
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PGDip in Business Administration - Part-time (07220011)

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's (or equivalent) degree
2. An admissions examination may be required

Other programme-specific information

Refer General Regulation G.55.

Prescribed courses, workshops and company or field visits form part of the programme.

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. The minimum pass mark for each prescribed course is 50%, provided that a subminimum of 45% has been obtained in the examination.
- ii. A candidate who has failed more than two core courses may not continue with his studies for the diploma, except with the approval of the Dean.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Economics: Prices and markets 782 (GIA 782)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

By introducing microeconomic theory and its application in real business situations, this course will give you an understanding of how a business works in the context of the economic environment in which it operates. Topics include the theory of the firm, supply and demand analysis, consumer behaviour, how markets work and pricing strategies for different markets.

Financial accounting 783 (GIA 783)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Financial accounting focuses on the interpretation of the financial statements a company uses to report on its financial position and operating results. You will become familiar with the structure of balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements.

Management accounting 784 (GIA 784)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This course in Management accounting introduces basic management accounting tools and techniques used in allocating costs to products and inventories, planning, making business decisions and evaluating the performance of business units.

Organisational behaviour 786 (GIA 786)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 24 contact hours per 3 week cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This course in Organisational behaviour explores the interaction between individuals, groups and organisations in the context of a rapidly changing global system. The core themes explored include corporate culture, leadership, trust, team and group dynamics, power, organisation design, managing change and interpersonal communication. To motivate people today, managers require insight into individual behaviour and attitudes that affect organisational performance.

Human resource strategy 787 (GIA 787)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 24 contact hours per 3 week cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Human resource strategy focuses on the strategic management of the organisation's human resources (HR) to deliver a competitive advantage, as well as the role of HR in achieving strategic corporate objectives. We explore the management of HR infrastructure, performance management, HIV/AIDS and employee contributions, as well as the integration of HR and business strategies.

Marketing 789 (GIA 789)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This course outlines marketing strategies in the context of overall corporate objectives and introduces a systematic approach to marketing decision-making, including market and customer analysis, the analysis of marketing opportunities and implementation and evaluation of marketing plans. We also explore e-business and strategies of marketing through the Internet.

Macro-economics 781 (GIB 781)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Focusing on the macroeconomic and socio-political environment in which businesses operate, this course includes a study of the multi-faceted ways in which global economic trends and domestic socio-political strategies affect organisations. You will gain insight into how the South African economy operates, as well as an understanding of economic indicators, like business cycles, inflation and unemployment.

Strategy in the digital age 750 (GIC 750)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

During this course, students take an integrative view of business and management. Students will be introduced to the concepts of strategy formulation and implementation and study the links between technology, operations, processes and structures. Using the knowledge and skills learned throughout the programme, you will develop a holistic view of business and the organisation.

Applied business project 751 (GIC 751)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

The Applied business project is designed to enable students to develop their decision-making skills via tackling a societal issue from a business perspective. Syndicates will be expected to select a topic, identify a potential issue or opportunity, conduct research to understand the issue or opportunity, generate and review possible solutions, present a clear, compelling case for their chosen solution, and communicate this effectively.

Foundations of research 752 (GIC 752)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	7 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

This course serves as an introductory course to business analysis and research methods. The course provides the foundations for understanding what research is, what is researched, the importance of research for both business and academia, and how research influences evidence-based decision-making.

Operations management 780 (GIC 780)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours per 3 week cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

The course in Operations management will help you examine how the resources, structures, systems and processes of your organisation could be managed to improve its competitive position. Improving cross-functional organisational performance across the value chain, as well as the design of service-delivery systems, is an important focus.

Ethics and sustainability 785 (GIC 785)

Module credits 5.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 14 contact hours over 1 week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The purpose of this half-module is to create an appropriate level of awareness of the importance of ethical and sustainable behaviour in the business environment. Important ethical and sustainability issues in the South African context will be debated and discussed to ensure delegates appreciate some of the hurdles facing business leaders in South Africa. Students will develop an understanding of the underlying principles behind responsible leadership and be provided with tools to make sound business decisions where there is an ethical dimension present. It will also provide students with tools to assist them when faced with ethical dilemmas.

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.