University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MCom Economics (Coursework) (07250055)

Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180
NQF level	09
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Other programme-specific information

- Any other module on master's level approved by the relevant head of department can constitute an elective.
- Candidates who consider pursuing a doctoral degree are required to complete the MPhil (Economics).
- A minimum number of at least five candidates are required to register before a module is presented.
- The department furthermore reserves the right not to present a module if the particular expertise in that module is not available in the department for that year.
- Each candidate is only allowed to register twice for a particular module. Exam entry in all subjects requires a minimum 40%. In order to continue on the programme, all students must receive exam entry in every module. Students cannot be registered on the programme more than two years.

Capacity limitations

- The supervision of postgraduate students is a time-consuming process, and, therefore, the Department reserves the right to limit entry into programmes.
- Please consult the Department for the most recent information on enrolment expectations.
- 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.

Examinations and pass requirements

The pass mark for both a dissertation and a mini-dissertation is 50%. The provisions regarding pass requirements for dissertations, contained in General Regulation G.12.2, apply mutatis mutandis to mini-dissertations. A pass mark of at least 50% is required in the examination of each module.

Research information

The research component comprises the writing of a mini-dissertation. The postgraduate programme manager will appoint a supervisor, based on the mutual interests of the candidate and the supervisor. Once a supervisor agrees to work with a candidate, the candidate will continue to work under the guidance of his/her supervisor to complete the research and to develop and finalise a mini-dissertation according to departmental guidelines and

regulations.

The mini-dissertation contributes 67% towards the total requirements for the degree.

Mini-dissertations, curricula and modules

1. The degree programme requires that a mini-dissertation must be submitted.
2. Information on modules, credits and syllabi is available on the yearbook.
3. A module in Research Methodology is compulsory in the programme, although it is incorporated into the mini-dissertation mark. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, waive the prerequisites.
4. The mini-dissertation should be written in consultation with the supervisor, and is to be submitted either by 30 November to graduate in April or May 31 to graduate in September. The mini-dissertation should be submitted to the postgraduate administrator in the department, with the approval of the supervisor. If the supervisor does not approve, the student should approach the postgraduate committee of the department. That committee will make a final recommendation on submission.

Article for publication

There is no expectation that an article be published from the research conducted in the mini-dissertation.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

A minimum of 180 credits are required, 140 from the core modules and 40 from the elective modules.

The MCom (Economics) is designed to prepare students to work as professional economists in, for example, consulting, banking, or the public sector. The program provides rigorous training in economic theory and economic modelling that is required of economists. The program also serves to develop both the technical and research-related skills needed for an economist interested in a PhD, although a student who wants to proceed to a PhD programme, should consider, instead, the MPhil (Economics) first.

Core modules

Microeconomics 812 (EKN 812) - Credits: 10.00
Macroeconomics 813 (EKN 813) - Credits: 10.00
Mini-dissertation: Economics 895 (EKN 895) - Credits: 120.00

Elective modules

International trade 804 (EKN 804) - Credits: 10.00
International finance 805 (EKN 805) - Credits: 10.00
Monetary economics and banking 816 (EKN 816) - Credits: 10.00
Computable general equilibrium modelling 819 (EKN 819) - Credits: 10.00
Capita selecta economics 821 (EKN 821) - Credits: 10.00
Environmental economics 825 (EKN 825) - Credits: 10.00
Health economics 864 (EKN 864) - Credits: 10.00
Financial economics 865 (EKN 865) - Credits: 10.00
Econometrics 813 (EKT 813) - Credits: 10.00
Econometrics 814 (EKT 814) - Credits: 10.00
Econometrics 815 (EKT 815) - Credits: 10.00
Econometrics 816 (EKT 816) - Credits: 10.00
Economic development 880 (EOG 880) - Credits: 10.00
Public economics 880 (OWE 880) - Credits: 10.00

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