

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MPhil specialising in Corporate Strategy (Coursework) (07254016)

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 mini-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

Other programme-specific information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

Refer to the GIBS student guidelines and regulations.

The Dean may authorise matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or in the GIBS regulations

Examinations and pass requirements

1. The minimum pass mark for each prescribed module is 50%, provided that a subminimum of 45% has been obtained in the examination or an examined component.
2. A candidate who has failed more than two core modules may not continue with their studies for the degree, except with the approval of the Dean.

Refer to the GIBS student guidelines and regulations.

Curriculum: Final year

Students must complete 4 electives from the list provided. The total number of credits for electives modules must be 24. Please contact the faculty to confirm the availability of elective modules.

Core modules

Strategic management 850 (GIJ 850)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module focuses on a broad range of strategic management concepts. The application of strategic management in business has been informed by a shift from a relatively stable to a more rapidly changing and competitive environment that is dynamic and informed by new technologies. It is an environment that demands an ability to anticipate change and the capabilities to operate in new geographic markets. Businesses need to be able to deal with uncertainty as well as analyse their internal and external operating environments. They need to effectively orchestrate resources and core capabilities to achieve competitive advantage. With a focus on an emerging market context, this module considers how strategic management scholarship can be enhanced by a greater appreciation of different organisational contexts. At the end of this module, students will have an understanding and working knowledge of strategic management concepts and their application, with a view to developing their own scholarship in the field.

Strategic foresight 851 (GIJ 851)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module focuses on strategic foresight and demonstrates the understanding and application of strategic foresight as a useful method to use in complex and uncertain environments to develop robust business strategies. Students will be provided with a diverse range of case studies to illustrate the practicality and relevance of strategic foresight as an essential way of thinking that frames corporate strategy, decision making and strategy execution. The process of anticipating alternative possible, plausible and preferred futures is a multidimensional learning process that considers multiple interconnected domains, from global to local, from regional to organisational, from country to community.

The course will provide opportunities for students to apply frameworks that consider alternative ways of understanding business futures and the interconnectedness of business, social and environmental issues. It introduces students to systemic approaches and complexity thinking, explores how technology can be used to address systemic issues, and provide a foundation for meaningful action.

Strategic leadership 852 (GIJ 852)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on models and principles of strategic leadership in the complex contexts that require strategies of organisational change and adaptation, informed decision-making, and effective strategy execution. They will examine case studies where leaders have utilised strategic leadership principles to implement corporate strategy, with varying degrees of success.

This module builds on the concepts of personal, team and organisational leadership. The curriculum content requires students to understand the current debates in the literature and they will be introduced to traditional and current models and principles of strategic leadership and strategy execution.

Environment of business 853 (GIJ 853)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

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.

Research methodology 854 (GIJ 854)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module students will be equipped to execute their research project. The module will focus on the use of literature reviews, formulation of a research question, research design, population or setting, sampling, research methodologies, and various qualitative and quantitative methods, including surveys, questionnaires and interviewing techniques. The analysis of data and research report writing will also be covered. The research report will serve as a means for the students to deepen their insight into a specific aspect of corporate strategy that is of theoretical interest and relevant to business. The module will prepare a student to conduct research that is of both practical and intellectual value.

Mini-dissertation: Corporate strategy 860 (GIJ 860)

Module credits	81.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

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

Elective modules

Business in China 801 (GET 801)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The module covers the fundamentals of international trade between South Africa and China. The module offers a comprehensive overview of the political, economic, cultural, trade and investment environments in China, including the legal and regulatory context in which South African companies transact business with China. The module will explore China's recent initiatives to develop African infrastructure and in particular its global initiative known as One Road, One Belt (BRI).

Students will learn about China's recent developments in renewable energy, solar panels and electric vehicles, and the impact this green technology has had upon China's economy and the world.

Sustainability mindset: the new strategic leadership competency 802 (GET 802)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module introduces the students to the Sustainability Mindset as a way to help you understand, analyse and make meaning of the current complex social and environmental landscape.

