**Faculty of Science: Selection policy and procedures**

The selection and conditional admission of a prospective student to a programme are based on the final Grade 11 results or the final school examination results, should the prospective applicant apply after he or she has passed matric. Final admission to register as a student takes place based on the final school examination results. Meeting the minimum admission requirements of the programme you are applying for does NOT guarantee that you will be selected. In addition the results of the National Benchmark Tests (NBT) will also be used for final selection purposes.

A selection mark (SM) for each applicant will be calculated as follows:

*[2 x Mathematics mark + the marks of the other five subjects (excluding Life Orientation)] ÷ 7*

**Important**: The exact marks are used. When students take more than 6 school subjects, the Mathematics mark, the highest mark for either Afrikaans OR English, plus the 4 other highest marks are used. Physical Science as school subject must be included in the abovementioned 4 school subjects if a student wants to follow a programme in the Physical or Biological Sciences.

**Time frame of the selection process**

The closing date for applications is **30 June** of the preceding year. Late applications will still be considered until **30 September**, subject to the availability of places per specific programme. The faculty reserves the right to advance the closing date for late applications, should the admission target be reached before 30 September. Only fully completed applications that meet the minimum admission requirements of the programme applied for, will be considered in the selection process.

Because the NBT results are also taken into account for selection purposes, students are advised to take these tests before the selection process. An application for admission to a BSc programme as a second option will only be considered (subject to availability) if the application for admission to the programme of choice was unsuccessful.

The **first round** **of selection** from complete applications received before 30 June, will take place at the end of August.

Fully completed late applications received until 30 September (unless an earlier closing date was determined), or applications carried over from the first round, will be considered at the end of October during the **second round** **of selection**.

Applicants will only be allowed to register for a specific programme if they were conditionally selected on their Grade 11 results, and if their final National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Independent Examinations Board (IEB) results meet the minimum admission requirements of the programmes they were selected for.

Candidates who were conditionally admitted to mainstream programmes, but who failed to meet the minimum admission requirements of the specific mainstream programme based on their final NSC or IEB results, may be considered for an extended degree programme (EDP). Admission to the EDP will only be granted should they be educationally disadvantaged; meet the minimum admission requirements of the specific EDP programme; and should space be available.

**BSc (EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAMME)**

This programme offers an alternative admission route into the broader field of natural sciences (Programmes in Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Mathematical Sciences).

**Selection for admission to an extended degree programme (EDP)**

The selection procedure for this programme strives to enrol a maximum of 70 students of which 75% must come from designated groups. A student has to meet the admission requirements for the EDP and must be educationally disadvantaged. (Students will complete a questionnaire in this regard prior to admission). A selection mark for applicants who meet the abovementioned criteria will be calculated as follows:

*[2 x Mathematics mark + the highest mark for either Afrikaans or English + Physical Sciences mark + the marks of another 3 subjects (excluding Life Orientation)] ÷ 7*

**Important**: The exact marks are used. When students take more than 6 school subjects, the Mathematics marks, Physical Science marks and the highest mark for either Afrikaans OR English, plus the highest marks of another 3 subjects are taken into account.

**Time frame of the selection process for the EDP**

The closing date for applications is **30 June** of the preceding year, but late applications will still be considered until **30 September**. Applications for EDP will also be considered after the final NSC-results are available.