

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MPhil with specialisation in Leading in New Economies (07254022)

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

The degree comprises the writing of a dissertation and coursework.

Full particulars of the degree programme are contained in a brochure which is available from the departmental website.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant honours (or equivalent) degree
or
2. Relevant postgraduate diploma

Additional requirements

Refer to General Regulation G.55.

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

Other programme-specific information

- i. The minimum pass mark for each prescribed course is 50%, provided that a subminimum of 45% has been obtained in the examined component.
- ii. A candidate who has failed more than two courses may not continue with their studies for the degree, except with the approval of the Dean.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Students need to select 4 electives of 6 credits each.

Students must contact the Faculty Administration to establish which electives are being offered.

Core modules

GIC 825 Advanced research methods 825 (GIC 825)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module helps students to conceptualise a research design. It covers how the choice of a research design relates to the chosen analytic method (Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research or Mixed Methods). Students are expected to relate the business challenge to the research design and to justify the selection of a given design for a given problem. The objectives of the module are to help students: make informed decisions about their research design; and understand the implications of selecting a given research design in particular around the questions that can be answered.

Tech-disruption and business strategy 821 (GIG 821)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module aims to provide students with a history of industrial revolutions and how contextual or technological disruptions impact business strategies. The focus will also be on potential impact to countries, but climate changes and other macro-issues include migration and inequalities.

Environment of business 822 (GIG 822)

Module credits	12.00
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NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

The aim of this module is to consider a set of themes that are key to developing an understanding of the current macro-environment of business and its forces, influences and consequences. Although the specific content of the module will vary according to events and dynamics currently being experienced, the underlying tools of analysis allow the students to develop a fuller understanding of how to analyse the most important dynamics that are at play in the macro-environment of business at any time, and thus to identify the implications for their businesses and prepare their businesses for change.

Harnessing the new economies 823 (GIG 823)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	35 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module aims to expose students to the systemic logic and underlying mechanisms of various new economies including Green, Digital, Circular and Shared Economies and any other emergent economies. This will equip them with the ability to articulate systemic effects of these economies on organisations and discern the necessary responses for effective organisational leadership.

Effective decision making in new economies 824 (GIG 824)

Module credits	21.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2



Module content

This module will offer offers students a holistic insight into the process and skills of making strategic decisions in the context of new economies. Armed with an array of strategic options, students must be able to evaluate the adequacy of a given strategy, using deterministic, stochastic, financial and ethical decision-making capabilities.

Mini-dissertation: Leading in New Economies 802 (GMD 802)

Module credits	81.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Students must submit a mini-dissertation on an approved topic.

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