

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

BCom Investment Management (07130205)

Minimum duration of study 3 years

Total credits 461

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Programme information

The purpose of this degree programme is to expose students, specialising in Investment management, to the theoretical principles and practical application of investment decision-making at a high level. A multidisciplinary approach is followed and financial, economic and statistical principles are incorporated with the aim of improving the investment decision-making process. This well-structured degree has an analytic and scientific basis and is aimed at enabling students to cope with the demands of a rapidly changing local and international investment environment.

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
English				Mathematics				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
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Additional requirements

- General Regulations G.1 to G.15 (with the exception of Regulation G.11.2(c)) apply to a bachelor's degree.
- A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- A student may take a module not listed as an elective module only if the prior approval of the Dean has been obtained.
- 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)
- 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

Note: See the alphabetical list of modules for prerequisites of all modules.

- To continue with BLB 200, a student must pass Financial accounting 111, 121, Statistics 110, 120 and Economics 110, 120.

Specialisation modules: BLB 300.

"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: 120

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module content:

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module content:

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology and Religion
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week



Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Academic literacy for Economic and Management Sciences 124 (ALL 124)

Module content:

This module intends to equip students with the competence in reading and writing required in the four high impact modules: Business Management, Financial Accounting, Statistics and Economics. Students will also be equipped to interpret and draw figures and graphs and to do computations and manage relevant formulas. During Semester 1 students engage with the online computer program MyFoundationsLab individually in a flexible learning environment, and during Semester 2 they attend the scheduled contact sessions and do the coursework.

This module is offered by the Faculty of Humanities.

Module credits	6.00
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Unit for Academic Literacy
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Academic orientation 107 (UPO 107)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English are used in one class
Department	Economic and Management Sciences Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Economics 110 (EKN 110)

Module content:

This module deals with the core principles of economics. A distinction between macroeconomics and microeconomics is made. A discussion of the market system and circular flow of goods, services and money is followed by a section dealing with microeconomic principles, including demand and supply analysis, consumer behaviour and utility maximisation, production and the costs thereof, and the different market models and firm behaviour. Labour market institutions and issues, wage determination, as well as income inequality and poverty are also addressed. A section of money, banking, interest rates and monetary policy concludes the course.



Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Economics 120 (EKN 120)

Module content:

This module deals with the core principles of economics, especially macroeconomic measurement the private and public sectors of the South African economy receive attention, while basic macroeconomic relationships and the measurement of domestic output and national income are discussed. Aggregate demand and supply analysis stands core to this course which is also used to introduce students to the analysis of economic growth, unemployment and inflation. The microeconomics of government is addressed in a separate section, followed by a section on international economics, focusing on international trade, exchange rates and the balance of payments. The economics of developing countries and South Africa in the global economy conclude the course.

Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	EKN 110 GS or EKN 113 GS and at least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination or 60% in STK 113 and concurrently registered for STK 123
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111)

Module content:

The nature and function of accounting; the development of accounting; financial position; financial result; the recording process; processing of accounting data; treatment of VAT; elementary income statement and balance sheet; flow of documents; accounting systems; introduction to internal control and internal control measures; bank reconciliations; control accounts; adjustments; financial statements of a sole proprietorship; the accounting



framework.

Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Financial accounting 121 (FRK 121)

Module content:

Property, plant and equipment; intangible assets; inventories; liabilities; presentation of financial statements; enterprises without profit motive; partnerships; companies; close corporations; cash flow statements; analysis and interpretation of financial statements.

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	FRK 111 GS
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Informatics 112 (INF 112)

Module content:

Introduction to information systems, information systems in organisations, hardware: input, processing, output, software: systems and application software, organisation of data and information, telecommunications and networks, the Internet and Intranet. Transaction processing systems, management information systems, decision support systems, information systems in business and society, systems analysis, systems design, implementation, maintenance and revision.

Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



Prerequisites	A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination; or STK 113 60%, STK 123 60% or STK 110
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Commercial law 110 (KRG 110)

Module content:

General introduction.

