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1. WHY STUDY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT?

Supply chain managers oversee some of the most essential business processes affecting the profitability of firms today. These managers are responsible for synchronising the flow of products, information, and funds between their organisations and both their suppliers and customers in a way that adds value for the end consumers of their products.

In today's turbo-charged competitive environment, supply chain managers are increasingly part of their organisation's strategic management teams that work to competitively position their organisation and their supply chain in a global marketplace.

As logistics and supply chain networks become increasingly complex, with tighter deadlines and greater financial risks from disruptions, supply chain professionals can benefit from additional education and credentials to assist them in their current position or to advance their careers in logistics or supply chain management.

A masters degree in supply chain management can give you the higher-order skills and abilities to think in tandem about the people, processes, and technologies required for world-class integrated supply chain management.

The programme content focuses on key issues such as the fundamental theory of supply chain management, contemporary issues in supply chain management and strategic management.

2. WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Business Management option Supply Chain Management degree programme is designed for professionals who want to attain an advanced degree while continuing to work for their respective organisations.

Although many individuals in the program have academic credentials in supply chain management, the programme is also appropriate if your education and/or experience may be in other commerce disciplines or in sciences and engineering.

3. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Organisations in virtually every industry, including non-profit and government sectors, use supply chains in their daily operations. As a graduate of this degree program you can be prepared for a variety of upper-level supply chain management positions such as:

- Director of supply chain operations
- Senior supply chain analyst
- Performance improvement manager
- Supply chain technical analyst
- Director of purchasing
- Logistics manager
- Commodity manager

4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- The minimum entry requirements are an appropriate honours degree with at least 60% average and sufficient exposure to Supply Chain Management to the satisfaction of the Head of Department.
- Selection takes place based on the above criteria. Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only take a limited number of students in each programme based on academic credentials.
- A BTech degree is not recognised as an equivalent to an honours degree.
- An English language proficiency test may be required as all class discussions; assignments, tests, examination papers as well as textbooks are in English. Students are, however, free to complete all assignments, tests and examinations in Afrikaans.
- The Head of the Department has the right to prescribe any additional modules on honours level to ensure that the candidate complies with all the requirements. Any additional modules will serve only as prerequisites for admission into the program and will not count towards the credits required for the degree.
- The Department of Business Management will only offer the MPhil degree if there is a minimum of 10 candidates enrolled for the degree.
- A maximum of 15 students will be admitted per annum.

5. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme consists of coursework and a research article. The coursework part of the degree programme is offered during the first semester of the first year of study and the research article during the second semester.

The coursework is presented by means of five contact sessions per module during the first semester. Contact block weeks will take place after-hours on a Monday to Thursday evening from 17:30 – 21:00. Attendance of the contact sessions is compulsory.

All lectures, tests and examination sessions will be conducted at the University of Pretoria's main campus in Hatfield.

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete the MPhil degree but it is possible to complete the programme in one year.

6. CURRICULUM

		<u>Credits</u>
OBS 817	Supply Chain Management	(25)
OBS 818	Contemporary issues in Supply Chain Management	(25)
OBS 811	Strategy & Leadership	(20)
NME 804	Research Methodology	(20)
OBS 898	Mini-dissertation: Research Article	(90)
		<u>180</u>

There are no electives and all modules must be passed. A candidate, before or on submission of the mini-dissertation, must submit at least one draft article for publication in a

recognised academic journal.

7. EXAMINATION AND PASS REQUIREMENTS

- A semester mark of 40% is required to be admitted to the examination. The semester mark will be compiled from assignments, written tests and a research colloquium mark.
- Examinations will take the form of written evaluations during May/June each year.
- A three hour examination paper is written in each of the four coursework modules.
- A final mark of 50% is required to pass a module.
- It is important to note that there are no re-examination opportunities for 800-level modules.

8. ACADEMIC WRITING

Post-graduate studies emphasises analytical skills by means of assignments, reports and case studies. The main consideration is the student's ability to independently gather, process and effectively communicate information.

Each student must take cognisance of the contents of: "Referencing in Academic Documents, Official guidelines of the Department of Business Management". All assignments, reports and case studies, which students submit for evaluation, must comply with these guidelines.

9. FEES AND FUNDING

Full particulars concerning university fees and applicable regulations are contained in the Student Fees Guide of the University of Pretoria. It is the responsibility of students to acquaint themselves with the various regulations. Fees and regulations are available from <http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding/article/277386/tuition-fees-per-faculty>

10. APPLICATION PROCESS

- An application for admission to the University must be completed and the application fee must be paid to the cashier at the Client Service Centre, or the fee may be paid into the UP account.
- The application form, together with a full academic record of previous studies, must be submitted to the Client Service Centre.
- Online applications can be done at www.up.ac.za/apply and the application fee paid with a credit card. Alternatively, the form can be downloaded at www.up.ac.za/downloadpdfform.
- All postgraduate students with international qualifications need to submit an evaluation from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), 1067 Arcadia

Street, HATFIELD, 0083; Tel:+ 2712 431 5000 or 0860 010 3188, www.sqa.org.za

- Students with international qualifications who want to apply for Masters degree courses at the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences also have to write the international TOEFL (www.toefl.org) or IELTS (www.ielts.org) test in the English language.
- Applications will not be send to the department for selection if the English test result (if required) as well as the SAQA evaluation is not available.
- If all the required documents have not been received by the end of October, the application will not be taken into consideration for admission the following year.
- If applicable, a valid study permit to study at the University of Pretoria as well as proof of membership to medical insurance as prescribed by the University are also requirements for admission.
- International students may contact the International Office for more information at <http://www.up.ac.za/international-students>.

11. SELECTION

Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only take a limited number of students in each programme. Selection takes place in October to December of each year.

In view of this process it is premature to meet with staff of the department prior to selection and confirmation of acceptance.

Acceptance letters are sent out by faculty administration early in December and will set out the conditions of acceptance.

12. CLOSING DATES

The closing date for applications for admission is **30 September** preceding the year of first registration.

The closing date for applications for students with international qualifications is **31 August** annually.