

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MPhil Business Management Supply Chain Management (Coursework) (07255285)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

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Programme information

Supply chain managers oversee some of the most essential business processes affecting the profitability of firms today. These managers are responsible for synchronising the flow of products, information, and funds between their organisations and both their suppliers and customers in a way that adds value for the end consumers of their products.

The programme content focuses on key issues such as the fundamental theory of supply chain management, contemporary issues in supply chain management and strategic management and leadership.

The programme consists of coursework and a research article. The coursework part of the degree programme is offered during the first and second semester of the first year of study and the research article during the second semester. The coursework is presented by means of five contact sessions per module during the first and second semester. Contact block weeks will take place after-hours on a Monday to Thursday evening from 17:30 – 21:00 during the first semester and on a Monday evening from 17:30 – 21:00 during the second semester. Attendance of the contact sessions is compulsory. All lectures, tests and examination sessions will be conducted at the University of Pretoria's main campus in Hatfield. Students have a maximum of two years to complete the MPhil degree but it is advisable to complete the programme in one year.

Admission requirements

- The minimum entry requirements are an appropriate honours degree with at least 60% average and sufficient exposure to Supply Chain Management to the satisfaction of the Head of Department.
- Selection is not guaranteed as the department receives many applications annually and can only admit a limited number of students in each programme based on academic credentials.
- A BTech degree is not recognised as an equivalent to an honours degree.
- An English language proficiency test may be required as all class discussions, assignments, tests, examination papers and textbooks are in English.
- The Head of the Department can prescribe any additional modules on honours level to ensure that the candidate complies with all the requirements. Any additional modules will serve only as prerequisites for admission into the program and will not count towards the credits required for the degree.
- A maximum of 15 students will be admitted per annum.

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

Article for publication

A dean may require, before or on submission of a dissertation/mini-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/mini-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.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Research methodology 804 (NME 804)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

Strong emphasis on market research, quantification of the market but also a basis for academic publications and a doctorate.

Strategy and leadership 811 (OBS 811)

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| Module credits | 20.00 |
| Prerequisites | OBS 320 or equivalent |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

Module content

Key concepts and principles of strategy, generic strategies, specific strategies, strategy practices, Formulation, Implementation and measurement of strategy, Environmental (Context) analysis and internal resource analysis. Basic concepts of leadership, styles and approaches to leadership with relevance to strategy of the business. Current trends in leadership research. Responsible leadership thinking and application.

Supply chain management 817 (OBS 817)

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| Module credits | 25.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

The module is devoted to fundamental supply chain management theory. Students will be expected to read a broad selection of published papers and write their own research papers. Students will be graded through coursework and tests, as well as on their research papers.

Contemporary issues in supply chain management 818 (OBS 818)

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| Module credits | 25.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

Module content

This module entails an evaluation of the most recent developments in supply chain management, including recent research contributions in the field. Students will be expected to read a broad selection of published papers and write their own research papers to be presented in a colloquium. Students will be graded through coursework and tests, as well as on their research papers.

Mini-dissertation: Research article 898 (OBS 898)

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| Module credits | 90.00 |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Business Management |
| Period of presentation | Year |

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