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BCom (M) Four-year programme (07139922)

Duration of study 4 years

Total credits 88

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Programme information

The programme is aimed at the training of students in the Economic and Management Sciences who do not meet the prescribed admission requirements for a BCom degree.

This is the ideal starting point for students who are interested in studying towards BCom degrees in Management or Financial sciences. Students must apply during October of their first year to transfer to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (Hatfield Campus). Placement in BCom (Accounting Sciences) and BCom (Investment Management) cannot be guaranteed as these are selection programmes where numbers are limited. All modules must be passed in the first year to transfer to any of the BCom programmes.

The first year is presented on the Mamelodi Campus.

Admission requirements

- To be able to register, NSC candidates must comply with the minimum requirements for degree studies as well as with the minimum requirements for the relevant study programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements vir 2016								
Achievement Level								APS
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				
NSS/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSS/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
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Additional requirements

- General Regulations G.1 to G.15 (with the exception of Regulation G.11.2(c)) apply to a bachelor's degree.
- A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless the Dean decides



otherwise.

- c. A student may take a module not listed as an elective module only if the prior approval of the Dean has been obtained.
- d. A student who is in possession of a bachelor's degree may not present any modules passed for that degree for another field of specialisation or degree in this Faculty. (See General Regulations G.8 and G.9)
- e. A module passed at 300-level shall only be recognised for degree purposes if the corresponding prescribed module(s) at 200-level has/have been passed, unless the Dean decides otherwise, with the proviso that the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311 (ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320) and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369); only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.
- f. A module already passed may only be repeated with the approval of the Dean.
- g. A module passed may not be taken into account for more than one degree or field of specialisation.
- h. It remains the student's responsibility to ascertain, prior to registration, whether all the modules he/she intends taking can be accommodated in the class, test and examination timetables.
- i. The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences supports an outcomes-based education system and places a high premium on the development of specific academic competences. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is therefore compulsory for all students.
- j. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty Regulations.

Other programme-specific information

- Students who want to do a non-numerical BCom degree only do a first-semester course in WTW 133 (Precalculus), and will not be required to do WTW 143 in the second semester. Students who want to continue with a numerical BCom degree programme (eg Economics, Econometrics, Accounting Science, Informatics, Financial Sciences and Investment Management) need to have obtained a level 4 or higher in Grade 12 Mathematics and will need to register for WTW 133 and WTW 143.
- Students who want to do a non-numerical BCom degree programme register for STK 133 and STK 143. Students who want to transfer to a numerical BCom degree programme must obtain 70% or more for STK 133 and STK 143 in order to be considered.
- Only students who have obtained a level 4 in Grade 12 Mathematics can register for WST 133 and WST 143 and mostly follow a numerical BCom degree programme (eg Economics, Econometrics, Accounting Science, Informatics, Financial Sciences, Investment Management and Statistics).
- **Selection from the second academic year onwards, to be discussed with the Student Administration of the Faculty.**

- AIM 111 and AIM 121 – as currently presented on the Hatfield Campus.
- STK 133 and STK 143 – equivalent to STK 110.
- STK 133 and STK 143 will give BCom students entrance to STK 120.
- WST 133 and WST 143 will be equivalent to STK 110
- WST 133 and WST 143 will give BCom students entrance to either WST 153 or STK 120
- Students must register for STK 120 in the first semester of the second year.
- FRK 133 and FRK 143 – equivalent to FRK 111.



- OBS 133 and OBS 143 – equivalent to OBS 114.
- Students must register for FRK 153 in the first semester of the second year.
- FRK 153 is equivalent to FRK 122.

"Major subject"

To be considered a "major subject" the equivalent of four 14-week modules, including two at 300-level, must be passed provided that:

- the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311 (ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320), and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369);
- only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

Promotion to next study year

According to General Regulation G.3 students have to comply with certain requirements as set by the Faculty Board.

- a. A student must pass at least 4 core semester or 2 core year modules to be admitted to the subsequent year of study.
- b. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of 4 core semester or 2 core year modules, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the Faculty's Admissions Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Admissions Committee may set further conditions with regards to the student's academic progress. The Faculty's Admissions Committee may deny a student's application for readmission.
- c. If a student has been readmitted conditionally, his/her academic progress will be monitored after the first semester examinations to determine whether he/she has complied with the requirements set by the Admissions Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.
- d. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the Faculty's Admissions Committee.
- e. A student may be refused promotion to a subsequent year of study if the prescribed tuition fees are not paid.
- f. A student may be refused admission to the examination, or promotion to a subsequent year of study or promotion in a module (if applicable) if he/ she fails to fulfil the attendance requirements. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is compulsory for all students.

Pass with distinction

- a. A degree may be awarded with distinction provided the candidate meets the following criteria:
 - i. Completes the degree within three years;
 - ii. Obtains a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 75%;
 - iii. Repeated passed modules will not be considered. The initial pass mark of module will be used when calculating the GPA.
- b. Transferees from other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor degrees (including credits transferred and recognised from the degrees they registered for originally) within three years will be considered as exceptional cases by the Dean.



- c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
- d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.

General information

Minimum requirements for bachelor's degrees; semester and year modules; new regulations

1. Students who commenced their studies before 2015 must complete the programme in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they commenced their studies, or in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they switched to their current field of specialisation. Students who prefer to do so may, however, apply to change over to the latest curriculum, but then they should comply with all the requirements thereof and they may not revert to the regulations of an earlier year.
2. Students who are registering for a degree programme for the first time in 2015 must take the modules indicated under the particular field of specialisation.

Please note: Only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only. It is thus the responsibility of students to ensure before registration, that their curricula comply with all the requirements of the applicable regulations.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 88

Core modules

- Language, life and study skills 133 (LST 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Language, life and study skills 143 (LST 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Precalculus 133 (WTW 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Calculus 143 (WTW 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Financial accounting 133 (FRK 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Financial accounting 143 (FRK 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Mathematical statistics 133 (WST 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Mathematical statistics 143 (WST 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
- Business management 133 (OBS 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Business management 143 (OBS 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Academic orientation 120 (UPO 120) - Credits: 0.00
- Statistics 133 (STK 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Statistics 143 (STK 143) - Credits: 16.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.