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## Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

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## BCom – Extended Programme



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### What does the programme entail?

The BCom – Extended Programme has lower entrance requirements than other BCom programmes. It provides students with the opportunity to pursue a career in commerce by following an extended curriculum.

The Extended Programme comprises two distinct phases:

#### Phase 1: First year (Mamelodi Campus)

- 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: Second to fourth years (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.
- Transferral to degrees with a National Senior Certificate Mathematics requirement of 5 and above is only possible if students meet the stringent transfer requirements set out in the EMS Transfer Guide (see [www.up.ac.za/ems](http://www.up.ac.za/ems)) by the end of their first year on the Hatfield Campus.

### Career opportunities

Career opportunities are dependent on the BCom degree that a student continues with once they have completed their first year at the UP Mamelodi Campus.



### What makes this programme unique?

The BCom – Extended Programme is designed to accommodate students who did not initially meet the minimum admission requirements for the BCom degree they wish to pursue. 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.



### 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 their degree of first choice, or those who are uncertain about what to study when enrolling at UP.



### Structure of the programme

The first year of study is offered at the Mamelodi Campus. This is the ideal starting point for students who are interested in studying towards a BCom degree in management and financial sciences. During October of their first year of study, students have to apply to be transferred to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences on the Hatfield Campus. All first-year modules must be passed before a student can be transferred to any of the BCom programmes.

#### Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd to final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic information management</li> <li>Language, life and study skills</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Financial accounting</li> <li>Statistics/Mathematical statistics</li> <li>Business management</li> </ul>	Complete the outstanding modules of the chosen programme, which are presented on the Hatfield Campus.



'After a five-year study break and being undecided about which degree programme to take, I decided to enrol for the BCom – Extended programme. This programme provided me with the necessary study skills and insight into what I would like to do in the upcoming years of my studies. The lecturers are understanding and show a willingness to help each student who puts in the effort. The Campus is like a tight-knit community, the Faculty Student Advisors (FSAs) assist students in every way possible and encourage personal as well as academic growth. My time at the Mamelodi Campus altered the way I look at academics and has provided me with the stepping stones I need to further my studies. It was definitely the correct path to take, regardless of the extra year added.'

**Sean Burroghs-Hicks** – BCom – Extended Programme

### Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2024		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
BCom – Extended programme [4 years]	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. This is a selection programme. Additional selection criteria apply and will be communicated by the Faculty to applicants.

**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.

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