

3.1.3 BComHons (Economics)

Admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree (NQF level 7) with an average mark of at least 60% for a final year major in Economics (equivalent to content and focus of Stellenbosch University's Economics 318 and 348 modules).
- At least 60% as your achievement mark in the intensive Mathematics course that precedes the formal programme.
- A Mathematics mark in the National Senior Certificate (Grade 12) of at least 60% or you must have passed a university-accredited mathematics module approved by the Department of Economics.

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.

Should the applicants who meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of the Department, the criteria of the admission requirements will be used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies. For South African applicants, the closing date is **31 October** of the year before your intended studies, and for international applicants, it is **30 September**.

Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

Duration: One year, full-time. You must complete the programme within three years. If you do not, you will have to repeat the compulsory modules.

Starting date: You must complete a three-week intensive Mathematics course before the formal programme. This intensive course starts early January.

Programme's mode of delivery

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

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Programme leader

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Department of Economics

Programme structure

This programme consists of compulsory modules and a free choice of elective modules from those listed in the relevant tables below.

You may select the Financial Economics focal area. This focus area consists mostly of compulsory modules, but you may also choose one module from the list of recommended elective modules, or from the list of general elective modules in the broad programme, which appears above.

This programme requires full-time class attendance.

Programme content

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

A maximum of 20 credits may be obtained from a related field of study that has been approved by the Department of Economics.

Please note: The semester in which the modules are presented may change at short notice from year to year.

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
10541	771	12	Introductory Econometrics	1
10595	771	12	Macroeconomics	2
10760	771	14	Mathematical Methods for Economics	1
10605	771	12	Microeconomics	1
11216	771	30	Research Assignment: Economics	Both

Elective modules

Choose at least four elective modules. Not all the modules are necessarily presented every year.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
10742	771	10	Applied Macroeconomics I	1 or 2
10743	772	10	Applied Macroeconomics II	1 or 2
10745	771	10	Applied Microeconomics I	1 or 2
10746	771	10	Applied Microeconomics II	1 or 2
14377	771	10	Behavioural Economics [†]	2
52000	771	14	Capita Selecta: Economics	1 or 2
10635	771	10	Development Economics	1
10436	771	10	Economic History	1
10432	771	10	Economics of Education I	2
14933	712	10	Economics of Exclusion *	1
10434	771	10	Economics of Technological Change*	2
59617	771	10	Environmental Economics*	1
12228	771	10	Financial Economics	2
13469	771	10	Health Economics*	2
11263	771	10	Industrial Organisation	2
64041	771	10	Institutional Economics*	1
10554	771	10	International Finance	2
10555	771	10	International Trade Theory and Policy	2
51861	771	10	Labour Economics*	2
64033	771	10	Monetary Economics	2
11143	771	10	Public Economics	1

* As a rule, these modules are only presented every second year. You must contact the Department of Economics to find out which modules will be presented in a specific year.

[†] Please note that only ten (10) students from all Honours programmes in the Department of Economics will be admitted to Behavioural Economics 771. Students in this programme will be selected based on their average marks for the Mathematical Methods for Economics 771 and Microeconomics 771 modules.

Please note:

If you failed the module Economics of Discrimination 771 in 2024 or before, you must register for Economics of Exclusion 712. Either Economics of Discrimination 771 or Economics of Exclusion 712 will count for graduation purposes.

3.1.3.1 Focal area: Financial Economics

Compulsory modules (110 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
12228	771	10	Financial Economics	2
10554	771	10	International Finance	2
10541	771	12	Introductory Econometrics	1
10760	771	14	Mathematical Methods for Economics	1
10595	771	12	Macroeconomics	2
10605	771	12	Microeconomics	1
64033	771	10	Monetary Economics	2
11216	771	30	Research Assignment: Economics	Both

Recommended♦ elective modules (minimum of 10 credits, maximum of 18 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14377	771	10	Behavioural Economics†	2
11141	711	18	Financial Derivative Instruments <i>or</i>	1
11144	745	18	Portfolio Management	2
11263	771	10	Industrial Organisation	2
11143	771	10	Public Economics	1

♦ You may also choose credits from other electives in the programme.

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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.

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

School of Accountancy
PGDip (Accounting)
BComHons (Management Accounting)
BAccHons
MCom (Computer Auditing)
MCom (Financial Accounting)
MCom (Management Accounting)
MCom (Taxation)
MAcc (Auditing)
MAcc (Financial Accounting)
MAcc (Taxation)
School of Public Leadership (SPL), <i>Bellville Park</i>
PGDip (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
PGDip (Public Finance Management)
BComHons (Public and Development Management)
BPubAdminHons
MCom (Public and Development Management)
M (Public Administration)
MPhil (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
Stellenbosch Business School, <i>Bellville Park</i>
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 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".

Disclaimer:

The content above comes from the 2025 Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section ***2. General provisions for postgraduate programmes.***