

## 4.1 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 at the back of this Calendar Part.
- An average final mark of 65% in the NSC or the IEB school-leaving certificate (excluding Life Orientation) for the three-year mainstream programme.
- An average final mark of 60-64,9% in the NSC (excluding Life Orientation) for the four-year Extended Degree Programme.
- Your National Benchmark Test results may be taken into consideration for placement in the Extended Degree 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 Socio-Informatics as a subject*).

Consult section 3 in this chapter for more information on the Extended Degree 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 Calendar 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 Calendar Part.

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

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 Information Skills 172. Your subject choice is as follows:

<b>Compulsory Module</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Information Skills 172		1 x 6 credits
<b>Choose</b>		
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:*

- If you have passed English Studies 178, you may take English Studies 214 and 244 and/or Applied English Language Studies 214 and 244.
- 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	
<b>2 subjects</b> <i>(that you took in your first and second year)</i>	Group 1 or Group 2 or 1 subject from Group 1 and 1 subject from Group 2
<b>Half third-year-level subject</b> or the equivalent of a half third-year subject based on the amount of credits (minimum of 24 credits) <i>(that you took in your first and second year).</i> <i>(If you passed General Linguistics 178 and 278, you can take</i> <i>Sign Language Studies 318(24) as a half third-year-level</i> <i>subject.)</i>	Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 3

### 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.

### First year (126 – 134 credits)

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

Compulsory modules		Credits
Information 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
53899	Information Skills	<b>172(6)</b> 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	<b>114(12)</b> Introductory Study of African Languages <b>144(12)</b> Continued Introductory Study of African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	<b>178(24)</b> Introductory Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
57487	Afrikaans Language Acquisition	<b>178(24)</b> Afrikaans for Non-mother-tongue Speakers <b>OR</b> <b>188(24)</b> Afrikaans as Second Language
53813	Ancient Cultures	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to the Ancient World I <b>144(12)</b> Introduction to the Ancient World II
49638	Basic Xhosa ( <i>only at first-year level</i> )	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to Communication in Xhosa <b>144(12)</b> Introduction to Communication in Xhosa
11302	Chinese	<b>178(24)</b> Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture
53880	English Studies	<b>178(24)</b> Literature and Language in Context
13145	French	<b>178(24)</b> Introduction to the French Language and Culture ( <i>if you did not take French in Grade 12</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>188(24)</b> Intermediate Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture ( <i>if you took French in Grade 12</i> )
10294	General Linguistics	<b>178(24)</b> Introductory Outline to General Linguistics

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
26107	German	<b>178(24)</b> Introduction to the German Language and Culture ( <i>if you did not take German in Grade 12</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>188(24)</b> German Language, Literature and Culture of the 20th and 21st Centuries ( <i>if you took German in Grade 12</i> )
13521	Sign Language Studies ( <i>only at first-year level</i> )	<b>178(24)</b> South African Sign Language Acquisition
14032	Theatre Studies	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to Western Theatre and the Principles of Text Study <b>144(12)</b> Continued Study of the Western Theatre and Principles of Text Study
11802	Visual Studies	<b>178(24)</b> Visual Culture and Interpretation
21687	Xhosa	<b>178(24)</b> Introduction to Xhosa Language and Culture ( <i>if you did not have Xhosa or Zulu as Home Language in Grade 12</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>188(24)</b> Introduction to Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture ( <i>if you had Xhosa or Zulu as Home Language in Grade 12</i> )

**Group 2: People and Society**Choose at least **two** subjects from this group.

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
64165	Geo-Environmental Science ( <i>at second- and third-year levels you take Geography and Environmental Studies</i> )	<b>124(16)</b> Introduction to Human-Environmental Systems <b>154(16)</b> Introduction to Earth Systems Science
13463	History	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to the Main Global Patterns and Developments in History <b>144(12)</b> Survey of South African History
12882	Philosophy	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to Systematic Philosophy <b>144(12)</b> Introduction to Moral Reasoning

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
44687	Political Science	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to Political Science and South African Politics <b>144(12)</b> Introduction to International Relations and African Politics
18414	Psychology	<b>114(12)</b> Psychology as Science <b>144(12)</b> Psychology in Context
58173	Socio-Informatics	<b>114(12)</b> The Knowledge Economy and Society <b>144(12)</b> Technology, Organisation and Society
19003	Sociology	<b>114(12)</b> Introduction to Sociology and Social Anthropology <b>144(12)</b> 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:*

