

4.2 M (Public Administration)

Admission requirements

- BHons in Public Administration with an average of at least 60%, or
- A PGDip, in the same Classification of Educational Subject Matter (CESM) category, with an average of at least 60%.

Further requirements

You must submit either an honours degree research report or a research proposal as part of your application. You must complete your research proposal and orally defend it to an academic panel. The proposal must be accepted in order for you to continue with the programme.

Selection

The total number of students admitted per year depends on the joint available space in the MCom (Public and Development Management), MA (Public and Development Management) and M (Public Administration) programmes as well as available supervision capacity in the School of Public Leadership.

The academic quality of the research proposal or research report will be assessed in terms of the demonstrated academic research and writing ability, familiarity with contemporary literature in the field, relevance of the research objectives, design and methods and the potential academic merit of the study.

Application procedure and closing date

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

Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

Duration: One year, full-time; two years, part-time; with face-to-face block sessions on campus and interactive online sessions for the Coursework and Thesis option.

Starting date: Normally late January or early February.

Programme's mode of delivery

Hybrid learning.

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Programme leader

Prof Babette Rabie

School of Public Leadership

Programme structure

There are two options in the programme:

- **Coursework and Thesis option:**

For this option, you must follow three 30-credit elective modules and an appropriate, advanced course in research methodology and academic writing skills. In addition, you must complete a 90-credit thesis with guidance from an academic study leader.

The coursework component is presented by means of block sessions and interactive online sessions:

- Block sessions entail that you must attend lectures in blocks of one to two weeks at a time in January and in May at the Bellville Park campus. Further writing workshops may also be scheduled during the course of the year to give you time for dedicated writing.
- For the interactive online presentations, you must attend at least two full days in the first semester and two full days in the second semester via an applicable interactive e-learning

platform. You must also independently watch the provided video recordings and engage with study material.

- For the remaining time, you will study at home and do assignments that must be submitted electronically.
- Exams are written in Bellville or in Tshwane.
- **Full Thesis option:**
This is the full research option. You must complete a course in appropriate advanced research methodology and academic writing (if you have not successfully completed such a course before) and a full thesis of 180 credits under guidance of an academic study leader.

Programme content

You must earn a total of at least 180 credits for one of the options in this programme.

The modules for each option are listed below.

Compulsory module for the Coursework and Thesis option (90 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11242	861	90	Thesis: Public and Development Management	Both

Elective modules for the Coursework and Thesis option (90 credits)

- Choose three of the following modules.
- Please note that a minimum of ten students is required before a module can be presented.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11269	871	30	Advanced Programme and Project Management	Both
11270	871	30	Anti-corruption Studies	Both
58874	864	30	Capita Selecta A: Sector specialisation as requested by students	Both
58874	861	30	Capita Selecta B: Sector specialisation as requested by students	Both
11271	871	30	Comparative and Contemporary Public Management Innovation Studies	Both
60496	861	30	Integrated Community-based Development	Both
60518	861	30	Integrated Public Management	Both
60526	861	30	Integrated Public Policy Management and Analysis	Both
11272	871	30	Monitoring and Evaluation	Both
66370	861	30	Municipal Management and Development	Both
60488	861	30	Public Management Law	Both

Compulsory module for the Full Thesis option (180 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11242	828	180	Thesis: Public and Development Management	Both

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.***