

Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Selection guidelines for new student intake: 2021

This six-page document contains a comprehensive discussion of the selection guidelines for the new student intake of 2021 by the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS). It is preceded by the following summary:

Summary

1. Applications close on **30 June 2020**. Please ensure that all supporting documents have been submitted/uploaded by this date. Apply electronically at www.maties.com.
2. Your final Grade 11 or Grade 12 average (excluding Life Orientation) is your selection mark.
3. For the 2021 intake, all students who meet the minimum requirements of a programme (based on their Grade 11 marks or, if available, Grade 12 marks) will receive immediate provisional acceptance. See Table 1 (on pages 4 and 5) for exceptions, i.e. the programmes where formal selection will occur.
4. We shall consider your first, second and third choices for immediate provisional acceptance.
5. The National Benchmark Tests (NBT) results may be used as admission criteria or for calculating your selection mark under special conditions.
6. Results of the Independent Examination Board (IEB) and those of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) are treated the same. For other non-NSC results (i.e. Cambridge or other foreign schooling systems), please consult the Stellenbosch University International webpage [www.sun.ac.za/international] for further details.

TERMINOLOGY

- **Provisional acceptance:** When students receive provisional acceptance based on their Grade 11 results, it means that they have been accepted by the faculty on condition that they also meet the requirements in their Grade 12 year.
- **New student intake:** Students who register at Stellenbosch University for the first time.
- **Enrolment:** Number of students who register within a given period.
- **Enrolment targets:** The faculty's number of students is limited in accordance with its available capacity and resources. Targets are set to limit enrolment numbers and to ensure all resources are used effectively.
- **Selection programmes:** Students are selected for programmes by the departments offering these programmes. Not all students who meet the minimum requirements will necessarily be selected.
- **Mainstream:** Faculty's regular 3-year degree programmes.
- **Extended Degree Programme (EDP):** The curriculum of the 3-year BCom Management Sciences programme is offered over four years and includes additional support modules.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Students can apply electronically at www.maties.com.
- All applications close on **30 June**. By this date, students' full and final application together with **all** supporting documentation should have been submitted.
- **Applications** that have been received after **30 June** will **not** be accepted.
- Incomplete applications submitted by 30 June will not be considered.
- Applicants may indicate three programme choices. Should an applicant apply for more than one EMS programme, these programmes will be considered in order of the applicant's preference.
- Should an applicant's first preference be a programme in another faculty (e.g. BEng), and that programme is an official selection programme in the relevant faculty, EMS will consider the applicant's second programme choice (e.g. BAcc) for provisional acceptance. Once the other faculty accepts the applicant for his/her first choice, the provisional acceptance by EMS will be cancelled, e.g. should you be accepted for BEng, your application for BAcc will be cancelled.

Selection and admission principles

The following three principles are used for selection and provisional selection: academic merit, maximum enrolment targets (which cannot be exceeded), and diversity targets. In the case of some programmes (e.g. the extended degree programme), additional socio-economic factors are considered.

The total number of new first-year students is managed at faculty level. In addition, the following programmes have maximum enrolment targets: BAccLLB, BCom (Law), BCom (International Business) and BCom (Management Sciences) (EDP).

The selection of students is based on prospective students' final Grade 11 marks, or their Grade 12 marks (if available). Prospective students should meet the minimum requirements of the programmes they apply for. For requirements, please refer to the Calendar (Part 10). As the requirements are updated regularly, prospective applicants should consult the EMS website (www.sun.ac.za/ems) frequently for the latest information.

Not all students who meet the minimum requirements will necessarily be selected. A prospective student who meets the minimum entry requirements might not be admitted because of his/her inadequate selection mark. The process governing selection marks, selection and admission of applicants who have followed the curriculum of the Independent Examination Board (IEB), is exactly the same as for National Senior Certificate applicants.

