

5.2.1.9 BScHons in Molecular Biology

Specific admission requirements

- An average final mark of more than 60% in one of the following qualifications from a recognised tertiary training institution:
 - a bachelor's degree with Biochemistry, Genetics, Microbiology or Biotechnology at third-year level; or
 - an MBChB or BChD degree.
- You may be admitted with an average final mark of less than 60% for the BSc at third-year level based on:
 - an adequate motivation and/or
 - successful completion of additional work, and
 - proof of competence.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over one year on a full-time basis.

Programme description

This programme will equip you with both a theoretical and practical background in the basic concepts of molecular biology. The programme consists of lecture attendance, participation in discussion of academic journals, writing a grant proposal, participation in a six-month research project, a research report, a research presentation, and written mid-year and end-of-year examinations.

Programme content

Molecular Biology Theory	715(45)
Molecular Biology Project	775(75)

Assessment and examination

- You must pass both modules with a minimum of 50% to earn the applicable credits.
- If you do not pass the theory module with a minimum of 50% after the second opportunity, you will not be permitted to continue with the research project.
- Assessment opportunities include:
 - written examinations and a review article for the theory module; and
 - a research report, research presentation, supervisor's report and written examination for the project module.
- The calculation of the final mark is subject to the provisions in the chapter "Assessments and promotions" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.

Enquiries

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5.2 Honours degrees

5.2.1 Bachelor of Science Honours

Please note:

If you are applying for admission to one of the BScHons programmes of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, you must be aware that there is a possibility that a programme will not be offered if there are not enough qualifying candidates to fill it. In such cases, the University will directly communicate this decision with applicants in November of the year before study.

Programme description

The purpose of the programme is to equip you with the insight, practical skills and in-depth knowledge with regard to your chosen field of study. On completion of the programme, you must be able to function independently as a researcher and academic in the South African context.

The programme aims:

- to promote healthcare in the South African community;
- to facilitate and innovate health research;
- to facilitate critical and ethical reasoning;
- to promote evaluation management, communication and scientific knowledge;
- to prepare students for further study; and
- to promote lifelong study.

Admission of diplomates to BScHons studies

If you have a National Higher Diploma in Medical Technology, you may be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours degree if you:

- have obtained a relevant bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification at a recognised institution for tertiary education;

or

- in exceptional cases, meet the following minimum requirements:
 - you must hold the matriculation certificate or exemption certificate of the Matriculation Board;
 - you must provide proof of above-average academic results during your diploma programme; and
 - prior to admission, you must have been academically associated and/or professionally active for a minimum period of three years, during which you at least completed one research project successfully and published in a recognised journal.

You must have passed a preliminary examination:

- that was conducted according to the clearly defined criteria stipulated by the Faculty Board, in order to ensure an adequate scientific standard;
- that was designed to assess your theoretical background and scientific maturity; and
- that was conducted by the head of the department or division in which the intended postgraduate studies are envisaged, or by their delegate, together with at least one other expert in the relevant field of study who has been nominated by the Dean.

You will be considered on merit by the Committee for Postgraduate Education on the basis of a *curriculum vitae* and a written recommendation by the Preliminary Examination Committee.

Admission of candidates with a BTech to BScHons studies

If you have an appropriate Bachelor of Technology degree or equivalent qualification from a recognised institution for tertiary education, you may be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science Honours

degree, provided that:

- departments/divisions may require supplementary work;
- you must provide proof of above-average academic performance during the degree programme; and
- you have passed a preliminary examination:
 - that was conducted according to clearly defined criteria stipulated by the Faculty Board in order to ensure an adequate scientific standard;
 - that was designed to assess your theoretical background and scientific maturity; and
 - that was conducted by the head of the department or division as convenor in which the intended postgraduate studies are envisaged, or by their delegate, together with at least one other expert in the relevant field of study who has been nominated by the Dean.

You will be considered on merit by the Committee for Postgraduate Education on the basis of a *curriculum vitae* and a written recommendation by the Preliminary Examination Committee.

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