

2.8 Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies

Admission requirements

- An appropriate, recognised and valid bachelor's degree from a university or university of technology.
- A minimum of two years' experience in the field of strategic management or long-term planning.
- Complete the SHL assessment battery (Numeric, Verbal and Logical Reasoning) aligned with predefined programme requirements.

Further requirements

In addition to the requirements above, you must:

- Submit a comprehensive CV indicating all of your work experience.
- Submit one entrance essay. The entrance essay of between 400-500 words should focus on the prospective student's personal and external development. The essay provides insights concerning the student's motivation to study and provides evidence of writing ability.

Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity, availability of the School's resources as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources may fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ from year to year.

Should the applicants that meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of USB, a selection process is applied by a selection committee. The criteria that are applied by the committee, include multiple components supporting the USB's drive for inclusivity and upholding our global standard for learning. The USB selection committee considers work experience, qualifications, assessment results, writing ability and motivation for further development when choosing suitable candidates. These criteria are used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applications.

Application procedure and closing date

Contact the University of Stellenbosch Business School directly at the details below under "Enquiries" to find out about the application process and closing date.

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: One or two years for both the hybrid-learning option and the full-contact option.

Starting date: January.

Further study possibilities

The Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies prepares you for the MPhil (Futures Studies) and makes it possible for you to comply with the admission requirements of the MPhil programme.

Enquiries

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Programme structure

This programme is presented at the Bellville Park campus and online in full-contact or hybrid mode.

The **full-contact mode** is delivered in four one-week blocks on campus in-person over one or two years. Detailed schedules are available on the USB website.

In the **hybrid mode** you have the option to attend compulsory classes either synchronously online or on campus in person. Detailed schedules are available on the USB website.

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn a total of 120 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
51330	779	120	Futures Studies	Both

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11319	714	15	Applied Philosophy	Both
14386	714	15	Futures Studies in Practice	Both
11321	714	15	Measuring and Making the Future	Both
11317	714	15	Principles of Futures Studies	Both
14383	714	15	Responsible Leadership	Both
14385	714	15	Thinking Frameworks	Both
11322	714	15	Understanding the World	Both

Elective modules – select one

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14388	714	15	Managing Risk and Uncertainty	Both
13888	715	15	Organisational Behaviour	Both

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