University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BCom (07130222)

Duration of study	3 years
Total credits	409

Programme information

The programme is aimed at the training of students in the Economic and Management Sciences, but it does not lead to a specific vocational outcome. However, students are able to compile their own curricula with a view to work opportunities in all sectors.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements								
Achievement level								APS
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	30

Additional requirements

a. General Regulations G.1 to G.15 (with the exception of Regulation G.11.2(c)) apply to a bachelor's degree.
b. A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless the Dean decides otherwise.
c. A student may take a module not listed as an elective module only if the prior approval of the Dean has been obtained.
d. A student who is in possession of a bachelor's degree may not present any modules passed for that degree for another field of specialisation or degree in this Faculty. (See General Regulations G.8 and G.9)
e. A module passed at 300-level shall only be recognised for degree purposes if the corresponding prescribed module(s) at 200-level has/have been passed, unless the Dean decides otherwise, with the proviso that the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311 (ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320) and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369); only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

f. A module already passed may only be repeated with the approval of the Dean.
g. A module passed may not be taken into account for more than one degree or field of specialisation.
h. It remains the student's responsibility to ascertain, prior to registration, whether all the modules he/she intends taking can be accommodated in the class, test and examination timetables.
i. The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences supports an outcomes-based education system and places a high premium on the development of specific academic competences. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is therefore compulsory for all students.
j. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty Regulations.

Other programme-specific information

Only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level except for the modules offered at 200- and 300-level only.

Please note:

- If BER 210 and BER 220 are chosen as core modules at 200-level, the elective modules will total 40 credits and the core modules 93 credits at 100-level.
- If WTW or WST is chosen as core modules, the credits will be higher.
- If FRK 211 and FRK 221 are chosen, INF 281 (3 additional credits) is compulsory.
- FRK 122 is a terminating module. If FRK 122 is selected, a candidate will not be able to continue with Financial Accounting at the 200- and 300- level. Also note that FRK 121 may be a prerequisite for a number of other modules (eg BEL 200) and it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that he/she makes the appropriate choice between FRK 121 and 122.
- FBS 212 and 222 are terminating modules. Candidates will not be able to continue with Financial management at 300-level.
- BER 210 and 220 may not be included in the same curriculum as KRG 110, 120.
- Mathematical statistics and Mathematics are not mutually exclusive and may be taken simultaneously. WTW 114, 126, 128, 211, 218 must be taken if WST will be taken up to 300-level.
- OBS 310 may not be included in the same curriculum as BDO 319, 329 for degree purposes.
- Informatics 281 (INF 281) (with 3 additional credits), is compulsory if Financial Accounting 211, 221 (FRK 211, 221) are chosen.

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

Specialisation modules: Any prescribed modules at 300-level which is preceded by the appropriate modules at 200-level.

"Major subject"
To be considered a "major subject" the equivalent of four 14-week modules, including two at 300-level, must be passed provided that:

- the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311 (ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320), and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369);
- only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

Promotion to next study year

According to General Regulation G.3 students have to comply with certain requirements as set by the Faculty Board.

a. A student must pass at least 4 core semester or 2 core year modules to be admitted to the subsequent year of study.
b. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of 4 core semester or 2 core year modules, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the Faculty's Admissions Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Admissions Committee may set further conditions with regards to the student's academic progress. The Faculty's Admissions Committee may deny a student's application for readmission.
c. If a student has been readmitted conditionally, his/her academic progress will be monitored after the first semester examinations to determine whether he/she has complied with the requirements set by the Admissions Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.
d. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the Faculty's Admissions Committee.
e. A student may be refused promotion to a subsequent year of study if the prescribed tuition fees are not paid.
f. A student may be refused admission to the examination, or promotion to a subsequent year of study or promotion in a module (if applicable) if he/ she fails to fulfil the attendance requirements. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is compulsory for all students.

Pass with distinction

a. A degree may be awarded with distinction provided the candidate meets the following criteria:

i. Completes the degree within three years;
ii. Obtains a Cumulative Grade Point Average CGPA) of 75%;
iii. Repeated passed modules will not be considered. The initial pass mark of module will be used when calculating the GPA.

b. Transferees from other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor degrees (including credits transferred and recognised from the degrees they registered for originally) within three years will be considered as exceptional cases by the Dean.
c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.

General information

Minimum requirements for bachelor's degrees; semester and year modules; new regulations

1. Students who commenced their studies before 2015 must complete the programme in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they commenced their studies, or in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they switched to their current field of specialisation. Students who prefer to do so may, however, apply to change over to the latest curriculum, but then they should comply with all the requirements thereof and they may not revert to the regulations of an earlier year.
2. Students who are registering for a degree programme for the first time in 2015 must take the modules indicated under the particular field of specialisation.