General principles of the law of contract: introduction to the law of contract; consensus; contractual capacity; legality and physical possibility of performance; formalities; parties to the contract; conditions and related legal concepts; special terms and the interpretation of contracts; breach of contract and the termination of the contractual relationship.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Mercantile Law

Period of presentation Semester 1

Commercial law 120 (KRG 120)

Module content:

Law of purchase and sale; law of lease; credit agreements; law of agency; law of security.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites Examination entrance to KRG 110

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Mercantile Law

Period of presentation Semester 2



Business management 114 (OBS 114)

Module content:

Introduction to business management as a science; the environment in which the enterprise operates; the field of business, the mission and goals of an enterprise; management and entrepreneurship. Responsible leadership and the role of a business in society. The choice of a form of enterprise; the choice of products and/or services; profit and cost planning for different sizes of operating units; the choice of location; the nature of production processes and the layout of the plant or operating unit.

Introduction to and overview of general management, especially regarding the five management tasks: strategic management; contemporary developments and management issues; financial management; marketing and public relations. Introduction to and overview of the value chain model; management of the input; management of the purchasing function; management of the transformation process with specific reference to production and operations management; human resources management and information management; corporate governance and black economic empowerment (BEE).

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites May not be included in the same curriculum as OBS 155

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Business Management

Period of presentation Semester 1

Statistics 110 (STK 110)

Module content:

Descriptive statistics:

Sampling and the collection of data; frequency distributions and graphical representations. Descriptive measures of location and dispersion.

Probability and inference:

Introductory probability theory and theoretical distributions. Sampling distributions. Estimation theory and hypothesis testing of sampling averages and proportions (one and two-sample cases). Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

Module credits 13.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites At least 5 (60-69%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination. Candidates who do not qualify for STK 110 must register for STK 113 and STK 123



Contact time	1 practical per week, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Statistics 120 (STK 120)

Module content:

Multivariate statistics:

Analysis of variance, categorical data analysis, distribution-free methods, curve fitting, regression and correlation, the analysis of time series and indices.

Statistical and economic applications of quantitative techniques:

Systems of linear equations: drafting, matrices, solving and application. Optimisation; linear functions (two and more independent variables), non-linear functions (one and two independent variables). Marginal and total functions. Stochastic and deterministic variables in statistical and economic context: producers' and consumers' surplus, distribution functions, probability distributions, probability density functions. Identification, use, evaluation, interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

This module is also presented as an anti-semester bilingual module.

Module credits	13.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
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Prerequisites	STK 110 GS or both STK 113 GS and STK 123 GS or both WST 133 and WST 143 or STK 133 and STK 143
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Contact time	1 practical per week, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 181

Fundamental modules

Introduction to moral and political philosophy 251 (FIL 251)

Module content:

In this module students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. In particular philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision making. We demonstrate to students how the biggest questions concerning the socio-economic aspects of our lives can be broken down and illuminated through reasoned debate. Examples of themes which may be covered in the module include justice and the common good, a moral consideration of the nature and role of economic markets on society, issues concerning justice and equality, and dilemmas of loyalty. The works of philosophers covered may for instance include that of Aristotle, Locke, Bentham, Mill, Kant, Rawls, Friedman, Nozick, Bernstein, Dworkin, Sandel, Walzer, and MacIntyre.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English are used in one class

Department Philosophy

Period of presentation Quarter 2, 3 and 4

Core modules

Investment management 200 (BLB 200)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Investment Management) students.

Functioning of the South African financial system, interest bearing instruments: issuers, institutions and valuation, types of risk and measuring risk, types of return and measuring return, share markets, Financial Market regulation, trading activities in the equity market, share price indices, valuation of ordinary shares, and the fundamental analysis of ordinary shares, industry analysis, technical analysis of shares, investment objectives and investment process, asset allocation, local and international bond markets, bond fundamentals, valuation of bonds, mathematics of fixed interest securities, structure of interest rates and yield curves, duration, convexity introduction to derivatives.

Module credits 32.00

Prerequisites FRK 111, FRK 121 or FRK 100 or FRK 101; STK 110, STK 120, EKN 110, EKN 120 and only available to BCom (Investment Management) students.



Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Economics 214 (EKN 214)

Module content:

Macroeconomics

From Wall and Bay Street to Diagonal Street: a thorough understanding of the mechanisms and theories explaining the workings of the economy is essential. Macroeconomic insight is provided on the real market, the money market, two market equilibrium, monetarism, growth theory, cyclical analysis, inflation, Keynesian general equilibrium analysis and fiscal and monetary policy issues.

