

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Economics (07267052)

Department Economics

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

The PhD (Economics) programme is a research degree, requiring the completion of supervised as well as independent research resulting in peer-reviewed publication. Students interested in pursuing the PhD (Economics)-degree programme are expected to have completed the equivalent of the MPhil (Economics) programme, including advanced topics courses. Students who have not completed the required courses, can still be considered for the degree, but will be required to either complete the necessary courses, as part of a bridging arrangement, or register for the MPhil in Economics.

Not all postgraduate programmes are offered every year. Please consult the relevant faculty's student administration concerning the presentation of this programme.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant master's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the master's degree

Additional requirements

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

The thesis contributes 100% towards the total requirements for the degree.

Renewal of registration

Refer to General Academic Regulations G44.

Students are expected to complete the degree within three years. Thus, significant progress must be made each year. Each student and supervisor will sign an MOU regarding expectations, and at the end of each year, student progress will be assessed by the department's postgraduate committee, which reserves the right to recommend that a student not be allowed to continue with their programme of study.

Examinations and pass requirements

The thesis should be passed in accordance with the stipulations of General Academic Regulations G50 and G54.

Research information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G50 and G54.

At least one article from the thesis must (at the very least) be submitted for publication before the degree can be awarded. Furthermore, students are expected to present their findings on a continuous basis within the department's seminar series.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Research methodology 801 (EBW 801)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	Friday and Saturday classes
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economic and Management Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

- Developing the background to a research problem, and developing a problem statement and propositions and hypotheses relevant to their study.
- Compiling a thorough literature review of the topics they intend to study.
- Approaches to research: An overview of the different approaches to research (qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods) and the philosophical approaches that underpin them (positivism, post-positivism, interpretivism, constructivism, critical theory and pragmatism).
- Different research designs in quantitative and qualitative methods, and appropriate sampling approaches for the different research designs.
- Qualitative research methodology: An overview of qualitative methods for organisational research. An overview of the different methodologies on a continuum between modernistic qualitative and post-modernistic qualitative research.
- Quantitative research methodology

Thesis 995 (EKN 995)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	Only for PhD Economics students
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis 995 (EKN 995)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	Only for PhD Economics students
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Year

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.