Fundamentals of climate change for business: An African perspective 803 (GET 803)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective provides an introduction to climate change, the risks and opportunities it presents to business; global efforts to address climate change from an African perspective; specific disclosure and reporting requirements for JSE listed companies; how business leaders can influence climate debates in Africa; and opportunities to take action to build resilience, to mitigate and adapt to climate change in their own business, their supply chain and industry.

Developing effective ESG strategies 804 (GET 804)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
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Module content

This elective is designed to provide an overview of an ESG framework, discuss how companies reformulate corporate purpose, embrace the SDGs, ensure ESG compliance throughout value chains, integrate circular economy principles, mitigate reputational- and compliance risk, develop effective nonmarket strategies and disclose information.

This elective will provide cutting-edge research with global best practices using several case studies to create a unique, and valuable learning experience.

Township entrepreneurship 805 (GET 805)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

Companies across the globe and in South Africa have realised how critical it is to rethink the design, development, manufacturing and distribution process in order to meet the needs and price points of consumers with limited resources in low-income markets. While this market was largely serviced in the past by informal businesses that helped grow a vibrant informal economy, the big retail and food manufacturing firms have realised the critical importance of playing within this economy.

International marketing 806 (GET 806)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module will provide MBA students with skills to assess and manage inherent marketing risks in global markets, including political, economic, and legal uncertainties. This risk management expertise ensures the sustainability of international business operations. Effective cross-cultural communication is another pivotal aspect of the module, enabling students to communicate persuasively and respectfully in diverse cultural contexts, which fosters strong business and marketing relationships.

The inner circle; politics, elites and business in Africa 807 (GET 807)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

This elective will introduce a novel taxonomy of business environments across the continent. The taxonomy aligns non-market strategies to institution types. Students will be presented with a contemporary framework for analysing institutions followed by detailed case studies of four African countries with contrasting institutions.

Reputation management in times of crisis 808 (GET 808)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

This elective seeks to provide students with the knowledge, skills and mindsets to prevent and, when required, to navigate their organisations and personal brands in times of crisis. During the elective, students will learn about the theoretical principles that support the prevention and effective, ethical management of corporate crises.

Business strategies for nature and biodiversity 809 (GET 809)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 Hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective will equip students with the relevant climate and biodiversity expertise and knowledge to respond to shareholders and other stakeholders' expectations, needs and questions on these topics.

Side-hustle for sustainability 810 (GET 810)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 Hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This high-energy interactive, workshop-style elective aims to provide the students with the motivation, skills and tools they need to find and start the right sustainable 'side hustle' for themselves. The elective is suitable everyone, whether or not they have any prior entrepreneurial experience. All that is needed is some curiosity and the passion to make a difference in the world.

Behavioural economics and sustainability 811 (GET 811)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 Hours

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

The ability of organisations to maintain financial health and viability over the long-term requires financial sustainability strategies that enable firms to remain efficient and resilient. A common theme of many organisational failures, financial crises, and business leaders' puzzling investment decisions, is the tendency to sacrifice long-term interests for short-term gain. This elective aims to enhance the students' ability to develop financial sustainability strategies, grounded in behavioural economics theory, that deliver results for today and prepare for sustainable future success.

Digital product management and design 812 (GET 812)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module is tailored to equip students with the essential skills required for effective problem-solving and decision-making in the field of digital product management. The curriculum is designed to address the unique challenges of the African market and other dynamic global markets, with a strong emphasis on ethical decision-making and innovative solution design.

Technological leapfrogging and innovation in Africa 813 (GET 813)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective will explore the potential for technological leapfrogging in Africa and the challenges that need to be overcome. Students will learn about the latest trends in technology and how they can be applied to African problems. They will also learn about the importance of government policy and private sector investment in promoting technological leapfrogging.

The neuroscience of strategic leadership 814 (GET 814)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Through the perspectives of neuroscience studies, students can gain a fundamentally new understanding and appreciation of leadership. By examining the brain processes that underlie decision-making, emotional regulation, influence, social dynamics and other relevant topics, students can create valuable insights that might elevate their leadership strategies.

By the end of this elective, students will gain a profound understanding of the neurological underpinnings of leadership and the ability to apply this knowledge to enhance their leadership capabilities to navigate the complexities of the modern business world with confidence.