The selection mark (SM) is your Grade 11 aggregate (excluding Life Orientation). When students take more than 6 school subjects, the 6 highest marks are used for the aggregate on condition that Mathematics and English or Afrikaans are included in the 6 subjects. In the case of students with fewer than 6 university admission subjects, the selection mark will be the aggregate of at least 4 subjects, on condition that Mathematics and English or Afrikaans are included in the 4 subjects.

The National Benchmark Tests (NBT) results are not used as admission criteria or for calculating your selection mark if you write the Grade 12 exams of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) or the Independent Examinations Board (IEB), but may be used if you come from a different

schooling system. The National Benchmark Tests (NBT) results may be used to make placement decisions in specific programmes (e.g. the extended degree programme).

All first-year applicants who adhere to one or more of the following criteria must write all the available NBT's:

- Applicants with an average application mark (Grade 11 or 12) of between 60% and 69% (excluding Life Orientation); and/or
- Applicants with a Mathematics mark of between 50% and 59%; and/or
- Applicants who apply for programmes with a Law focus, i.e. BCom (Law) and BAccLLB (as your NBT results form part of the admission requirements in these programmes); and/or
- Applicants who have been home-schooled.

Selection process

For immediate provisional acceptance, prospective students should meet the following requirements:

- The prospective student should have the required selection mark for the programme, and
- Should meet the minimum requirements of the programme he/she has applied for.

Students who meet both the requirements as listed above, are regarded as merit students and will not be subjected to further selection. SU will send them confirmation of their provisional acceptance after approximately two weeks.

The following groups of applicants will NOT be granted immediate provisional acceptance:

- Prospective students with a selection mark lower than the specified mark in Table 1; International students (from non-South African schools).

The applications of these applicants will be waitlisted until the end of June, when the first selection phase will commence. The entire process will be completed by the end of September at the latest.

The selection mark

The selection mark is calculated as follows:

- Your final Grade 11 average (excluding Life Orientation) is calculated, or your final Grade 12 average (if available). This average is your selection mark.
- If you have **more than six** university admission subjects:
 - the *six highest marks* are used for the average, and
 - *Mathematics* and either *English or Afrikaans* must be among the six subjects.
- If you have **fewer than six** university admission subjects:
 - *at least four* subjects are used for the average, and
 - *Mathematics* and either *English or Afrikaans* must be among the four subjects.

See the table below for the required selection mark per programme.

Programme	Selection mark for immediate provisional acceptance
BCom BCom (Management Sciences) BCom (Economic Sciences) BCom (Industrial Psychology)	65
BCom (Mathematical Sciences)	70
BCom (Actuarial Sciences)	85 Applicants with a selection mark < 85 (based on Grade 11 or NSC Grade 12 results) will be selected based on academic merit, given the number of available places.
BCom (Financial Accounting) BCom (Management Accounting)	65
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BCom (Management Sciences) Extended Degree Programme (EDP)	Selection process based on academic merit and socio-economic status.
BCom (International Business)	Selection process based on academic merit and number of available places.
BAccLLB	Selection process done by Faculty of Law.
BCom (Law)	Selection process done by Faculty of Law.
Diploma in Public Accountability*	Selection process done internally by School of Public Leadership.
Diploma in Sustainable Development*	Selection process done internally by School of Public Leadership.

Table 1: Selection mark for immediate provisional admission and minimum requirement per programme

*** The Faculty will notify students by no later than the end of September whether or not they have been selected.**

BCom (Management Sciences) Extended Degree Programme (EDP)

Overall NSC average of at least 60%, excluding Life Orientation

Mathematics 50%

Minimum EMS language admission requirement*

Preference is given to candidates from disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances who meet the minimum admission requirements of the EDP, and admission is subject to the availability of places.

Selection for the extended degree programme

You will be considered for the BCom (Management Science) (EDP) programme if you meet the admission requirements for the EDP. Preference is given to candidates that comply with the socio-economic status (SES) requirements of the University's admissions policy and the SES level determined by the faculty. The University determines all applicants' SES scores and admission is subject to the availability of places.

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DISCLAIMER: Please note: Even if a prospective student meets the minimum requirements of a programme, the request may be declined due to oversubscription.