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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.



Bonginkosi Tshabalala, BCom (Accounting Sciences) student

'After a four-year study break, I was convinced that the BCom – Extended programme was the perfect choice for me. I had high expectations, and they were exceeded: the lecturers, faculty student advisors and all the staff members work tirelessly to ensure that every student receives a quality education. The programme unleashed my potential and introduced me to a group of innovative, hard-working individuals who went on to be some of the most successful students at UP. Hard work and discipline was rewarded by my induction into the Golden Key International Honour Society. By the end of my first year, four companies/organisations offered to sponsor me, and this was solely because of the excellent support system in the BCom – Extended programme.'



Tsakisa Guambe, BCom (Economics) cum laude and BCom(Hons) in Statistics and Data Science graduate

'Initially, I resented the idea of studying an extra year, but when I look back now, I realise how it helped me to make smarter career choices. The structure of the programme allowed me to realise my strengths and weaknesses. We were often provided with information about possible degrees to pursue and careers to follow, which gave me the opportunity for self-discovery. Moreover, I discovered other career paths I could follow besides the one I had in mind. See the extended programme as an opportunity to shape your future and set your pace for the years ahead.'

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2023		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
BCom – Extended programme [4 years] Close on availability of space: As soon as the number of places available for this programme are filled, it will be closed for further applications.	4	3	26

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.
Careers: Career opportunities depend on the field of study chosen by students in their second year of study.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the BCom and BAdmin programmes.