

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

BCom 4-year programme (07139923)

Department	Economic and Management Sciences Dean's Office
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	455
NQF level	07

Programme information

The programme is aimed at the training of students in the Economic and Management Sciences who do not meet the prescribed admission requirements for a BCom degree.

This is the ideal starting point for students who are interested in studying towards BCom degrees in Management or Financial sciences. Students must apply during October of their first year to transfer to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (Hatfield Campus). Placement in BCom (Accounting Sciences) and BCom (Investment Management) cannot be guaranteed as these are selection programmes where numbers are limited. All modules must be passed in the first year to transfer to any of the BCom programmes.

The first year is presented on the Mamelodi Campus.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2024

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here for this Faculty Brochure](#).

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language

Mathematics

APS

NSC/IEB

NSC/IEB

4

3

26

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2024: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

International students: [Click here](#).

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

Note:

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students is the same as the above.

Additional requirements

General Academic Regulations G1 to G15 apply to a bachelor's degree.

1. A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless permission has been obtained from the Dean.
2. A module that has already been passed may only be repeated with the approval of the Dean.
3. 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.
4. 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 of all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is therefore compulsory for all students.
5. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or the Faculty regulations.

Other programme-specific information

- Students who wish to continue with a BCom (Economics) degree programme need to register for WTW 144 after completing WTW 135.
- Students who wish to continue with BCom (Econometrics) degree programme need to have obtained a level 4 or higher in Grade 12 Mathematics and will need to register for WTW 135 and WTW 143.
- Students who wish to continue with a BCom (Investment Management) degree programme need to register for WTW 135.
- Students who want to do any other BCom degree programme register for BAM 133, STK 133 and STK 143 and

must meet the minimum requirements set out in the **EMS Transfer Guide** as published on the EMS Website on an annual basis, to transfer to their BCom degree of choice.

- Only students who have obtained a level 4 in Grade 12 Mathematics can register for WST 133 and WST 143 and these modules are required for students wishing to continue with a BCom (Econometrics) degree programme. These modules are also available as electives for students who wish to transfer to the BCom (Economics) degree programme.

Selection from the second academic year onwards, to be discussed with the Student Administration of the Faculty and will follow the guidance in the EMS Transfer Guide. The following gives an overview of credits awarded for modules completed at the Mamelodi Campus when successful BCom Extended programme students transfer to BCom degree programmes on the Hatfield Campus:

- AIM 111 and AIM 121 – as currently presented on the Hatfield Campus.
- STK 133 and STK 143 – equivalent to STK 110.
- STK 133 and STK 143 will give BCom students admission to STK 120 and its equivalent to STK 110.
- WST 133 and WST 143 is equivalent to STK 110.
- WST 133 and WST 143 will give BCom students admission to either WST 153 or STK 120.
- Students must register for STK 121 in the first semester of the second year.
- FRK 133 and FRK 143 – equivalent to FRK 111.
- OBS 133 and OBS 143 – equivalent to OBS 114.
- Students wishing to do a BCom degree focused on Accounting are strongly advised to enrol for FRK 111 in the first semester of their second year.

It is the responsibility of students to ensure before registration, that their curricula comply with all the requirements of the applicable regulations.

Promotion to next study year

According to General Academic Regulation, G3 students have to comply with certain requirements as set by the Faculty Board.

1. In order to register for the next year of study a student must pass at least 66% of the official credits listed for a year level of study for a four-year programme. NB: Taking cognisance of the required 66%, it is expected of students who have registered for the first year of the BCom extended programme to pass, as a minimum, five modules of the following prescribed discipline specific modules:
 - Financial Accounting (FRK 133 and FRK 143)
 - Business Management (OBS 133 and OBS 143)
 - Statistics (STK 133 and STK 143)
2. Students who do not show progress during the first semester of the first year will be referred to the EMS Appeals Committee of the Faculty and may be excluded if they fail more than one of the above discipline specific modules. Also refer to Point 4 under Additional requirements.
3. A student will be deemed to be in the second, third or a more senior year once he or she enrolls for any module in any of these levels of study.
4. If a student has passed fewer than the required minimum of at least 66% of the official credits listed for a year level, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the EMS Faculty Appeals Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Appeals Committee may set further conditions with regard to the student's academic progress. The Committee may deny a student's application for readmission. 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 Appeals Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.

5. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the Appeals Committee.
6. 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 four 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. An extended degree will only be awarded with distinction to students who complete their extended bachelor degrees within four years.
- c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
- d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.

