access path to Pearson Institute programmes offered at National Qualifications Framework (NQF) level 5.
- It is not accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC), nor is it registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).