- You may take English Studies 214 and 244 and/or Applied English Language Studies 214 and 244 if you have passed 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	<b>214(16)</b> Intermediate Study of African Languages <b>244(16)</b> Continued Intermediate Study of African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	<b>278(32)</b> Intermediate Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
57487	Afrikaans Language Acquisition (only up to second-year level)	<b>278(32)</b> Afrikaans for Foreign-language Speakers ( <i>follows on Afrikaans Language Acquisition 178</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>288(32)</b> Afrikaans as Second Language ( <i>follows on Afrikaans Language Acquisition 188</i> )
53813	Ancient Cultures	<b>211(8)</b> Continued Ancient Cultures <b>221(8)</b> Continued Ancient Cultures <b>241(8)</b> Continued Ancient Cultures <b>251(8)</b> Continued Ancient Cultures

Subject number	Subject	Modules
93874	Applied English Language Studies ( <i>English Studies 178 is a prerequisite</i> )	<b>214(16)</b> Applied English Language Studies <b>244(16)</b> Applied English Language Studies
11302	Chinese	<b>278(32)</b> Continued Study of Chinese Language and Culture
53880	English Studies	<b>214(16)</b> Reading Literature and Culture <b>244(16)</b> Reading Literature and Culture
13145	French	<b>278(32)</b> Continued Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture
10294	General Linguistics	<b>278(32)</b> Language and the Human Mind
26107	German	<b>278(32)</b> Intermediate Study of the German Language, Literature and Culture ( <i>follows on German 178</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>288(32)</b> German Language, Literature and Culture from the 18th century to the present ( <i>follows on German 188</i> )
14032	Theatre Studies	<b>214(16)</b> Textual Analysis <b>244(16)</b> Theatre History: Theory and Forms of Drama and Theatre
11802	Visual Studies	<b>278(32)</b> 19th and 20th Century Visual Culture
21687	Xhosa	<b>214(16)</b> Continued Xhosa Language and Culture <b>244(16)</b> Continued Xhosa Language and Culture ( <i>214 and 244 follow on Xhosa 178</i> ) <b>OR</b> <b>224(16)</b> Continued Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture <b>254(16)</b> Continued Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture ( <i>224 and 254 follow on Xhosa 188</i> )



**Group 2: People and Society**

<b>Subject number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Module(s)</b>
56502	Geography and Environmental Studies <i>(follows on Geo-Environmental Science at first-year level)</i>	<b>225(16)</b> Urban and Tourism Development <b>265(16)</b> Environmental Studies
13463	History	<b>214(16)</b> Key Processes in the Making of Western History <b>244(16)</b> African and South African: Colonisation and the Re-ordering of Societies
12882	Philosophy	<b>214(16)</b> Subdisciplines in Philosophy I <b>244(16)</b> Subdisciplines in Philosophy II
44687	Political Science	<b>212(8)</b> Political Behaviour <b>222(8)</b> The Global Political Economy <b>242(8)</b> Political Development <b>252(8)</b> Foreign Policy Analysis
18414	Psychology	<b>213(8)</b> Approaches to Psychological Theories of the Person <b>223(8)</b> Human Development in Context <b>243(8)</b> Research Design in Psychology <b>253(8)</b> Data Analysis in Psychology
54186	Social Anthropology <i>(you must have taken Sociology 1 at first-year level)</i>	<b>212(8)</b> Social Anthropological Themes <b>222(8)</b> Medical Anthropology <b>242(8)</b> Public Anthropology <b>252(8)</b> South African Anthropology
58173	Socio-Informatics <i>(if you choose Socio-Informatics, you must take 40 credits instead of 32)</i>	<b>224(16)</b> Introduction to Computer Programming <b>254(16)</b> Internet Technology and Design <b>262(8)</b> Electronic Business and Government
19003	Sociology	<b>212(8)</b> Poverty, Inequality and Development <b>222(8)</b> Social Identities and Inequalities <b>242(8)</b> Sociology of Communication <b>252(8)</b> Industrial Sociology

**Third year (120 – 134 credits)**

Your subject choice for your third year is as follows:

Choose	
<p><b>2 subjects</b> (that you took in your first and second year)</p>	<p>Group 1 or Group 2 or 1 subject from Group 1 and 1 subject from Group 2</p>
<p><b>Half third-year-level subject</b> 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.)</p>	<p>Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 3</p>

*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	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Study of the African Languages <b>348(24)</b> Continued Advanced Study of the African Languages
39373	Afrikaans and Dutch	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature <b>348(24)</b> Advanced Studies in Afrikaans Language and Literature
53813	Ancient Cultures	<b>311(12)</b> Advanced Ancient Cultures <b>321(12)</b> Advanced Ancient Cultures <b>341(12)</b> Advanced Ancient Cultures <b>351(12)</b> Advanced Ancient Cultures
93874	Applied English Language Studies	<b>318(24)</b> Applied English Language Studies <b>348(24)</b> Applied English Language Studies

