

4.4.1 MPhil (Development Finance)

Admission requirements

One of the following:

- An appropriate honours degree (the first postgraduate degree after a bachelor's degree) or a four-year in-depth bachelor's degree with content focussed on business, finance, economics, accounting or commerce;
or
- A three-year bachelor's degree and a postgraduate diploma (120 SAQA credits) from a university or a university of technology with content focussed on business, finance, economics, accounting or commerce;
or
- A postgraduate degree in any discipline and appropriate experience in the area of development economics and/or finance.

Please note:

- The bachelor's or honours degree must be on a level that is equivalent to the South African qualification.
- Local and foreign academic qualifications must include a module in research methodology and an individual research paper.

Further requirements

You must have access to a computer and stable internet connection for online learning.

Selection

The number of students selected can be influenced by, for example, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the School, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources can fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ from year to year.

Should the number of applicants that meet the admission requirements exceed the available capacity of the School, the criteria in 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

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

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: Two years.

Starting date: February/March.

Programme's mode of delivery

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

Hybrid learning.

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Stellenbosch Business School

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Programme leader

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Stellenbosch Business School

Programme structure

This programme is presented at the Bellville Park campus and online in a full-contact and a hybrid learning format.

The **full-contact mode** is delivered over two years, during which you attend three face-to-face contact blocks of two weeks each and complete a research assignment. Two of the on-campus blocks of classes are offered in the first year. These generally take place in March and September. The third block is offered in February of the second year.

The **hybrid learning** mode comprises both compulsory on-campus block contact sessions and synchronous online classes. Detailed schedules are available on the Stellenbosch Business School website. The block in February of the second year is only offered on campus.

Programme content

You must earn a total of at least 180 credits for this programme.

You must earn 150 credits for the compulsory modules, and 30 credits for your elective modules.

Compulsory modules (150 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
12925	861	15	Economic Development Perspectives in Africa	Both
47872	861	15	Entrepreneurship	Both
14482	861	15	Financial Technologies and Innovative Finance	Both
10392	861	15	Issues in Banking and Finance	Both
62189	861	15	Project Finance	Both
11047	861	60	Research Assignment: Development Finance	Both
14263	861	15	Small Business Finance	Both

Elective modules (30 credits)

Choose three elective modules from the list below. If you choose the Capita Selecta option of 20 credits, you only need to choose one further elective.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13920	863	10	Agricultural Policy and Finance	Both
12930	863	10	Business Forecasting and Econometric Analysis	Both
13921	863	20	Capita Selecta: Development Finance	Both
65668	863	10	Corporate Finance	Both
12928	863	10	Development Project Management	Both
13916	863	10	Economic Diplomacy	Both
62200	863	10	Environmental Finance	Both
12966	861	10	Financial Sector Regulation and Development	Both
13917	863	10	Food Security in Africa	Both
12927	863	10	Governance and Ethics	Both
11348	863	10	Human Resource Issues in Development Finance	Both
62219	863	10	Infrastructure Finance	Both
11300	863	10	Investment Promotion	Both
14484	861	10	Public Policy and Finance	Both
62197	863	10	Small-scale Enterprise Development	Both
13918	863	10	Structured Finance	Both
14485	863	10	Sustainable Finance	Both
14483	863	10	Trade Policy and Finance	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.***