General information

Application of amended programme regulations

Refer to General Academic Regulation G5.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 88

The following gives an overview of the equivalent of modules completed at the Mamelodi Campus when transferring to the Hatfield Campus:

- *AIM 111 and AIM 121 – as currently presented on the Hatfield Campus.
- *STK 133 and STK 143 – equivalent to STK 110 and will give admission to STK 121
- *FRK 133 and FRK 143 – equivalent to FRK 111 and will give admission to FRK 121
- *OBS 133 and OBS 143 – equivalent to OBS 114 and will give admission to OBS 124

Students must select two of the following three modules (BDO 121 or BEM 120 or INF 112) OR alternatively PAD 112 and PAD 122.

Fundamental modules

- Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
- Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
- Language, life and study skills 133 (LST 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Language, life and study skills 143 (LST 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Academic orientation 120 (UPO 120) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

- Basic business mathematics 133 (BAM 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Financial accounting 133 (FRK 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Financial accounting 143 (FRK 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Business management 133 (OBS 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Business management 143 (OBS 143) - Credits: 8.00
- Statistics 133 (STK 133) - Credits: 8.00
- Statistics 143 (STK 143) - Credits: 16.00
- Mathematical statistics 133 (WST 133) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 130

Only enrol for this module if FRK 133 or 143 or OBS 133 or OBS 143 were failed as part of the allowed module failures at the Mamelodi Campus. *** STC 122 is a prerequisite to continue with STK at 200- and 300-level and will only be available to students who achieved at least 60% for STK 121.

Fundamental modules

[Introduction to moral and political philosophy 252](#) (FIL 252) - Credits: 10.00

Core modules

[Business law 210](#) (BER 210) - Credits: 16.00

[Economics 110](#) (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00

[Economics 120](#) (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00

[Financial accounting 111](#) (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00

[Financial accounting 121](#) (FRK 121) - Credits: 12.00

[Financial accounting 122](#) (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00

[Informatics 183](#) (INF 183) - Credits: 3.00

[Business management 114](#) (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00

[Business management 124](#) (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00

[Statistics 122](#) (STC 122) - Credits: 13.00

[Statistics 121](#) (STK 121) - Credits: 13.00

Elective modules

[Industrial and organisational psychology 121](#) (BDO 121) - Credits: 10.00

[Marketing management 120](#) (BEM 120) - Credits: 10.00

[Informatics 112](#) (INF 112) - Credits: 10.00

[Public administration 112](#) (PAD 112) - Credits: 10.00

[Public administration 122](#) (PAD 122) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 117

*Students may not enrol for BAC 200 or BEL 200, unless they have already passed FRK 121 in an earlier year.

Core modules

Business law 220 (BER 220) - Credits: 16.00

Communication management 281 (KOB 281) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Business accounting 200 (BAC 200) - Credits: 32.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 214 (BDO 214) - Credits: 16.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 224 (BDO 224) - Credits: 16.00

Taxation 200 (BEL 200) - Credits: 32.00

Consumer behaviour 212 (BEM 212) - Credits: 16.00

Integrated marketing communications 224 (BEM 224) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00

Economics 244 (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00

Financial management 212 (FBS 212) - Credits: 16.00

Financial management 222 (FBS 222) - Credits: 16.00

Informatics 214 (INF 214) - Credits: 14.00

Informatics 225 (INF 225) - Credits: 14.00

Informatics 261 (INF 261) - Credits: 7.00

Business management 210 (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00

Business management 220 (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00

Public administration 212 (PAD 212) - Credits: 16.00

Public administration 222 (PAD 222) - Credits: 16.00

Statistics 210 (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00

Statistics 220 (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Curriculum information

- Students must complete sufficient elective modules from the list provided to ensure that these add up to 120 credits bearing in mind prerequisites for third year modules.
- To be considered "specialization modules" the equivalent of four 14-week modules at 300-level must be passed provided that such modules passed at 300-level will only be recognised for degree purposes if the corresponding prescribed modules at 200-level have also been passed;
- a maximum of two 14-week semester modules may also be chosen from the following modules:
- Labour law 311 (ABR 311);
- Labour relations 320 (ABV 320);
- International business management 359.

Elective modules

Labour law 311 (ABR 311) - Credits: 20.00

Labour relations 320 (ABV 320) - Credits: 20.00

Business accounting 300 (BAC 300) - Credits: 40.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 319 (BDO 319) - Credits: 20.00

Industrial and organisational psychology 329 (BDO 329) - Credits: 20.00

Taxation 300 (BEL 300) - Credits: 40.00

Marketing research 314 (BEM 314) - Credits: 20.00

Marketing management 321 (BEM 321) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00

Development economics 315 (EKN 315) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00

Economics 325 (EKN 325) - Credits: 20.00

Business management 310 (OBS 310) - Credits: 20.00

Business analytics 370 (OBS 370) - Credits: 20.00

Public administration 312 (PAD 312) - Credits: 20.00

Public administration 322 (PAD 322) - Credits: 20.00

Statistics 310 (STK 310) - Credits: 25.00

Statistics 320 (STK 320) - Credits: 25.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.