<b>Subject number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Module(s)</b>
11302	Chinese	<b>318(24)</b> Intermediate Study of Chinese Language and Culture I <b>348(24)</b> Intermediate Study of Chinese Language and Culture II
53880	English Studies	<b>318(24)</b> Reading Literature, Culture and Theory <b>348(24)</b> Reading Literature, Culture and Theory
13145	French	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture I <b>348(24)</b> Advanced Study of the French Language, Literature and Culture II
10294	General Linguistics	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Linguistics <b>348(24)</b> Advanced Linguistics
26107	German	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Study of German Language and Culture I <b>348(24)</b> Advanced Study of German Language and Culture II <i>(318 and 348 follow on German 278)</i> <b>OR</b> <b>328(24)</b> Advanced Study of the German Literature and Culture I <b>358(24)</b> Advanced Study of the German Literature and Culture II <i>(328 and 358 follow German 288)</i>
14032	Theatre Studies	<b>314(12)</b> Textual Analysis: Media and Film <b>324(12)</b> History and Nature of Non-Western Theatre <b>344(12)</b> Textual Analysis: Media and Film <b>354(12)</b> History and Nature of South African Theatre
11802	Visual Studies	<b>318(24)</b> Representation of Identity in South African Visual Culture <b>348(24)</b> Representation of Identity in South African Visual Culture

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
21687	Xhosa	<b>318(24)</b> Advanced Xhosa Language and Culture <b>348(24)</b> Advanced Xhosa Language and Culture <i>(318 and 348 follow on Xhosa 214 and 244)</i> <b>OR</b> <b>328(24)</b> Advanced Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture <b>358(24)</b> Advanced Xhosa Language, Communication and Culture <i>(328 and 358 follow on Xhosa 224 and 254)</i>

**Group 2: People and Society**

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
56502	Geography and Environmental Studies ( <i>if you are taking Geography and Environmental Studies as a major subject, you must obtain at least 56 credits instead of 48</i> )	<b>314(12)</b> Geography of Tourism <b>323(12)</b> The South African City <b>358(16)</b> Environmental Studies <b>363(16)</b> Geographical Communication
13463	History	<b>318(24)</b> Twentieth Century History: A Global Perspective <b>348(24)</b> South Africa in the 20th century
12882	Philosophy	<i>(You can choose any two of the following three modules)</i> <b>314(12)</b> Structuralism and Post-structuralism <b>324(12)</b> Phenomenology and Existentialism <b>334(12)</b> African Philosophy <b>AND</b> <i>(You can choose any two of the following three modules)</i> <b>344(12)</b> Critical Social Theory and Ideology Critique <b>354(12)</b> Analytic Philosophy <b>364(12)</b> Political Philosophy
44687	Political Science	<b>314(12)</b> Political Theory <b>324(12)</b> Comparative Politics <b>344(12)</b> Political Conflict <b>354(12)</b> Political Analysis

Subject number	Subject	Module(s)
18414	Psychology	<b>314(12)</b> Psychopathology <b>324(12)</b> Social Psychology <b>348(24)</b> Psychological Interventions
54186	Social Anthropology	<b>314(12)</b> Read-and-Do Ethnography <b>324(12)</b> Culture, Power and Identity <b>344(12)</b> Theory and Debates in Social Anthropology <b>354(12)</b> The Anthropology of Development
58173	Socio-Informatics ( <i>if you choose Socio-Informatics as major subject, you must obtain at least 54 credits instead of 48</i> )	<b>314(18)</b> Database Systems <b>334(18)</b> Architecture of Information Systems <b>364(18)</b> Knowledge Dynamics and Knowledge Management
19003	Sociology	<b>314(12)</b> Social Theory <b>324(12)</b> Political Sociology <b>344(12)</b> Sociology of Work and Employment <b>354(12)</b> Community Development <b>364(12)</b> Social Research <i>(344 and 354 cannot be taken together due to timetable clashes)</i>

**Group 3: Half third-year subject**

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

*Programme Assessment*

Assessment within the BA in the Humanities takes place per subject module. The mode of assessment differs from module to module and includes formal examinations, formal tests, written assignments, oral participation in class, different kinds of practical work, etc. To complete a module successfully, you must obtain a final mark of at least 50%.

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. Also consult the entries of the departments concerned in the chapter “Undergraduate Subjects, Modules and Module Contents” of this Calendar Part.

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