MPhil Human Resource Management (Coursework) (07255260)

Duration of study	2 years
Total credits	240

Programme information

Due to capacity constraints, there are not an intake of new students for every degree every year. It remains the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the degree they wish to apply for, will indeed be offered. In addition to the fields of specialisation, options are offered under the various specialisation fields, eg MPhil Accounting Sciences with an option in Fraud Risk Management, which enables the candidate to make a selection and expand specific focus areas within the existing fields of specialisation.

Admission requirements

Relevant honours degree with an average of at least 65%.

Additional requirements

After being selected for the specific degree applied for, students are allowed to register CONDITIONALLY for the MPhil. The following modules, however, have to be completed successfully before FULL registration takes effect.

EBW 801 Research methodology 801

EBW 802 Research proposal 802

MHB 890 Dissertation: Human resource management 890   (240 credits)

1. A candidate may be refused admission to a master's degree by the head of the department if he/she does not comply with the standard of competence in the subject as determined by the department – with the proviso that a candidate who does not comply with the required level of competence, may be admitted, provided that he/she completes additional study assignments and/or examinations.
2. The head of department concerned may set additional admission requirements.
3. Specific departments have specific requirements for admission.
4. The number of students will be determined in line with the growth strategy of the University of Pretoria as approved by the Executive.
5. Allowance will be made for the diversity profile of students.
6. A completed Postgraduate Diploma in Economic and Management Sciences can also be considered for admission to the Master's programme in Entrepreneurship.

Other programme-specific information

NB: *All modules are compulsory*. Candidates must pass all the modules, including the dissertation, to qualify for the MPhil degree.

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 MPhil candidate must submit and present a research proposal. The subject EBW 801 will prepare the student in writing a research proposal. A candidate will work under the guidance of a supervisor to develop a detailed research proposal according to faculty and departmental guidelines and regulations. The proposal must be presented to the departmental Postgraduate Committee and must be officially approved by all relevant committees before the candidate can commence with his/her formal research for completion of the dissertation. The candidate will continue his/her research under the guidance of his/her supervisor until the research is completed according to the rules and regulations of the University of Pretoria and Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.

The submission of a high-quality scientific article for publication in a recognised scientific journal is a compulsory condition for the degree to be conferred on the candidate.

The research component contributes 100% towards the total requirement for the degree.

Dissertations/mini-dissertations/research reports, curricula and modules

1. The degree programme requires that a dissertation/mini-dissertation/research article must be submitted in a field of study chosen from the fields covered for the honours degree, provided that the Dean may, on the recommendation of the head of department concerned, approve the replacement of the required dissertation by the successful completion of a prescribed number of module credits and a mini-dissertation/research article.
2. Information on modules, credits and syllabi is available, on request, from the head of department concerned.
3. A module in Research Methodology is compulsory in all programmes. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the head of department concerned, waive the prerequisites.
4. Sufficient number of bound copies of the thesis/dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration for examination, after permission is granted by the supervisor.

Article for publication
A dean may require, before or on submission of a dissertation, the submission of a draft article for publication to the supervisor. The draft article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor concerned. The supervisor should then have the opportunity to take the paper through all the processes of revision and resubmission as may be necessary and/or appropriate in order to achieve publication.

Submission of dissertation
A dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration, before the closing date for the various graduation ceremonies as announced annually.

For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit a sufficient number of

bound copies of the dissertation, printed on good quality paper and of good letter quality, to the Head: Student Administration. Permission to submit the dissertation in unbound form may be obtained from the supervisor concerned on condition that a copy of the final approved dissertation is presented to the examiners in bound format or electronic format.

In addition to the copies already mentioned, each successful student must submit a bound paper copy as well as two electronic copies of the approved dissertation to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum standards set by the Department of Library Services, before 15 February for the Autumn graduation ceremonies and before 15 July for the Spring graduation ceremonies, failing which the degree will only be conferred during a subsequent series of graduation ceremonies.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Research methodology 801 (EBW 801)

Module credits	0.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	EMS Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The following broad themes are covered:
- An overview of the research process to be followed and the outcomes required of postgraduate students;
- Foundational skills for postgraduate students;
- What is research?;
- What is a theory and how can I ensure that my study makes a clear theoretical contribution?;
- An overview of the structure of a research proposal;
- Identifying and evaluating possible research topics;
- Delineating the scope of a study;
- Writing a literature review;
- Choosing an appropriate inquiry strategy (research approach) for a study;
- Writing the research design and methods section of a research proposal.

Research proposal hrm 802 (EBW 802)

Module credits	1.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	EMS Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Human resources management 890 (MHB 890)

Module credits	240.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Human Resource Management
Period of presentation	Year

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