

## 3.1.7 BComHons (Industrial Psychology)

### Admission requirements

One of the following:

- A BCom (Industrial Psychology) or an equivalent bachelor's degree that leads to statutory registration as Psychometrist (Independent Practice) and industrial psychologist; *or*
- A BA degree with Psychology and Industrial Psychology up to third-year level, with an average of 65% for Industrial Psychology 314, 324 and 348; *or*
- A BCom qualification with Industrial Psychology and modules from Business Management on a third-year level, with an average of 65% for Industrial Psychology 314, 324 and 348.

### Recommendations for admission

The following Business Management modules as elective at second-year level are recommended:

- Financial Management 214 and Investment Management 254,
- Marketing Management 214 and 244, *or*
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management 214 and 244.

Recommended elective modules at the third-year level:

- Financial Management 314, 332, 352 and 354,
- Marketing Management 314, 324, 344 and 354, *or*
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management 318 and 348.

### Further requirements

In addition to the requirements above, the following applies:

- If you have a bachelor's degree without Industrial Psychology as major, you must first pass all the required undergraduate Industrial Psychology modules as an occasional student before you can be considered for selection. If you passed comparable modules elsewhere, you must obtain exemption from the required modules. The required Industrial Psychology modules are:
  - 114 and 144
  - 214, 224, 252 and 262
  - 314, 324 and 348
- If you are selected, you must do compulsory job shadowing in an approved organisation for five working days before classes start. You must write a draft report about this work experience (in English) before the programme starts. See the departmental website for further information: [www.sun.ac.za/industrial\\_psychology](http://www.sun.ac.za/industrial_psychology).

## Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the Department, 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.

Selection decisions are made by a selection committee that considers the following:

- Selection is primarily based on academic performance.
- Over and above admission requirements, a minimum mark of 60% for third year Industrial Psychology or Human Resource Management modules are considered.
- Academic records are reviewed holistically (e.g., marks, study duration, modules repeated).

## Application procedure and closing date

Apply at [www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies](http://www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies). South African students must apply by **30 September** of the year before their intended studies and international students by **01 September**.

## Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

**Duration:** One year, full-time.

**Starting date:** The first meeting is one week before the classes for undergraduate students start.

## Programme's mode of delivery

Full-contact learning (face-to-face).

## Assessment

### Recognition period of modules

You must pass each required module. If you do not obtain a pass mark for a specific module, you can repeat the module only once.

Honours modules are recognised for graduation purposes for five years. After five years, recognition expires unless you obtain written permission from the departmental chairperson for extension before the time.

## Registration as Psychometrist (Independent Practice)

The requirements of the Professional Board for Psychology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) determine that a person will be eligible for statutory registration as a Psychometrist (Independent Practice) after they have:

- completed the BCom (Industrial Psychology) degree,
- completed the BComHons (Industrial Psychology) degree,
- completed the approved BPsych equivalence programme, *and*
- successfully written a professional board examination set by the Psychometric Committee of the Professional Board for Psychology of the HPCSA.

Get more detailed information on registration as a psychometrist from the website of the HPCSA: [www.hpcsa.co.za](http://www.hpcsa.co.za). Also visit their website for more detailed information on the prerequisites for statutory registration as an industrial psychologist.

## Enquiries and programme leader

### Enquiries

*Please direct your queries to:*

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### Programme leader

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Department of Industrial Psychology

## Programme structure

The programme consists of nine compulsory modules, one of which is a research assignment.

## Programme contents

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

**All modules are compulsory.**

| Code  | Module | Credits | Module Name  | Semester |
|-------|--------|---------|--|----------|
| 10744 | 771    | 12      | Applied Psychological and Performance Assessment and Professional Ethics | 1        |
| 10387 | 772    | 12      | Labour Relations and Legislation   | 2        |
| 10403 | 774    | 12      | Occupational and Career Psychology                                       | 1        |
| 12942 | 775    | 12      | Organisational Psychology: Contemporary Challenges                       | Both     |
| 10665 | 776    | 12      | Psychometrics: Measurement Theory, Test Construction and Decision-making | 2        |
| 11344 | 773    | 30      | Research Assignment: Industrial Psychology                               | Both     |
| 51764 | 776    | 12      | Research Methodology   | Both     |
| 11915 | 785    | 12      | Strategic Human Resources Management I                                   | 1        |
| 11917 | 786    | 6       | Strategic Human Resources Management II                                  | 2        |

# Postgraduate Programmes

## 1. General information for all postgraduate programmes

The information in this section applies to most of the postgraduate programmes and is not repeated for each programme, so please read it through carefully. Exceptions and deviations are, however, indicated at the individual programmes.

### 1.1 Postgraduate programmes in the Faculty

The table below lists the postgraduate programmes up to master's level by the department, school or centre where they are offered. The campus or facility is indicated in italics where necessary. All departments, schools and centres also offer a PhD programme. For more on the PhD, see the doctoral section at the end of this chapter.

