

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

## MCom *Economics* (Coursework) (07250055)

**Department** Economics

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Admission requirements

1. Relevant BComHons degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree

### Other programme-specific information

- Any other module on master's level approved by the relevant head of department can constitute an elective.
- Candidates who consider pursuing a doctoral degree are required to complete the MPhil (Economics).
- A minimum number of at least five candidates are required to register before a module is presented.
- The department furthermore reserves the right not to present a module if the particular expertise in that module is not available in the department for that year.
- Each candidate is only allowed to register twice for a particular module. Exam entry in all subjects requires a minimum 40%. In order to continue on the programme, all students must receive exam entry in every module. Students cannot be registered on the programme more than two years.

### 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 Academic Regulation G36, apply with the necessary changes to mini-dissertations.

A pass mark of at least 50% is required in the examination of each module.

### Research information

The research component comprises the writing of a mini-dissertation. The postgraduate programme manager will appoint a supervisor, based on the mutual interests of the candidate and the supervisor. Once a supervisor agrees to work with a candidate, the candidate will continue to work under the guidance of his/her supervisor to complete the research and to develop and finalise a mini-dissertation according to departmental guidelines and regulations.

The mini-dissertation contributes 67% towards the total requirements for the degree.

#### Mini-dissertations, curricula and modules

1. The degree programme requires that a mini-dissertation must be submitted.
2. Information on modules, credits and syllabi is available on the yearbook.
3. A module in Research Methodology is compulsory in the programme, although it is incorporated into the mini-dissertation mark. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department, waive the prerequisites.
4. The mini-dissertation should be written in consultation with the supervisor, and is to be submitted either by 30 November to graduate in April or May 31 to graduate in September. The mini-dissertation should be submitted to the postgraduate administrator in the department, with the approval of the supervisor. If the supervisor does not approve, the student should approach the postgraduate committee of the department. That committee will make a final recommendation on submission.

### **Article for publication**

There is no expectation that an article be published from the research conducted in the mini-dissertation.

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## Curriculum: Final year

A minimum of 180 credits are required, 140 from the core modules and 40 from the elective modules.

The MCom (Economics) is designed to prepare students to work as professional economists in, for example, consulting, banking, or the public sector. The program provides rigorous training in economic theory and economic modelling that is required of economists. The program also serves to develop both the technical and research-related skills needed for an economist interested in a PhD, although a student who wants to proceed to a PhD programme, should consider, instead, the MPhil (Economics) first.

### Core modules

[Microeconomics 812](#) (EKN 812) - Credits: 10.00

[Macroeconomics 813](#) (EKN 813) - Credits: 10.00

[Mini-dissertation: Economics 895](#) (EKN 895) - Credits: 120.00

### Elective modules

[International trade 804](#) (EKN 804) - Credits: 10.00

[International finance 805](#) (EKN 805) - Credits: 10.00

[Monetary economics and banking 816](#) (EKN 816) - Credits: 10.00

[Computable general equilibrium modelling 819](#) (EKN 819) - Credits: 10.00

[Capita selecta economics 821](#) (EKN 821) - Credits: 10.00

[Environmental economics 825](#) (EKN 825) - Credits: 10.00

[Health economics 864](#) (EKN 864) - Credits: 10.00

[Financial economics 865](#) (EKN 865) - Credits: 10.00

[Econometrics 813](#) (EKT 813) - Credits: 10.00

[Econometrics 814](#) (EKT 814) - Credits: 10.00

[Econometrics 815](#) (EKT 815) - Credits: 10.00

[Econometrics 816](#) (EKT 816) - Credits: 10.00

[Economic development 880](#) (EOG 880) - Credits: 10.00

[Public economics 880](#) (OWE 880) - Credits: 10.00

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### 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.