Making a difference: the pursuit of justice through leadership 815 (GET 815)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The elective will follow the development and application of justice in health care by examining a variety of health care leadership and management scenarios derived from case law which continue to be relevant in our changing world. We explore and discuss the leadership challenges that arose in health care after the adoption of the Constitution and the way those challenges were resolved and decided in the interest of justice.

Digital leadership and the future of work 816 (GET 816)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

In an era marked by rapid digital evolution and economic complexities, this module equips the student with a multifaceted toolkit for the future. Dive into crafting innovative strategies with a keen eye on the digital landscape and transition from traditional leadership to becoming enablers of innovation. This module will show students how to master data-driven decisions, enabling them to action value-driven outcomes while fostering a forward-thinking mindset.

This comprehensive approach improves leadership foresight, ensuring the deployment of adaptive strategies for the future work ecosystem.

Advanced pricing strategies 817 (GET 817)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 Hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This module aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of pricing strategies from both theoretical and practical perspectives.

Building capabilities for superior pricing and margin management leads to significant and sustained increases in revenue and profitability for companies.

The business of sport and entertainment 818 (GET 818)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 Hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This class examines how businesses in the sports and entertainment industry create, capture, and sustain value. Sports and entertainment business differ from more traditional product- or service-based businesses in that the value they create centres mostly around an experience that is often fleeting, delivered in the form of an event. Yet even though the events they deliver are often fleeting, such businesses can also create strong followings of enthusiastic fans and communities that may sustain and enhance their value proposition over time. Sports and entertainment business depend on a diverse array of stakeholders including players, performers, or participants, media partners, sponsors, audiences, and others. All these factors make managing a business in the sports and entertainment industry complex and challenging, but also incredibly interesting. In this class we will examine the strategies and approaches that underlie business success in the sports and entertainment industry.

Hidden in plain sight: breakthrough strategies using innovation and context 819 (GET 819)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this elective, participants will work in teams on real world businesses to learn and apply this proven and practical approach strategy development. At the top level, participants will learn how create and align the three key pillars of strategy: 1. Value proposition: the utility buyers receive from the product or service minus the price they pay for it. 2. Profit proposition: the price of the offering minus the cost of producing and distributing it. 3. People proposition: the readiness of employees to execute the new strategy with all of their energy, to the best of their abilities, and voluntarily.

Leading in digital healthcare: Strategies, innovations and transformations 820 (GET 820)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

As we embrace digital transformation, healthcare leadership must also evolve, adapting to leverage opportunities as well as align actions to global ESGs.

This module offers the student insights pertinent for healthcare management, guiding them to transition from conventional healthcare leadership to an innovation-enabling role, grasping the full scope of technology's impact on healthcare operations and delivery. With a keen focus on data, students are ensured to make impactful, value-driven decisions, nurturing a forward-looking perspective in healthcare.

Strategic stakeholder management 821 (GET 821)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective aims to equip students with crucial skills for effective stakeholder engagement, vital for navigating today's complex business environments, with a focus on promoting sustainability aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Financing climate change mitigation and adaptation 822 (GET 822)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective introduces the global climate finance architecture, which is the network of institutions that provide financing for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. The mechanisms for reducing emissions are discussed, with a view towards effecting a just transition to a net-zero economy. The barriers to private investment in climate change related initiatives, particularly in adaptation, are analysed, as well as potential means of overcoming them.

The AI driven leader 823 (GET 823)

Module credits	6.00
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NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 Hours
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Module content

The elective offers a transformative learning experience, equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills to thrive in the modern business landscape. With AI rapidly reshaping industries, this elective addresses the critical need for business leaders to harness AI's power strategically and responsibly. The elective seeks to empower students to become future-ready business leaders capable of navigating the complexities of AI integration and leading with innovation and ethical decision-making.

Gamification: create change through persuasive system design 825 (GIG 825)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Gamification is the process through which people are motivated or engaged through game-design elements. This is done to create game-like experiences in domains different to the ones in which games are normally played.