Module credits	16.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
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Prerequisites	EKN 110 GS & EKN 120 OR EKN 113 GS & EKN 123; & STK 110 GS OR STK 113 & STK 123 & STK 120/121 or concurrently registered for STK 120/121 OR WST 111 & WST121 are prerequisites instead of STK 120/121 or WST 111 and concurrently registered for WST 121.
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Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Economics 234 (EKN 234)

Module content:

Macroeconomics

Application of the principles learned in EKN 214 on the world we live in. We look at international markets and dynamic macroeconomic models, and familiarise the students with the current macroeconomic policy debates. We also take a look at the latest macroeconomic research in the world. The course includes topics of the mathematical and econometric analysis of macroeconomic issues.

Module credits	16.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
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Prerequisites	EKN 214 and STK 120/121 or WST 121 OR concurrently registered for STK 120/121 or WST 121.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Financial management 210 (FBS 210)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Financial Sciences, Investment Management and Law) and BSc (Construction Management , Quantity Surveying and Real Estate) students.

Framework and purpose of financial management; understanding financial statements; analysis of financial statements for decision making; time value of money; risk and return relationships; business valuation; short-term planning; current asset management.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	BCom Financial Sciences, Investment Management and Law: FRK111 and FRK121 (or FRK100 or 101), STK110,120 or FBS121, and simultaneously registered for FRK211; BSc Construction Management, Quantity Surveying and Real Estate: FBS110,120, STK110 and STK120
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Financial management 220 (FBS 220)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Financial Sciences, Financial Management Sciences, Investment Management, Internal Auditing and Law) students.

The purpose and functioning of management accounting, cost classification; the determination of product costs including raw material costs, labour costs, overheads and its allocation according to traditional and activity-based costing methods, inventory management, the accumulation of costs according to job and process costing systems, the treatment of joint and by-products and the determination of costs according to a direct and absorption costing approach; decisionmaking with reference to cost-volume-profit ratios.

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	FRK 211 GS; STK 110; STK 120
Contact time	3 lectures per week



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Semester 2

Financial accounting 211 (FRK 211)

Module content:

Preparation and presentation of company annual financial statements in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, the Framework and Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice relating to the following: presentation of financial statements; revenue; investments; provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets; events after the balance sheet date; inventories; income taxes; leases; property, plant and equipment; impairment of assets; intangible assets; investment property, changes in accounting estimates and errors; introduction to financial instruments.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites FRK 111 and FRK 121 or FRK 100/101

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Accounting

Period of presentation Semester 1

Financial accounting 221 (FRK 221)

Module content:

Preparation and presentation of company annual financial statements in compliance with the requirements of Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice relating to the following: employee benefits; the effects of changes in foreign exchange rates; accounting policies; earnings per share; cash flow statements; interests in joint ventures. Branch accounting. Introduction to consolidations, including basic consolidation techniques for both wholly-owned and partly-owned subsidiaries. Introduction to public sector accounting.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites FRK 211 GS

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Accounting

Period of presentation Semester 2



Informatics 282 (INF 282)

Module content:

Computer processing of accounting information.

Module credits	3.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	FRK 111, FRK 121 or FRK 100 or FRK 101
Contact time	2 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Statistics 210 (STK 210)

Module content:

Counting techniques. Probability theory: Sample spaces, events, rules of probability, conditional probabilities, independent events and Bayes' theorem. Probability distributions and probability densities: cumulative distribution functions, marginal distributions, joint distributions, conditional distributions and independence. Expected values: Moments, Chebyshev's theorem, moment-generating functions, product moments, moments of linear combinations of random variables and conditional expectations. Transformation techniques of random variables. Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

Module credits	20.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	STK 110, STK 120
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Statistics 220 (STK 220)

Module content:

Special probability distributions: the discrete uniform distribution, Bernoulli distribution, binomial distribution, negative binomial and geometric distribution, the hypergeometric distribution, Poisson distribution and multinomial distribution. Special probability densities: Uniform distribution, gamma, exponential and chi-square



distributions, the beta distribution, the normal distribution and the bivariate normal distribution. Functions of random variables. Sampling distributions, point estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing. Regression Analysis. Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites STK 210 GS

Contact time 1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 2



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 160

Core modules

Investment management 300 (BLB 300)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Investment Management) students.

