



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

Faculty of Economic and  
Management Sciences

Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe  
Lefapha la Disaense tša Ekonomi le Taolo

## Department of Business Management

BComHons  
(Supply Chain Management)

**GENERAL INFORMATION  
2021/2022**

Course Code: 07240074

**Make today matter**

## 1. Why study BComHons (Supply Chain Management)?

Supply chain managers oversee some of the most essential business processes affecting the profitability of firms today. These managers are responsible for synchronising the flow of products, information, and funds between their organisations and both their suppliers and customers in a way that adds value for the end consumers of their products. Supply chain managers are increasingly part of their organisation's strategic management teams that work to competitively position their organisation and their supply chain in a global marketplace. As logistics and supply chain networks become increasingly complex, with tighter deadlines and greater financial risks from disruptions, supply chain professionals can benefit from postgraduate education and credentials to assist them to advance their careers in logistics or supply chain management.

The BComHonours (Supply Chain Management) programme is aimed at enabling students with a relevant undergraduate qualification in Supply Chain Management to further develop their functional and strategic management competencies in the field of Supply Chain Management. This includes the sub-disciplines of Strategic Supply Chain Management, Procurement and Supply Management, Strategic Operations Management and Physical Distribution Management. The programme endeavours to develop the research ability of students with the purpose of preparing them for further postgraduate study at master's level.



## 2. Who should apply?

The BComHons (Supply Chain Management) programme is designed for students who have completed a BCom (Supply Chain Management) qualification and want to attain an advanced degree in the field of Supply Chain Management.



## 3. Career opportunities

Organisations in virtually every industry, including nonprofit and government sectors, use supply chains in their daily operations. As a graduate of this degree program you can be prepared for a variety of senior-level supply chain management positions such as:

- Director of supply chain operations
- Senior supply chain analyst
- Chief Logistics Officer
- Performance improvement manager
- Supply chain technical analyst
- Supply chain solutions manager
- Distribution Executive
- Logistics manager
- Commodity manager

## 4. Admission requirements

- A completed BCom (Supply Chain Management) degree.
- A combined mark of at least 60% for Warehousing and Transport Management (OBS 316) and Supply Chain Strategy (OBS 326) or equivalent modules at third-year level. The Department of Business Management reserves the right to review all supply chain related modules and/or relevant work experience as part of the admission process.
- The programme in BComHons (Supply Chain Management) has a limited capacity of 30 students. Therefore, current University of Pretoria students who comply with the admission requirements will get preference to fill these spaces. If the spaces cannot be filled with University of Pretoria students, the applications of applicants from other institutions will be considered. An entrance examination will be required from such applicants.
- Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only admit a limited number of students in the programme based on academic credentials.
- An English language proficiency test may be required as all class discussions, assignments, tests, examination papers and textbooks are in English.
- A complete, certified academic record must accompany all applications. Applicants from other institutions must provide the University with sufficient proof to determine whether they have complied with the minimum admission requirements.
- All the modules are compulsory and a minimum of 120 credits must be obtained. Only students registered for the BComHons (Supply Chain Management) degree programme may register for OBS 783, OBS 784 and GLB 780. Only students registered for the BComHons (Supply Chain Management) and BComHons (Business Management) degree programmes are allowed to register for OBS 782.
- Registration for BComHons (Supply Chain Management) must be completed before the commencement of the programme.





## 5. Programme structure

The programme consists of coursework and a research report. The coursework is usually presented by means of five contact sessions per module during the first and second semester.

Contact block weeks will take place after-hours on a Monday to Thursday evening from 17:30 – 21:00 during the first semester and usually on a Monday evening from 17:30 – 21:00 during the second semester. Attendance to the contact sessions is compulsory. Non-attendance may result in students not being allowed to write the final examination. All lectures, tests and examination sessions will be conducted at the University of Pretoria's main campus in Hatfield unless other arrangements are made to adapt to specific scenarios.

## 6. Curriculum\*

Semester 1		Credits
OBS 782	Strategic Operations Management	(20)
OBS 783	Procurement and Supply Management	(20)
OBS 784	Physical Distribution Management	(20)
OBS 790	Research Report	(40)
Semester 2		
GLB 780	Strategic Supply Chain Management	(20)
OBS 790	Research Report	(40)

\*All modules must be passed. The curriculum and credits were correct at the time of finalising the brochure.



## 7. Examination and pass requirements

- A semester mark of 40% is required to be admitted to the examination. The semester mark will be compiled from assignments, projects, class participation and written tests.
- Examinations will take the form of written evaluations during May/June each year.
- A three to five hour examination paper is written in each of the coursework modules.
- A final mark of 50% is required to pass a module.
- It is important to note that there are no re-examination opportunities at 700-level.



## 8. Academic writing

Postgraduate studies emphasise analytical skills by means of assignments, reports and case studies. The main consideration is the student's ability to independently gather, process and effectively communicate information.

Each student must take cognisance of the contents of: "Referencing in Academic Documents, Official guidelines of the Department of Business Management". All assignments, reports and case studies, which students submit for evaluation, must comply with these guidelines.

## 9. Fees and funding

Full particulars concerning university fees and applicable regulations are contained in the Student Fees Guide of the University of Pretoria. It is the responsibility of students to acquaint themselves with the relevant regulations. Information concerning university fees and the applicable regulations can be obtained from



## 10. Application process

- 01 Online applications can be done at [www.wits.ac.za](#) and the application fee can be paid with a credit card.
- 02 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](#).
- 03 Applications will not be considered for selection if the English language proficiency test result (if required) as well as the SAQA evaluation is not available at the time of application.
- 04 No application will be considered for admission if any of the required documents are outstanding.
- 05 International students may contact the International Cooperation Division for more information at [www.wits.ac.za/ics](#).

## 11. Selection

Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only admit a limited number of students in the programme. Selection takes place annually in November and December of the preceding academic year.

In view of this process it is premature to engage with staff of the department prior to selection and confirmation of acceptance.

Acceptance letters are sent out by faculty administration early in December of the preceding academic year and will set out the conditions of acceptance.



## 12. Closing dates

The closing date for applications for admission is 30 September preceding the year of first registration. The closing date for applications for students with international qualifications is 31 August preceding the year of first registration.



### Administrative queries:

**Samantha Rabie**  
Postgraduate coordinator  
Department of Business Management

Tel: +27 12 420 3816  
Email: [srabie@wits.ac.za](mailto:srabie@wits.ac.za)

**Zethu Mjwara**  
Postgraduate student advisor  
Department of Business Management

Tel: +27 12 420 5794  
Email: [zmjwara@wits.ac.za](mailto:zmjwara@wits.ac.za)

### Academic queries:

**Danie Nel**  
Programme Lead  
Department of Business Management

Tel: +27 12 420 4773  
Email: [dnel@wits.ac.za](mailto:dnel@wits.ac.za)