Gamification involves persuasive system design for user engagement, personal learning, organisational effectiveness, urban management, green energy usage, and social change among others.

Managerial coaching for effective strategy implementation and change leadership 826 (GIG 826)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective explores how workplace or managerial coaching can be used to improve strategy implementation, change leadership, employee performance and wellbeing and to equip managers with skills for workplace coaching.

Managing business risk: building a resilient supply chain in a turbulent world 827 (GIG 827)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This course will cover the key aspects of effective business and supply chain risk and how to build an effective risk management program to help ensure resiliency in the face of an unpredictable world.

Socio-economic development: how to work with government 828 (GIG 828)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective details how the private sector can better engage, bridging the language used in government, government priorities, and developing partnerships with government.

Sustainable supply chains with economic value 829 (GIG 829)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English



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Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective examines how to design and manage environmentally and socially responsible business operations and how to derive value and increased long term profitability through sustainable business operations. A business approach will be highlighted in terms of management of environmental risks, key environmental sustainability performance indicators and dashboards.

Mastering conversations about race in the workplace 830 (GIG 830)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective aims to create a space where students will explore racism and how it operates. They will build critical insights, competence and an ability to mobilise workplace communities. They will become more adept at using a variety of conversation approaches to foster understanding and engagement, while growing their competence as allies and anti-racist practitioners.

Analysing business contexts in Africa through contemporary novels 831 (GIG 831)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective will provide a different lens through which students can learn about the African continent, how people live and engage in different contexts and how stories are relayed through key characters.

Critical thinking 832 (GIG 832)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In a world filled with misinformation, rhetoric and other undue influences, it is vital that business leaders are able to discern the quality of the arguments and "facts" presented to them in order to develop sound ideas and thoughts concerning complex business problems. This elective will prepare students to be able to critically analyse, interpret, and synthesize information.

Entrepreneurship from the inside-out 833 (GIG 833)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective on the development of entrepreneurship from the inside-out focuses on three main elements. First, entrepreneurs are faced with a myriad of challenges, including persuading others by displaying their passion, as well as failure, making the role of personal emotion and its regulation during the entrepreneurial journey an important foundational theme. Second, we expand the role of emotion by exploring the cognitive processes of entrepreneurial action through experiential peer coaching activities. Here, students will be challenged to develop their cognitive resources such as adaptability and learning skills related to entrepreneurial action. Lastly, the behavioural dimensions are simplified into intra- and inter-personal meta-skills that individuals need to build the agility, resilience, and social networks essential for entrepreneurial sustainability and success.

Green entrepreneurial start-ups 834 (GIG 834)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The so-called Green Economy is a nexus of many environmental and social issues that derive from climate change and inequality. Protecting the environment is highly interconnected with how human beings use land for food production, the use of water, carbon emissions from food production, and food waste. These issues are critical in the African continent with poverty and inequality are prevalent.

Rwanda at the frontier of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology 835 (GIG 835)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Rwanda has a recent history of innovation, entrepreneurship and economic progress through top-down public leadership and global partnerships. The country has a brutal history and there remain political problems but it also shows what is possible. Students will visit incubation hubs, innovation-led institutions and pioneering companies in and around Kigali over 3 days to understand how to create economic change in the African context.

Building thriving teams for change 836 (GIG 836)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective explores teams as nexus of change between the individual and the organisation and provides students with key ingredients for building thriving teams that can drive and lead change initiatives in organisations.

The change makers: lessons from history for a complex world 837 (GIG 837)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.



Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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Module content

This elective will prepare our students to lead in complex contexts through the lessons from important leaders and moments in South Africa's history. The key focus will be on diverse stakeholder leadership, opportunity identification, paradigm shifts and self-management. Students will read theory on public leadership, review biographies and visit key sites. They will leave with an understanding of how to identify leadership opportunities in their own lives.

The business case for manufacturing in Africa 839 (GIG 839)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The course will cover the key economic concepts related to industrialisation such as Global Value Chains (GVCs), comparative advantage and industry competitiveness. The course will expose students to contemporary thinking around industrial policy interventions such as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) support, development finance, public procurement (related to local designation and local content requirements), industrial master plans and trade-related measures.