Please note: Only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only. It is thus the responsibility of students to ensure before registration, that their curricula comply with all the requirements of the applicable regulations.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 140

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00
Academic literacy for Economic and Management Sciences 124 (ALL 124) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 107 (UPO 107) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00
Financial accounting 121 (FRK 121) - Credits: 12.00
Commercial law 110 (KRG 110) - Credits: 10.00
Commercial law 120 (KRG 120) - Credits: 10.00
Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 113 (STK 113) - Credits: 11.00
Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00
Statistics 123 (STK 123) - Credits: 12.00
Mathematical statistics 111 (WST 111) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematical statistics 121 (WST 121) - Credits: 16.00
Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Marketing Management 120 (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00
Informatics 112 (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00
Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00
Calculus 114 (WTW 114) - Credits: 16.00
Mathematics 134 (WTW 134) - Credits: 16.00
Public administration 112 (PAD 112) - Credits: 10.00
Public administration 122 (PAD 122) - Credits: 10.00
Mathematics 124 (WTW 124) - Credits: 16.00
Linear algebra 146 (WTW 146) - Credits: 8.00
Calculus 148 (WTW 148) - Credits: 8.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 111 (BDO 111) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 143

No student is allowed to register for FBS 210, FBS 220, FBS 310 and FBS 320 under the BCom (Own Choice) degree.

Fundamental modules

Introduction to moral and political philosophy 251 (FIL 251) - Credits: 10.00

Core modules

Business law 210 (BER 210) - Credits: 16.00
Business law 220 (BER 220) - Credits: 16.00
Communication management 284 (KOB 284) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Taxation 200 (BEL 200) - Credits: 32.00
Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00
Financial accounting 211 (FRK 211) - Credits: 16.00
Financial accounting 221 (FRK 221) - Credits: 16.00
Informatics 214 (INF 214) - Credits: 14.00
Informatics 225 (INF 225) - Credits: 14.00
Informatics 261 (INF 261) - Credits: 7.00
Business management 210 (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00
Business management 220 (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00
Statistics 210 (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00
Statistics 220 (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00
Mathematical statistics 211 (WST 211) - Credits: 24.00
Mathematical statistics 221 (WST 221) - Credits: 24.00
Linear algebra 211 (WTW 211) - Credits: 12.00
Calculus 218 (WTW 218) - Credits: 12.00
Analysis 220 (WTW 220) - Credits: 12.00
Linear algebra 221 (WTW 221) - Credits: 12.00
Differential equations 286 (WTW 286) - Credits: 12.00
Public administration 212 (PAD 212) - Credits: 16.00
Public administration 222 (PAD 222) - Credits: 16.00
Financial management 212 (FBS 212) - Credits: 16.00
Financial management 222 (FBS 222) - Credits: 16.00
Consumer behaviour 212 (BEM 212) - Credits: 16.00
Integrated brand communications 224 (BEM 224) - Credits: 16.00
Differential equations 264 (WTW 264) - Credits: 12.00
Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00
Economics 244 (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 221 (BDO 221) - Credits: 10.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 222 (BDO 222) - Credits: 16.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 223 (BDO 223) - Credits: 16.00

Informatics 282 (INF 282) - Credits: 3.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

No student is allowed to register for FBS 210, FBS 220, FBS 310 and FBS 320 under the BCom (Own Choice) degree.

Elective modules

Labour law 311 (ABR 311) - Credits: 20.00
Labour relations 320 (ABV 320) - Credits: 20.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 319 (BDO 319) - Credits: 20.00
Industrial and organisational psychology 329 (BDO 329) - Credits: 20.00
Taxation 300 (BEL 300) - Credits: 40.00
Marketing management 321 (BEM 321) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 314 (EKN 314) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00
Economics 325 (EKN 325) - Credits: 20.00
Financial accounting 311 (FRK 311) - Credits: 20.00
Financial accounting 321 (FRK 321) - Credits: 20.00
Business management 310 (OBS 310) - Credits: 20.00
Business management 320 (OBS 320) - Credits: 20.00
Statistics 310 (STK 310) - Credits: 25.00
Statistics 320 (STK 320) - Credits: 25.00
Multivariate analysis 311 (WST 311) - Credits: 18.00
Stochastic processes 312 (WST 312) - Credits: 18.00
Time-series analysis 321 (WST 321) - Credits: 18.00
Actuarial statistics 322 (WST 322) - Credits: 18.00
Analysis 310 (WTW 310) - Credits: 18.00
Financial engineering 354 (WTW 354) - Credits: 18.00
Algebra 381 (WTW 381) - Credits: 18.00
Dynamical systems 382 (WTW 382) - Credits: 18.00
Numerical analysis 383 (WTW 383) - Credits: 18.00
Public administration 312 (PAD 312) - Credits: 20.00
Public administration 322 (PAD 322) - Credits: 20.00
Marketing research 314 (BEM 314) - Credits: 20.00

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.