Efficient market hypothesis, portfolio management, asset allocation, construction of efficient investment portfolios, asset pricing models (CAPM and APT), equity portfolio management strategies, performance evaluation of investment portfolios, restructuring of investment portfolios, measuring of financial risk exposure, futures market in South Africa, the use of futures contracts in financial risk management, pricing and the valuation of futures contracts, swaps and forward rate agreements, option markets in South Africa and the valuation of options, option payoffs and trading strategies, warrants and convertible securities, alternative evaluation techniques, real estate investment, venture capital, rights issues and capitalisation issues, immunisation, switching and trading strategies in the bond market, fixed income portfolio strategies, ethics.

Module credits 40.00

Prerequisites BLB 200 and only available to BCom (Investment Management) students

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Year

Economics 310 (EKN 310)

Module content:

Public finance

Role of government in the economy. Welfare economics and theory of optimality. Ways of correcting market failures. Government expenditure theories, models and programmes. Government revenue. Models on taxation, effects of taxation on the economy. Assessment of taxation from an optimality and efficiency point of view. South African perspective on public finance.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites EKN 214, EKN 234 or EKN 224, EKN 244

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English are used in one class

Department Economics



Period of presentation Semester 1

Economics 320 (EKN 320)

Module content:

Economic analyses

Identification, collection and interpretation process of relevant economic data; the national accounts (i.e. income and production accounts, the national financial account, the balance of payments and input-output tables); economic growth; inflation; employment, unemployment, wages, productivity and income distribution; business cycles; financial indicators; fiscal indicators; social indicators; international comparisons; relationships between economic time series - regression analysis; long-term future studies and scenario analysis; overall assessment of the South African economy from 1994 onwards.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites EKN 310 GS

Contact time 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English are used in one class

Department Economics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Financial management 310 (FBS 310)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Financial Sciences, Financial Management Sciences, Investment Management, Internal Auditing and Law) students.

Relevant costs; standard costing with reference to application and evaluation; preparation and evaluation of plans, budgets and forecasts; techniques for allocating and managing resources; costing and accounting systems evaluation; techniques used in management decision making; new developments in business and management accounting; case study perspective. Cost management; strategic management accounting; cost estimation and cost behaviour; quantitative models for stock control; application of linear programming in management accounting; various management accounting techniques.

Module credits 20.00

Prerequisites Admission to the examination in FBS 220; FRK 211 and FRK 221. Only available to 07130202, 07130203, 07130204, 07130071 and 07130151

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management



Period of presentation Semester 1

Financial management 320 (FBS 320)

Module content:

*Only for BCom (Financial Sciences, Investment Management, and Law) and BSs (Construction Management, Quantity Surveying and Real Estate) students.

Cost of capital; determination of capital requirements and the financing of a business to maintain the optimal capital structure; the investment decision and the study of financial selection criteria in the evaluation of capital investment projects; impact of inflation and risk on capital investment decisions; evaluation of leasing decisions; dividend decisions; international financial management. Valuation principles and practices: an introduction to security analysis; hybrids and derivative instruments, mergers and acquisitions.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites FBS 210. Only available to 07130202, 07130203, 07130204, 07130071 and 07130151

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Semester 2

Financial accounting 311 (FRK 311)

Module content:

Preparation and presentation of company annual financial statements in compliance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) relating to the following: income taxes; property, plant and equipment; impairment; non-current assets held for sale; intangible assets; investment property; borrowing costs; leases; accounting policies; changes in accounting estimates and errors; segment reporting; certain aspects of financial instruments.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites FRK 211, 221 and INF 281

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Accounting

Period of presentation Semester 1



Financial accounting 321 (FRK 321)

Module content:

Preparation and presentation of company annual financial statements in compliance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) relating to the following: the effects of changes in foreign exchange rates; earnings per share; related party disclosure; associates. Complex consolidation issues, including intra-group transactions; dividends; preference shares; revaluations; horizontal, vertical and mixed groups; insolvent subsidiaries; change of interest; consolidated cash flow statement.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites FRK 311 GS and INF 281

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Accounting

Period of presentation Semester 2

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