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What does the programme entail?

A career in economics entails uncovering and forecasting economic trends and the effects of policy changes on our society and the global economy. This is supported by econometrics, which is the collection, measurement and analysis of economic and social phenomena.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidate should be:

- logical and analytical;
- curious and creative; and
- motivated and open-minded.



Which companies employ our graduates?

Economists and econometricians are employed by the government, the South African Reserve Bank, National Treasury, private and commercial banks, stock brokerage firms and consultancies, both locally and internationally.



Career opportunities

Fields of specialisation that graduates could work in are banking, public finance, international trade and investment, and economic development.

Possible positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders and academics.



Structure of the programme

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS.

Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Business management ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Business law ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics



'My love for mathematics and my interest in economics led me to pursue a degree in econometrics. It still boggles my mind that not many people know about this degree; if you are interested in these two fields, I encourage you to give it a go. I found the concept of urban-rural migration in economics and multivariate statistics most interesting. This course teaches you both the problem-solving skills of mathematicians and the ways of thinking of economists. The rigorous coursework taught me critical thinking and problem-solving skills, preparing me for real-world challenges. I discovered a new world of thinking when I was introduced to proof writing and the statistical functions in different coding languages.

The University of Pretoria perfectly balanced an enriching student life with an outstanding academic experience! There are various support systems, from the top-qualified tutors and lecturers to the kindest on-campus medical centre staff. The vibrant culture at UP is one that I will always long for.'

Rickard Swartz – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics



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Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics

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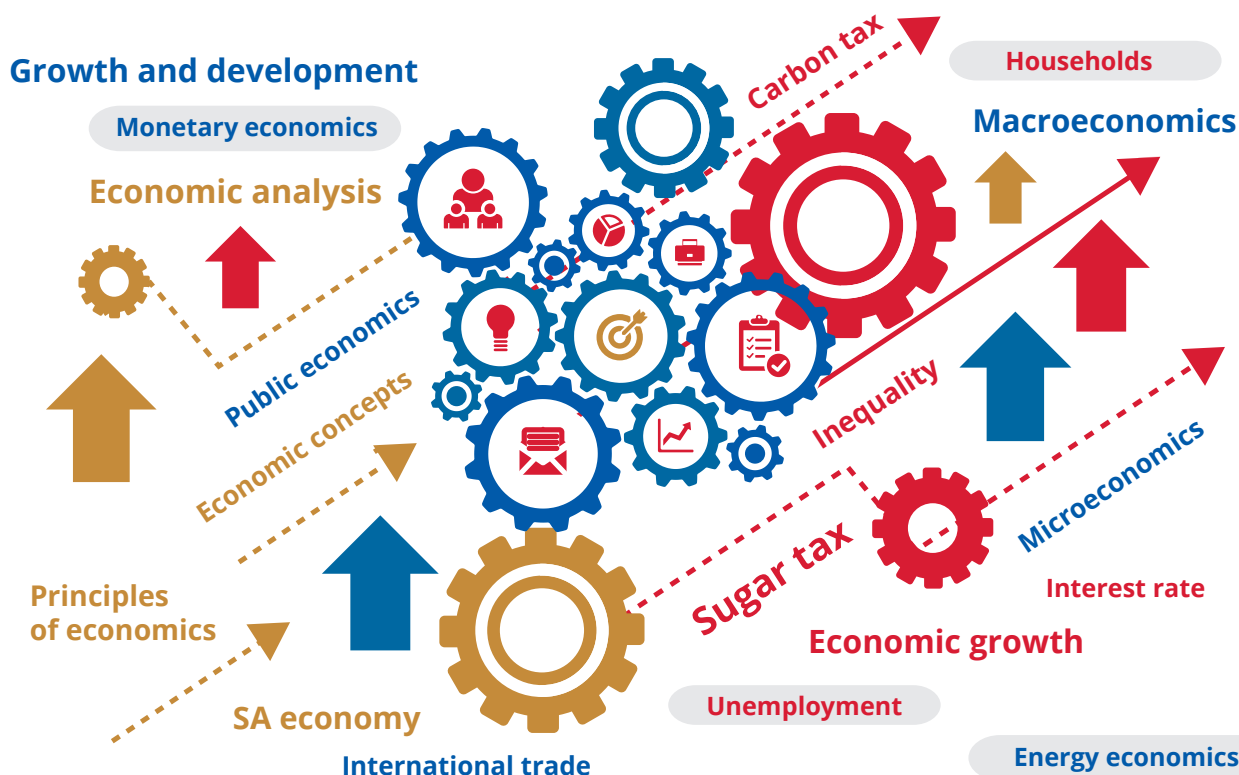
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'I have truly found where I belong with economics. Not having a clue about what to do after high school and changing degrees taught me that I had to follow what I was passionate about. I always loved mathematics and enjoyed learning about supply and demand. Economics combines statistics and economics as core modules, and I found my passion in statistics and now hope to further my career as a statistician.

