BCom (Business Management) (07130068)

Department	Business Management
Minimum duration of study	3 years
Total credits	393
NQF level	07

Programme information

The purpose of the BCom (Business Management) programme is to empower students as responsible entrepreneurs, business managers and leaders that create shared value in an innovative manner by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and attributes for critical thinking. Although this package is intended to serve as a foundation for further study, and for the corporate environment, it also enables graduates to establish their own enterprises and to manage it.

Students who achieved 70% and above in English Home Language (an A or a B), and 80% and above in English First Additional Language (only an A) in the NSC (or equivalent) will be exempted from ALL 124 and therefore do not have to register and pass this module to complete their degrees. Students who achieved 69% and below in English Home Language (a C and below), and 79% and below in English First Additional Language (a B and below) have to register for ALL 124 and will have to pass this module in order to be awarded their degrees.Students who achieved 70% and above in English Home Language (an A or a B), and 80% and above in English First Additional Language (only an A) in the NSC (or equivalent) will be exempted from ALL 124 and therefore do not have to register and pass this module to complete their degrees. Students who achieved 69% and below in English Home Language (a C and below), and 79% and below in English First Additional Language (a B and below) have to register for ALL 124 and will have to pass this module in order to be awarded their degrees.

Students who achieved 70% for English at Cambridge A level or AS level will be exempted from ALL 124.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2023

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications. Click here** for this Faculty Brochure.

Minimum requirements Achievement level		
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	**Mathematics**	**APS**
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	

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Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme.

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.

International students: Click here.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

Note:

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

Additional requirements

General Academic Regulations G1 to G15 apply to a bachelor's degree.

1. A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless permission has been obtained from the Dean.
2. A module that has already been passed may only be repeated with the approval of the Dean.
3. 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.
4. 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 of all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is therefore compulsory for all students.
5. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

Other programme-specific information

Note: See the alphabetical list of modules for prerequisites of all modules.
FRK 122 is a terminating module. Candidates will not be able to continue with Financial Accounting in the second or third year.
FBS 212 and 222 are terminating modules. Candidates will not be able to continue with Financial management at 300-level.
Specialisation modules: OBS 310, OBS 330

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: OBS 359 and OBS 370.

Promotion to next study year

According to General Academic Regulation G3 students have to comply with certain requirements as set by the Faculty Board.

1. In order to register for the next year of study a student must pass at least 60% of the official credits listed for a year level of study for a three-year programme.
2. A student will be deemed to be in the second, third or a more senior year once he or she enrols for any module in any of these levels of study.
3. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of at least 60% of the official credits listed for a year level, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the EMS Appeals Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Appeals Committee may set further conditions with regard to the student's academic progress. The Committee may deny a student's application for readmission.
4. 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 EMS Appeals Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.
5. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the EMS Faculty Appeals Committee.
6. 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. A degree will only be awarded with distinction to transferees from other degrees in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor

degrees within three years (including the years registered for the other degree and credits transferred and recognised).

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

General information

Application of amended programme regulations

Refer to General Academic Regulation G5.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 120

Fundamental credits = 14
Core credits   = 104

Additional information

- Students who obtained at least a symbol 5 (60-69%) in Mathematics in the final NSC (or equivalent) will be admitted to STK 110 and STK 120; all other students must first pass Statistics 113 and 123. STK 110 will be credited but STK 120 still needs to be passed.
- In order to register for STK 110, a student must have at least 5 (60-69%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination. Candidates who do not qualify for STK 110 must register for STK 113 and STK 123.
- In order to register for STK 120, a student must comply with the following prerequisites: STK 110 or both STK 113 and STK 123 or both WST 133 and WST 143 or STK 133 and STK 143. FRK 122 is a terminating module. Candidates will not be able to continue with Financial Accounting in the second or third year.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Academic literacy for Economic and Management Sciences 124 (ALL 124) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 107 (UPO 107) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Marketing management 120 (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00
Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00
Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00
Informatics 183 (INF 183) - Credits: 3.00
Communication management 182 (KOB 182) - Credits: 5.00
Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00
Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 113 (STK 113) - Credits: 11.00
Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 123 (STK 123) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 148

Additional information
FBS 212 and 222 are terminating modules. Candidates will not be able to continue with Financial management at 300-level.

Fundamental modules
Responsible management 214 (OBS 214) - Credits: 10.00

Core modules
Consumer behaviour 212 (BEM 212) - Credits: 16.00
Business law 210 (BER 210) - Credits: 16.00
Business law 220 (BER 220) - Credits: 16.00
Financial management 212 (FBS 212) - Credits: 16.00
Financial management 222 (FBS 222) - Credits: 16.00
Business management 210 (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00
Design thinking and business innovation 211 (OBS 211) - Credits: 16.00
Business creation 212 (OBS 212) - Credits: 10.00
Business management 220 (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 125

Core modules

Industrial and organisational psychology 319 (BDO 319) - Credits: 20.00
Marketing research 314 (BEM 314) - Credits: 20.00
Business management 310 (OBS 310) - Credits: 20.00
Business management 330 (OBS 330) - Credits: 20.00
International business management 359 (OBS 359) - Credits: 20.00
Business analytics 370 (OBS 370) - Credits: 20.00
Responsible leadership 371 (OBS 371) - Credits: 5.00

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.

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