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MPhil in Entrepreneurship
Programme code 07255181

What's the degree about?

The rapidly changing structure of the employment market in South Africa has a direct impact on the employability of ordinary South Africans – more and more, economic growth is based on individual skills, competencies and services offered. Entrepreneurship has become the universal mainstay for most countries as a catalyst of competencies and services-based economic development.

In emerging economies, such as South Africa, entrepreneurship is seen as a solution to low economic growth, unemployment, poverty and social exclusion. Entrepreneurs oversee some of the most essential business processes and challenges affecting the profitability of firms today.

The MPhil degree in Entrepreneurship can give you the higher-order competencies to think in tandem about the opportunities, people, processes, and technologies required to operate within an entrepreneurial environment.

Why choose the MPhil Entrepreneurship programme?

The programme content focuses on the entrepreneurial start-up and action processes, creativity and opportunity recognition, business planning, social entrepreneurship, performance motivation and marketing as well as financial management within the context of entrepreneurship enablement and development. Furthermore, the programme emphasises entrepreneurial growth and small business policy development with relevance to the enabling environment. Students are required to conduct empirical research on a cutting edge entrepreneurship topic.

Course outline

- This one-year programme consists of coursework (all day, 08:00 - 16:00, block contact sessions, once a month) and a research proposal and article. The coursework part of the degree programme as well as the research proposal is offered during the first semester of the year. The rest of the coursework as well as the research article are offered during the second semester of the year.
- All lectures, tests and examination sessions will be conducted at the University of Pretoria's main campus in Hatfield – attendance of all contact sessions is compulsory.

Curriculum

One year full time programme:

Module code	Module name	Semester	Contact sessions	Credits
ENP 822	Entrepreneurial start-up process	1st	5x contact sessions	50
ENP 843	Entrepreneurial growth process	2nd	4x contact sessions	50
ENP 870	Research Article	2nd		60
NME 804	Research Methodology (proposal)	1st and 2nd		20

Who should apply?

The degree programme is designed and intended for individuals who work in an entrepreneurial environment and are involved with small business development. Although many students in the programme have academic credentials in entrepreneurship or business management, the programme is also appropriate if your education and/or experience may be in other commerce disciplines or in sciences and engineering.

The programme focuses specifically on research and entrepreneurial development, therefore individuals should display exceptional motivation in these areas.

What are the entry requirements?

- The minimum entry requirements are a Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship OR an appropriate honours degree (NQF level 8) with at least 60% average.
- A BTech degree is not recognised as an equivalent to an honours degree.
- Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only admit a limited number of students in each programme based on academic credentials.
- An academic writing proficiency test may be required.

How should you apply?

- Applications are done online at www.up.ac.za/apply
- All postgraduate students with international qualifications need to submit an evaluation from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). More information on this evaluation can be obtained from www.saqa.org.za
- International students may contact the International Cooperation Division for more information at www.up.ac.za/international-cooperation-division

Key dates

31 August 2018	Application closing date for international residents
31 October 2018	Application closing date for South African residents
20 November 2018	Shortlisted applicants notified
28 - 30 November 2018	Selection interviews
11 December 2018	Accepted applicants notified

Contact sessions

First semester:

February 2019	Two contact sessions
March 2019	One contact session
April 2019	One contact session
May 2019	One contact session
June	1st semester examination

Second semester:

July 2019	One contact session
August 2019	One contact session
September 2019	One contact session
October 2019	One contact session
November	2nd semester examination

What are the costs?

Full particulars concerning university fees and applicable regulations are contained in the Student Fees Guide of the University of Pretoria at www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding

Contact us

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