The University of Pretoria has equipped me with the necessary skills to enter the workforce by teaching me to use statistical software and helping me understand the economy we live in. As a final-year student, I am prepared for any challenges that I may face because I am confident I am qualified for the career I want.'

Daniella Yav – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics [3 years]	5	6	32
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics [3 years]	5	5	32

Careers: Econometricians are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, leading stockbrokers and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders or brokers, and academics. The work mostly entails statistical analysis (forecasting, structural and policy analysis) of economic and financial markets and interrelationships.

Careers: Economists may specialise in banking, public finance, international trade and investment or economic development. They are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, stock brokerage firms and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders and academics.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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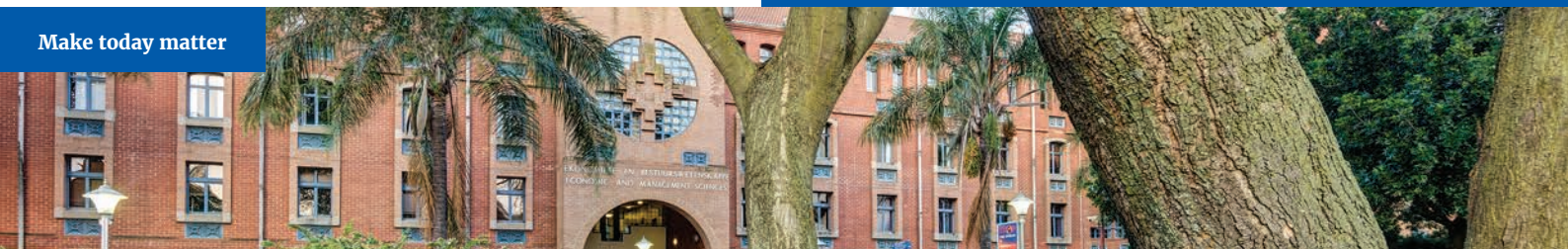
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Minimum requirements for
applicants with a school
leaving certificate not issued
by Umalusi (South Africa)



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/ or registration.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
		CIE	UK							
IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE EGCSE O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE		England Wales Northern Ireland Pearson Edexcel GCSE								
Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences	English Mathematics	C B	4 6	3 2	C B	E D	4 5	3 4	60-69% 70-79%	B B+
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences	English Mathematics	C C	4 4	3 3	C C	E E	4 4	3 3	60-69% 60-69%	B B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems										
Bachelor of Commerce [3-year programme]	English Mathematics	C D	4 3	3 3	C D	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 50-59%	B C+
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management										
Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration	English Mathematics	C E	4 2	3 4	C E	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 40-49%	B C
Bachelor of Commerce [4-year programme]	English Mathematics	D E	3 2	3 4	D E	E E	2 2	2 2	60-69% 40-49%	C+ C

Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be used for final admission.