



BCom—Extended Programme

The BCom—Extended Programmes has lower entrance requirements than other three-year BCom programmes and is designed to accommodate students who are academically less prepared, but who are willing to work hard to correct chinks in their academic armour, thus earning success and eventually a degree.

The programme includes an additional year of study, during which students' basic knowledge and skills are enhanced before progressing to more focussed studies in the last three years of their chosen degree programmes. Students who embark on this programme theoretically have a much greater opportunity to succeed in their studies, as the teaching model utilises smaller tutorial groups and provides dedicated support to students who need assistance to bridge the gap between school and university.



Features of the programme:

Phase 1: 1st year (Mamelodi Campus)

- Content is delivered at a slower pace for students to develop thorough understanding of the study material.
- Smaller groups allow more individual attention.
- Additional modules and support are offered to help students cope with university life.
- A variety of methods are used to deliver module content to remedy possible gaps in foundational knowledge.

Phase 2: 2nd to 4th year (Hatfield Campus)

- Students must pass all their modules during Phase 1 to be transferred to Phase 2.
- Degrees in the Management Sciences are immediately accessible at the commencement of Phase 2.
- Transfer to degrees with a National Senior Certificate Mathematics requirement of 5 and above are only accessible if students meet the stringent transfer requirements set out in the Transfer Guide (see www.up.ac.za/ems) by the end of their first year on the Hatfield Campus.



Remofilwe Dikoma, BCom (Agribusiness Management) student

'University is extremely big and it is so easy to lose yourself. The BCom—Extended Programme gives you a very steady landing into university so that the transition is not such a shock to you. The benefit is that you get to have an entire year to figure out what study programme you want to transfer to and find out in depth what every degree entails, with the help of the Faculty Student Advisors. My plan was to study Financial Sciences, but I discovered Agribusiness Management. This is a great opportunity for you to find yourself and what exactly your passion is. Another highlight is the relationship I formed with my lecturers, who are very involved and bring out the best in you. The programme is definitely an investment in your career.'



Bonga Madlala, BCom (Investment Management) graduate and currently studying Honours in BCom (Financial Management)

'The biggest benefit for me doing the BCom—Extended Programme was definitely being able to get acquainted with the university setting before the official first year on the Hatfield Campus. Being exposed to university modules at a slightly lower level than the standard first-year level prepared me well. It may seem like you are part of a rejected few because you do not meet the requirements for your degree of choice but in the long term you will definitely appreciate the experience. Seize the opportunity and make the most of the Mamelodi experience. It may not seem like it now, but you will be ahead of a lot of people who will be arriving as first-years on the Hatfield Campus.'

Programme	Minimum requirements for 2021				APS
	Achievement level*				
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language		Mathematics		
	NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
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NOTE: The first year of study is presented at the Mamelodi Campus. Admission to the second year of study at the Hatfield Campus is subject to selection.

*Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects and International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.