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| <b>Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management</b>   |
| PGDip (HIV/Aids Management)  |
| MPhil (HIV/Aids Management)  |
| <b>Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST)</b>   |
| PGDip (Sustainable Development)  |
| MPhil (Sustainable Development)  |
| <b>Department of Business Management</b>   |
| PGDip (Marketing)  |
| BComHons (Business Management)   |
| MCom (Business Management)   |
| <b>Department of Economics</b>   |
| BComHons (Economics)   |
| BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science] |
| MCom (Economics)   |
| <b>Department of Industrial Psychology</b>   |
| PGDip (Strategic Human Resource Management)  |
| BComHons (Human Resource Management)   |
| BComHons (Industrial Psychology)   |
| MCom (Human Resource Management)   |
| MCom (Industrial Psychology)   |
| <b>Department of Logistics</b>   |
| PGDip (Transport and Logistics)  |
| BComHons (Logistics Management)  |
| BComHons (Operations Research)   |
| BComHons (Transport Economics)   |
| MCom (Logistics Management)  |
| MCom (Operations Research)   |
| MCom (Transport Economics)   |
| <b>Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science</b>  |
| PGDip (Actuarial Science)  |
| BComHons (Actuarial Science)   |
| BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Economics]                        |
| BComHons (Financial Risk Management)   |
| BComHons (Mathematical Statistics)   |
| BComHons (Statistics)  |
| MCom (Actuarial Science)   |
| MCom (Financial Risk Management)   |
| MCom (Mathematical Statistics)   |
| MCom (Statistics)  |

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| <b>School of Accountancy</b>                                    |
| PGDip (Accounting)  |
| BComHons (Management Accounting)                                |
| BAccHons  |
| MCom (Computer Auditing)  |
| MCom (Financial Accounting)                                     |
| MCom (Management Accounting)                                    |
| MCom (Taxation)   |
| MAcc (Auditing)   |
| MAcc (Financial Accounting)                                     |
| MAcc (Taxation)   |
| <b>School of Public Leadership (SPL), <i>Bellville Park</i></b> |
| PGDip (Environmental Management)<br><i>Stellenbosch</i>         |
| PGDip (Public Finance Management)                               |
| BComHons (Public and Development Management)                    |
| BPubAdminHons   |
| MCom (Public and Development Management)                        |
| M (Public Administration)                                       |
| MPhil (Environmental Management)<br><i>Stellenbosch</i>         |
| <b>Stellenbosch Business School, <i>Bellville Park</i></b>      |
| PGDip (Business Management and Administration)                  |
| PGDip (Development Finance)                                     |
| PGDip (Financial Planning)                                      |
| PGDip (Futures Studies)   |
| PGDip (Leadership Development)                                  |
| PGDip (Project Management)                                      |
| MPhil (Development Finance)                                     |
| MPhil (Futures Studies)   |
| MPhil (Management Coaching)                                     |
| MBA   |

## 1.2 Undergraduate module requirements for postgraduate programmes

In Appendix D to this Yearbook part, you will find a table showing the minimum module requirements for admission to certain postgraduate programmes. Review this table to determine whether you meet the requirements for the postgraduate programme you wish to follow.

## 1.3 Selection

Every postgraduate programme in the Faculty is potentially a selection programme since the capacity of the relevant department determines the number of students that can be accommodated in each programme. This means that selection happens when more candidates apply than the department can accommodate in a specific programme. There are, however, also programmes where selection always happens, regardless of how many candidates apply. Departments may choose to list specific requirements and criteria at the relevant programme entries below or on their website or in the programme brochure.

## 1.4 Postgraduate assessment and examination

- Assessment is determined at modular level; therefore, consult the relevant module framework for more information.
- For the Faculty postgraduate assessment rules, you can consult the Faculty website at [www.sun.ac.za/ems](http://www.sun.ac.za/ems) and look under "Current students" and then "General information" to find the link "EMS Postgraduate Assessment Rules".
- For more information and the general rules on assessment, see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook, under "Assessments and Promotions".

- For the general specifications for assignments, theses, and dissertations, consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.
- For specific information relating to the assignment, thesis or dissertation for an individual programme, consult the programme administrator or leader or relevant programme documentation.

## **1.5 Pass requirements for postgraduate programmes**

The pass mark for postgraduate programmes is 50% and to pass with distinction you need 75%. More detailed information on pass requirements for individual programmes is available from the relevant programme administrator or leader.

## **1.6 Different campuses and facilities**

Some postgraduate programmes are presented by the Stellenbosch Business School or the School for Public Leadership, both of which are on the Bellville Park campus of the University. The School of Public Leadership also presents classes at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch. The place where a particular diploma programme will be presented, if not Stellenbosch campus, is indicated below for each individual Programme under "Programme structure".

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