
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BComHons Business Management (07240072)

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| Duration of study | 1 year |
| Total credits | 120 |
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Admission requirements

Relevant BCom degree with Accounting, Economics, Statistics and Business Management on first year level and at least 60% for Strategic Management on 3rd year level.

Additional requirements

The Department can only admit 30 students to the honours programme per year, and as a result, current University of Pretoria students who comply with the entry requirements will get preference to fill the first 20 openings based on their OBS 320 mark. The remaining 10 places will be filled by the 10 candidates who scored the highest marks in the entrance examination. The entrance examination will be written by applicants from other universities as well as current University of Pretoria students that were not successful in the first round of selection and who would like a second opportunity to be considered for selection.

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2. Acknowledgement of modules

- Subject to the stipulations of G.22.1, G.23.2 and the Joint Statute, a Dean may acknowledge modules passed at another tertiary institution or at this University in a department other than that in which the honours study is undertaken for the honours degree – provided that at least half of the required modules for the degree in question are attended and passed at this university.
- If there is overlap in the course content of the degree for which the student wishes to enrol or is enrolled and a degree already conferred, the Dean may not acknowledge any modules that form part of the degree already conferred.



Other programme-specific information

- SBE 780 is taken by students in relevant programmes

Examinations and pass requirements

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Integrated logistical management 780 (GLB 780)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | Only for BComHons: Business Management students |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Both Afr and Eng |
| Academic organisation | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

Module content

The purpose of this course is to have students gain insight and perspective into the integrated total materials flow through the enterprise to the target market.

Study themes:

- Logistics management in perspective;
- The materials supply activities required for operations;
- Supporting the activities of materials supply;
- Physical transformation of materials during the production process with emphasis on operations planning and control;
- Support of logistics management including physical distribution;
- Assessment of logistics performance and
- Logistics management – an integrated context.

International business management 780 (INR 780)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | Only for BComHons: Business Management students |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |



Module content

The purpose of this module is to enhance the international perspective of South African business people and other interested parties in order to increase the competitiveness of local businesses. This can be done by the student gaining appropriate knowledge on international trade in general and international or multinational businesses in particular.

Study themes:

- Globalisation;
- National differences in political economy;
- International trade theory;
- Foreign direct investment;
- The strategy of international business;
- The organising of international business;
- Entry strategy and strategic alliances and
- Global marketing and RandD.

Research methodology 704 (NME 704)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | STK 110 |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Both Afr and Eng |
| Academic organisation | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

The purpose of this module is to introduce students to the nature and the role of research in a business enterprise so that they will be able to conduct and utilise research.

Study themes:

- The role of research in an enterprise;
- Conceptualisation and the scientific thinking process;
- The research process;
- Research planning and design;
- Data gathering and analysis and
- Reporting of research results.

Strategic management 780 (SBE 780)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | OBS 320 |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | English |
| Academic organisation | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |



Module content

This module, Strategic management, analyses the combination of competitive moves and business approaches that organisations can employ to please customers, achieve organisational objectives and compete successfully in a dynamic business environment.

Study themes:

- The strategic management process: an overview;
- Establishing company direction: developing a strategic vision, setting objectives and crafting a strategy;
- Industry and competitive analysis;
- Evaluating company resources and competitive capabilities;
- Strategy and competitive advantage;
- Tailoring strategy to fit specific industry and company situations;
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- Evaluating the strategies of diversified companies;
- Building resource strengths and organisational capabilities;
- Managing the internal organisation to promote better strategy execution and
- Corporate culture and leadership - keys to effective strategy execution.

Research report 790 (OBS 790)

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| Module credits | 40.00 |
| Prerequisites | NME 704 |
| Language of tuition | Double Medium |
| Academic organisation | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 2 |

Module content

This module requires learners to demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research by conducting research on a relevant topic and writing an academic article for publication in an accredited academic journal.

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