University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BComHons Economics (07240051)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	160
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Admission requirements

Relevant BCom degree with

- 65% average in Intermediate Microeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics
- 2nd and 3rd year Statistics
- 3rd year Economics or equivalent

Additional requirements

1. **Registration for a second field of study**

With reference to General Regulation G.6, a student who has already completed a bachelor of honours degree at this or another university, may, with the permission of the Dean, register for another degree, subject to the regulations applicable to the field of study in question and to any other stipulations the Dean may prescribe on the condition that there shall be no overlap in the course content of the first degree and the second degree. Such a concession may be withdrawn by the Dean/Deans if the student does not perform satisfactorily.

2. **Acknowledgement of modules**

a. Subject to the stipulations of G.22.1, G.23.2 and the Joint Statute, a Dean may acknowledge modules passed at another tertiary institution or at this University in a department other than that in which the honours study is undertaken for the honours degree – provided that at least half of the required modules for the degree in question are attended and passed at this university.
b. If there is overlap in the course content of the degree for which the student wishes to enrol or is enrolled and a degree already conferred, the Dean may not acknowledge any modules that form part of the degree already conferred.

Other programme-specific information

A minimum of least 120 credits must be obtained, 90 from compulsory modules and 30 from the research component.

Please consult the alphabetical list of modules for applicable module prerequisites.

The Economics programme is a one year programme, and, therefore, students cannot fail any modules. Failure of any module will lead to expulsion from the programme.

All honours candidates are required to attend the department's orientation and welcome programme, which orientates candidates with respect to the requirements and demands of the postgraduate programme, and deals with critical administrative and academic requirements necessary to succeed in the postgraduate programme.

Capacity limitations

- The supervision of postgraduate students is a time-consuming process, and, therefore, the Department reserves the right to limit entry into programmes.
- All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure that those students who meet the minimum requirements, are enrolled.
- In the event that departmental capacity cannot accommodate the number of students who meet the minimum requirements, the students will be ranked according to the above averages, and only the top performing students will be admitted to the programme, in accordance with the number of students that the departmental teaching capacity and supervision can accommodate.
- The Department of Economics is serious about the need to develop students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, and, therefore, additional marks, allowing for an increase in the average of up to two percentage points will be allocated to South African students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.
- The Department of Economics also accepts that it has a responsibility to provide its own students with a seamless educational experience, and, therefore, additional marks, allowing for an increase in the average of up to one percentage point, will be allocated to students who previously studied at the University of Pretoria.

Examinations and pass requirements

In calculating marks, General Regulation G12.2 applies.
Subject to the provisions of General Regulation G.26, a head of a department determines, in consultation with the Dean

- when the honours examinations in his/her department will take place, provided that:

i. honours examinations which do not take place before the end of the academic year, must take place no later than 18 January of the following year, and all examination results must be submitted to the Student Administration by 25 January; and
ii. honours examinations which do not take place before the end of the first semester, may take place no later than 15 July, and all examination results must be submitted to the Student Administration on or before 18 July.

- whether a candidate will be admitted to a supplementary examination, provided that a supplementary examination is granted, only once in a maximum of two prescribed semester modules or once in one year module;
- supplementary examinations (if granted) cover the same subject matter as was the case for the examinations;
- NB: For the purpose of this provision, the phrase "not sit for an examination more than twice in the same subject" as it appears in General Regulation G.18.2, implies that a candidate may not be admitted to an examination in a module, including a supplementary examination, more than three times.
- the manner in which research reports are prepared and examined in his department.

NB: Full details are published in each department's postgraduate information brochure, which is available from the head of department concerned. The minimum pass mark for a research report is 50%. The provisions

regarding pass requirements for dissertations contained in General Regulation G.12.2 apply mutatis mutandis to research reports.

Subject to the provisions of General Regulation G.12.2.1.3, the subminimum required in subdivisions of modules is published in the study guides, which is available from the head of department concerned.

General information

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Econometrics 713 (EKT 713) - Credits: 15.00
Econometrics 723 (EKT 723) - Credits: 15.00
Macroeconomics 780 (MEK 780) - Credits: 15.00
Microeconomics 780 (MIE 780) - Credits: 15.00
Research essay 795 (EKN 795) - Credits: 30.00
Macroeconomics 781 (MEK 781) - Credits: 15.00
Microeconomics 781 (MIE 781) - Credits: 15.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The General Regulations (G Regulations) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the General Rules section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.