

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

DCom Tourism Management (07260243)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

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Programme information

All postgraduate programmes are not offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty concerning the presentation of this programme.

Admission requirements

- Relevant master's degree.
- If a candidate fails any of the exemption assessments, the head of the department reserves the right to specify additional modules until he/she has met the specified requirements.
- Relevant Master's degree with an average of at least 60%.
- The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or in the Faculty Regulations. A candidate must also pass a compulsory module in Research methodology if it has not been completed on master's level. However, the Dean may, in exceptional cases and with recommendation of the head of department concerned, waive this prerequisite.
- Adequate knowledge of Management, Financial and Economic Sciences as well as Statistics as determined by the head of department concerned in consultation with the Dean (Also refer to "presentation on the thesis").
- A pass mark in Mathematics at Grade 12 level or another qualification in Mathematics, Statistics or Mathematical Statistics deemed adequate by the head of department concerned.
- Exemption assessment on preparatory work, as determined by the head of department concerned.
- A candidate who has acquired adequate knowledge of these basic modules through other means, may be exempted from the examinations in the prescribed capita selecta by the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department/director.

Additional requirements

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Research information

The research component comprises the writing of a thesis and a draft article for publication. A short proposal has to be submitted to the head of the department. Upon approval of the proposal, a supervisor(s) will be appointed. The candidate will work under the guidance of his/her supervisor to develop a detailed research proposal according to departmental guidelines and regulations. The proposal has to be approved by all relevant committees before the candidate can commence with the thesis. The candidate will then continue to work under supervision of his/her supervisor to complete the research and to develop and finalise a thesis according to departmental guidelines and regulations. A public defence of the final thesis is required as part of the examination process.

Before or on submission of the thesis, the candidate must submit at least one draft article for publication in a recognised academic journal. The draft article should be based on the research the candidate has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor. The draft article is a necessary condition for the degree to be conferred on the candidate. The research component (thesis and draft article for publication) contributes 100% towards the total requirements for the degree.

The extent of doctoral study (See General Regulations G.42 – G.53) Thesis: A candidate for the DCom, DAdmin or PhD degree must submit a thesis on a topic that has been recommended by the head of department or the director of the school and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. Examination of the thesis 1. A thesis must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently and must contain proof of a candidate's ability to conduct original research that contributes to the development of new knowledge and expertise. 2. Sufficient number of bound copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration for examination, after obtaining permission from the supervisor. 3. An oral examination chaired by the head of the department during which the candidate is required to do a presentation on the thesis will be scheduled before the degree can be conferred.

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	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
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.

Thesis: Tourism management 990 (TBE 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Division of Tourism Management
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Tourism management 990 (TBE 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Division of Tourism Management
Period of presentation	Year

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