University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

PhD Economics (07267052)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	360
NQF level	10

Programme information

The PhD (Economics) programme is a research degree, requiring the completion of supervised as well as independent research resulting in peer-reviewed publication. Students interested in pursuing the PhD (Economics)-degree programme are expected to have completed the equivalent of the MPhil (Economics) programme, including advanced topics courses. Students who have not completed the required courses, can still be considered for the degree, but will be required to either complete the necessary courses, as part of a bridging arrangement, or register for the MPhil in Economics.

Not all postgraduate programmes are offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty's student administration concerning the presentation of this programme.

Admission requirements

- Relevant master’s degree with an average of at least 65%.

Additional requirements

Capacity limitations

- The supervision of postgraduate students is a time-consuming process, and, therefore, the department reserves the right to limit the amount of students accepted into the programmes.
- All reasonable measures will be undertaken to ensure that students who meet the minimum requirements are accepted.
- In the event that department capacity cannot accommodate the number of students who meet the minimum requirements, the department will rank students according to the above averages, and the top performing students will be admitted to the programme, up to the limit of department teaching and supervision capacity.

Additional information

- All students accepted into the programme will be required to attend an intensive Mathematics and Statistics session. At the end of this session, students will be required to write an exam. Those students who fail the exam and those who did not attend the abovementioned session will be deregistered from the programme. The department will also reserve the right to request that those students who have failed or did not attend the Mathematics and Statistics session enrol for appropriate modules before they will be allowed to continue with the doctoral programme.
- Students who have not completed a full year of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics as part of their master’s studies, may be considered for the programme, but they will be required to complete additional

modules, as recommended by the Department of Economics.
- All students will be expected to work in a research area that is relevant to current staff capabilities. The Department of Economics reserves the right to not admit suitable candidates, should their research interests can not be accommodated by staff supervision capacity.

The dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

Other programme-specific information

The thesis contributes 100% towards the total requirements for the degree.

Continuation Policy
Students are expected to complete the degree within three years. Thus, significant progress must be made each year. Each student and supervisor will sign an MOU regarding expectations, and at the end of each year, student progress will be assessed by the department's postgraduate committee, which reserves the right to recommend that a student not be allowed to continue with their program of study.

Examinations and pass requirements

The thesis should be passed in accordance with the stipulations of Regulations G.52 and G.60.2.2.

Research information

At least one article from the thesis must (at the very least) be submitted for publication before the degree can be awarded. Furthermore, students are expected to present their findings on a continuous basis within the department's seminar series.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Research methodology 801 (EBW 801)

Module credits	0.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Friday and Saturday classes
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economic and Management Sciences Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

- Developing the background to a research problem, and developing a problem statement and propositions and hypotheses relevant to their study.
- Compiling a thorough literature review of the topics they intend to study.
- Approaches to research: An overview of the different approaches to research (qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods) and the philosophical approaches that underpin them (positivism, post-positivism, interpretivism, constructivism, critical theory and pragmatism).
- Different research designs in quantitative and qualitative methods, and appropriate sampling approaches for the different research designs.
- Qualitative research methodology: An overview of qualitative methods for organisational research. An overview of the different methodologies on a continuum between modernistic qualitative and post-modernistic qualitative research.
- Quantitative research methodology

Thesis 995 (EKN 995)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	Only for PhD Economics students
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis 995 (EKN 995)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	Only for PhD Economics students
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Year

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