Wicked problems: the strategy in time for degrowth 840 (GIG 840)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Wicked problems are the complex systemic issues that decision makers are faced with every day. When dealing with these, decision makers are in systems where information is confusing, incomplete and often have to work with clients and other decision makers who have conflicting values. Often the proposed solutions are worse than the problem or are viewed as a white washing of actual issues. This elective unpacks wicked problems through a combination of frameworks, theories and discussions.

Behavioural finance 841 (GIG 841)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

Behavioural finance provides insights into how market participants and investors act inductively - each creating their own set of predictors, beliefs and hypotheses (internal models) - and respond to the current state of the market based on their currently most accurate information. This insight helps market participants to successfully navigate complex adaptive financial markets and to better understand and account for market phenomena such as the emergence of market psychology, fat-tail distribution events, asset price bubbles, financial crashes, market anomalies and random periods of high or low volatility.

Ethics and leadership in an age of corruption 842 (GIG 842)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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Module content

This elective provides a theoretical consideration of corruption and state capture, particularly in developing countries, and examines ways in which corruption in the public and private sectors has become endemic in South Africa. It looks critically at the responses of the government, civil society and the private sector to the growing incidence of corruption and state capture in South Africa, and briefly compares these efforts to similar experiences of societies in transition from autocratic regimes to democracies in the developing world. It also reflects on ethical business leadership in a broad sense.



Employee happiness and wellbeing: a strategy and responsibility 861 (GIJ 861)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Module content

This elective aims to introduce students to theory and practice of employee happiness and well-being, and its role in organizational outcomes. Specifically, providing an overview of the latest research on employee happiness and well-being, the relationship between employee happiness and well-being and organizational outcomes, and case studies on practical methods to implement employee happiness and well-being strategy.

Personal resilience 862 (GIJ 862)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective aims to introduce students to the science resilience, the process of positively adapting to adversity. Specifically, in this elective students will explore the capabilities, skills, and self-care practices that contribute to building personal resilience to meet both professional and personal challenges.

Behaviour science for business impact 863 (GIJ 863)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective develops a toolkit and interventions based on principles and experiments that have practical value for business. A distinct selection of principles and methods from diverse fields will be demonstrated and applied. These techniques are aimed at enabling behavioural shifts for business impact. Students will develop essential insights into these methods and will apply the learning by creating persuasive interventions to shift behaviour.

Crucial conversations 864 (GIJ 864)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective teaches the skills for communicating when the stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong. Students will learn the dialogue skills—as demonstrated by top performers—that empower them to talk with anyone about anything, helping reach alignment and agreement on important matters. These skills turn into behaviours that improve decision-making, commitment to action, productivity, improved relationships and enhanced accountability. As these behaviours become consistent, they empower organisations, teams, and individuals to develop high-performance cultures based on trust and respect.

Negotiation and deal-making 865 (GIJ 865)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

A 3-day workshop-styled programme covering the broad field of negotiation. This is an advanced programme aimed at negotiations of high financial value and significant consequence of error.

Integrative leadership for public private collaboration towards partnerships 866 (GIJ 866)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.



Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The module explains how to analyse and respond to different contextual dynamics by developing appropriate partnership strategies. It reflects on an organisation's contextual factors and dynamics that influence the partnership negotiation and implementation processes, paying special attention to the influence of characteristics unique to the African context.

International corporate management business simulation 868 (GIJ 868)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective will enable students to view the latest models and theories that surround doing business the global economy. This elective builds on the concepts covered in the core programme and therefore the topics chosen will be very substantive. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Corporate Purpose and the UN SDGs: Partnering to deliver shared value in Africa 869 (GIJ 869)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Strategy has become a key concept associated with organisational success or failure. Through a case method approach, this elective will provide students with a more in depth perspective of the current best practices for developing and executing strategy in the current business environment and will build on what was covered in the core curriculum. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Strategy and innovation 870 (GIJ 870)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

External factors and shifts in the political, social, technological, demographic, legal and regulatory environments all have an impact on organisations and their ability to remain relevant, competitive and to grow. These shifts are further accelerated by the “age of disruption” – which the World Economic Forum titles the Fourth Industrial Revolution This rapidly evolving external environment has resulted in a need to create more agile and competitive strategies.

