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What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce four-year programme has lower entrance requirements than the Bachelor of Commerce three-year programme, but has an initial foundation year added to the curriculum; followed by the three mainstream years. It provides students with the opportunity to pursue a career in commerce by following an extended curriculum. The four-year Bachelor of Commerce programme is presented at the Hatfield Campus.



Structure of the programme

Phase 1: Foundation year

- Content is delivered at a reduced pace using a variety of methods to remedy possible gaps in foundational knowledge.
- Smaller tutorial groups allow for more individual attention and dedicated support to students.
- Students are assisted to develop critical thinking and practical skills, which are crucial to long-term academic success.
- Focused attention is placed on developing students' language skills since good reading and communication skills are essential in the study and work environment.

Phase 2: Mainstream years

- Students must pass all their modules during Phase 1 to continue to Phase 2.

Core modules (compulsory)

Foundation year	Mainstream years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic information management Language, life and study skills Business mathematics Financial accounting Statistics Business management 	Refer to the Bachelor of Commerce [3 years] programme



Who are the ideal candidates?

This programme caters for students whose National Senior Certificate (NSC) results do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for the mainstream Bachelor of Commerce [3 years] programme.



Career opportunities

Depending on curriculum composition, students can choose to specialise in a specific field by pursuing postgraduate studies in:

- Economic sciences
- Financial sciences
- Management sciences



What makes this programme unique?

The Bachelor of Commerce four-year programme is designed to accommodate students who did not initially meet the minimum admission requirements for the Bachelor of Commerce [3 years programme]. Such students need more academic support and a stronger foundational basis, but if they are willing to work hard they will achieve success, earn their degree and realise their goals.

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 [4-years]	4	3	26

Note: Selection criteria apply and will be communicated by the Faculty to applicants.

Careers: Although the degree does not lead to a specific vocational outcome it does, to some extent, offer students opportunities to determine their own career paths as it allows them to compile their own curricula with a view to future work opportunities in all sectors.

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

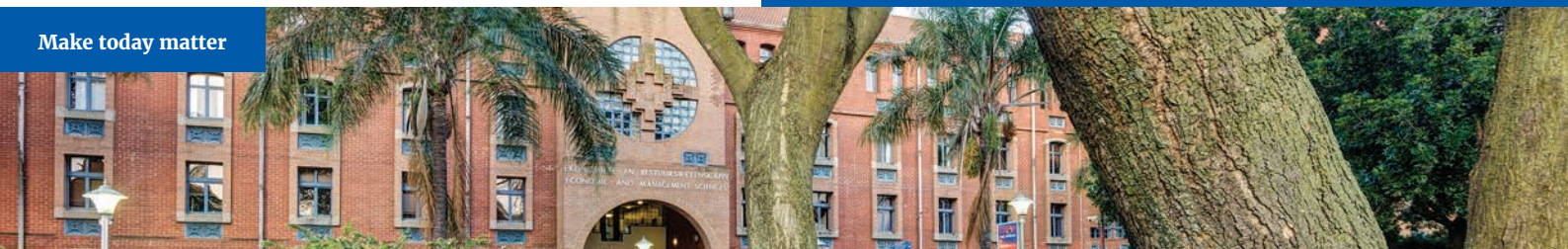
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- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

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.