

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BScHons in Construction Management (12242022)

Department Construction Economics

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 125

NQF level 08

Programme information

Refer also to G16-G29.

The successful completion of the compulsory work-based component is a requirement by the professional bodies, the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP). The module CWE 700 comprises a minimum of 240 hours of temporary employment with a suitable employer in the construction industry/built environment (registered quantity surveyor, contractor, developer, property owner, etc), As proof of the practical experience the student must submit an approved logbook signed by the employer.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Science in Construction Management degree **or** equivalent three-year Bachelor of Science degree at NQF level 7 (or NQF level 6 for qualifications obtained before 2009) from an accredited institution.

Note: An equivalent qualification is regarded as one that the South African Council for the Construction and Project Management Professions regards as acceptable for registration as a candidate construction manager or candidate project manager and for eventual registration as a professional construction manager or professional project manager

Additional requirements

Selection is based on an applicant's academic record and experience. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and/or write an entrance examination.

Examinations and pass requirements

A minimum semester/year mark of 40% is required in order to be admitted to the examination in a specific module. In addition, all other examination admission requirements, applicable to the relevant module, must have been met. To pass a module a final mark of 50% is required.

Supplementary examinations

No supplementary examinations are granted at postgraduate level.

Special examinations

No special examinations are granted at postgraduate level.

The degree is awarded when all prescribed modules have been passed.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction if students registered for the degree for the first time, complete the degree within the minimum prescribed time and pass all modules with a weighted average of 75% (not rounded).

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 125

Core modules

Practical work experience 700 (CWE 700)

Module credits	1.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This is a compulsory 240-hour work experience module that requires the submission of a signed logbook to record and confirm the hours worked in the construction industry.

Feasibility studies 710 (EUS 710)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Overview of factors affecting the feasibility of proposed property developments, including a brief introduction to town planning, valuation, financing, marketing and investment principles.

Feasibility studies 720 (EUS 720)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

Financial viability studies of different types of property developments; value management and life-cycle costing.

Construction finance 713 (FMT 713)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Construction project budgeting, estimating, analysing and interpreting cash flow schedules, financial statements and construction financial management planning.

Construction management 710 (KBS 710)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Operational management techniques, productivity, work study and effect on price determination. Construction programming techniques, including CCS.

Construction management 720 (KBS 720)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

Human resource management as tool to achieve objectives. An approved certificate in first aid has to be submitted before this module will be awarded.

Research report 785 (KBS 785)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Quarter 2, 3 and 4

Module content

An essay on a subject approved by the Head of Department has to be completed during the final year of study.

Construction entrepreneurship 720 (KEN 720)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Entrepreneurship, strategic management, business ethics, effective business management. Attention is paid to the built environment practitioner in this context.

Construction contract law 740 (KKR 740)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Module content

Application and terms of CIDB endorsed standard construction contracts such as GCC, NEC and FIDIC; case studies. Alternative dispute resolution: mediation, adjudication and arbitration; litigation - an overview; law of delict; negligence and damage to property.

Construction project management 730 (KPB 730)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Fundamentals to project management in the building and property industry. Key processes, knowledge areas and techniques are covered.

Construction quantities 700 (KSH 700)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Construction Economics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Preliminaries and pricing thereof, different types of bills of quantities, tender documentation, economical designs, building cost estimates, analysis of building costs, calculation of professional fees. Project and Construction Management Professions Act; Council for the Built Environment Act (CBE Act); Construction Industry Development Board Act (CIDB Act). Geotechnical and civil engineering works.

Research methodology 710 (NNM 710)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Construction Economics
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Period of presentation	Quarter 1
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Module content

Introduction to scientific research. Planning and preparation of a research proposal with implementation of research methodologies.

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.