Effectual intelligence for management consultants 871 (GIJ 871)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This highly practical module aims to equip the participants with various practical tools and tactics that will enable them to become an adaptive and effective management consultant.

Impact investment - catalysing capital for change 872 (GIJ 872)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.

Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The elective will introduce students to the concept of sustainable development from ethical, economic and corporate governance perspectives. The field of sustainability has grown in recent years and with more regulations being introduced across various countries the importance for managers to have understanding of this environment has grown too. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Entrepreneurial finance 873 (GIJ 873)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this elective, you will be exposed to the latest theory and models based on Entrepreneurship. On completion of this module, you will be able to analyse, evaluate and offer solutions to local or global businesses from an entrepreneurship perspective. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Entrepreneurial marketing 874 (GIJ 874)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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New venture creation 875 (GIJ 875)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Regulatory changes over the last few years have increased the pressure on the financial expertise required of senior managers and board members. This elective will look at the current regulations and requirements needed to meet the increasing demands on organisations. Students will be exposed to the latest methods to handle this technically demanding and changing environment. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Social entrepreneurship and measuring impact 876 (GIJ 876)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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Digital disruption 877 (GIJ 877)

Module credits	6.00
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NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The aim of this elective is to expose students to the current research in the field of general management at a local and international level. Students attending this elective will gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges of managing a business in the current economic environment. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Dynamic innovation 878 (GIJ 878)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Building an agile and innovative organisation has become a critical requirement to participate successfully in the current competitive landscape. In this elective students will build a working knowledge on the fundamentals requisite for an innovation culture to flourish. Through cases, company discussions and mixed media methods, students will also cover the components, structures, processes and mind-sets involved in developing a functional innovation system. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Disruptive technologies and the fourth industrial revolution 879 (GIJ 879)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The elective will focus on the contemporary emerging thoughts and theories surrounding the knowledge economy. After attending this elective, students will apply the necessary tools and frameworks to develop strategies which will assist in bridging the gap between information systems and the information managers. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Contextual leadership intelligence 880 (GIJ 880)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective is based on the principle that understanding oneself is the first step towards becoming an effective leader. Students will be exposed to current theory and practice in the field of leadership. Exercises and discussions will assist students to understand leadership at a personal level and prepare them to develop strategies for personal improvement. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

Mindful leader 881 (GIJ 881)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

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Strategic supply management 882 (GIJ 882)

Module credits	6.00
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NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The supply chain plays a vital role in the success of organisations. Supply chain management is responsible for ensuring the flow of products, information and money to ensure value is added to the end consumers and return on capital employed for the entire supply chain is improved. As the networks become more complex, with more variability and the customer's expectation of shorter lead times, there is a need to give students a more in-depth understanding of this function, viewed from a systems perspective. This means the focus has to change from make and sell what can be made (push-and -promote) to make and sell what can be sold (position-and-pull).

Africa in 2050: betting on ourselves 883 (GIJ 883)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This elective will explore the most significant challenges and opportunities that face managers working in Africa. The interplay between economics, politics and social wellbeing will be explored at a macro and micro level. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are.

Global business strategy: global economics & international business risk 884 (GIJ 884)

Module credits	6.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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Mastering strategic foresight 885 (GIJ 885)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective looks at the importance of managing stakeholders through focusing on the possible ways to minimise threats and as well as maximise opportunities. Students will be exposed to the contemporary issues that surround the factors that impact on stakeholder management as well as the factors that assist in building these relationships. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are.

Business and the media context 886 (GIJ 886)

Module credits 6.00

NQF Level 09

Prerequisites No prerequisite.

Contact time 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Gordon Institute of Business Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

This elective examines the media as a vital mechanism in connecting different segments of society through information and content generation and dissemination, facilitating interaction, and shaping public opinion and perceptions. As such, the media is understood to be the thread that connects different stakeholders, and that links them with their global environment.

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.