

## 4.5 Master of Business Management and Administration (MBA)

### Admission requirements

- An appropriate four-year bachelor's degree (NQF level 8) and at least three years' relevant full-time working experience;  
*or*
- An honours degree (NQF level 8), plus three years' relevant full-time working experience;  
*or*
- An appropriate three-year bachelor's degree (NQF level 7) and a postgraduate diploma (NQF level 8), plus at least three years' relevant working experience.

#### *Please note:*

- Your working experience should preferably be on managerial level.
- The Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management and Administration can help you to qualify for admission to the MBA.

### Further requirements

In addition to the requirements above, you must also:

- obtain satisfactory results in the SHL or GMAT selection tests.
- submit a comprehensive CV.
- submit two essays, showing your level of motivation and working experience.
- 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, 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, a selection process is applied by a selection committee. The criteria that are applied by the committee include multiple components supporting the Stellenbosch Business School's drive for inclusivity and upholding our global standard for learning. The Stellenbosch Business School selection committee considers work experience, qualifications, assessment results, writing ability and motivation for further development when choosing suitable candidates. These criteria are used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants.

Even though it is not a requirement, your marks in Mathematics and other related subjects at NSC (Grade 12) level will be an important indicator of whether or not you will be able to complete this programme successfully. This mark will be considered alongside your selection test results, your CV and your prior qualifications to determine your selection.

Selection takes place every year, starting in July. You will also be expected to have a selection interview with a representative from the Stellenbosch Business School.

### Application procedure and closing date

The application process is the same for South African and international students: Go to [www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za](http://www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za) and complete the online MBA application form. You will be able to complete the form in steps without losing information.

It is advisable to complete the application form as soon as possible in order to register for the programme. The closing date for international and South African applications is **15 November**.

### Duration of programme and starting date

**Duration:** Two years.

**Starting date:** January.

### Programme's mode of delivery

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

Hybrid learning.

## Assessment

### Deadline for submitting the research assignment

The submission date for the research assignment is **1 December**. No extension will be granted. If you fail to submit by 1 December, but do submit by the supplementary date of 15 January, a maximum mark of 50% can be awarded. If you fail to submit the research assignment by 15 January, you will have to re-register for the module.

## Provisions relating to the continuation and termination of studies

### Full-contact and hybrid-learning students

If, towards the end of the first academic year, you have completed the compulsory syllabus and still have more than 35% of your credits for the core modules in arrears, you will not be allowed to continue with the MBA programme.

### All groups

You have the minimum period plus one grace year to complete the MBA programme. If you have already used the additional grace year and you still have credits in arrears, it could mean that you will not be allowed to continue with the programme.

## Enquiries and programme leader

### Enquiries

*Please direct your queries to:*

Stellenbosch Business School Admissions Office

Stellenbosch Business School

E-mail: [academicadminbpc@sun.ac.za](mailto:academicadminbpc@sun.ac.za)

Website: [www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za](http://www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za)

### Programme leader

Ms Tasneem Motala

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 format** comprises nine one-week blocks (with classes from Monday to Saturday) on campus over two years.

The **hybrid learning format** comprises both compulsory on-campus blocks and synchronous (in real-time) online classes. Detailed schedules are available on the Stellenbosch Business School website.

### Focal areas

Stellenbosch Business School has three MBA focal areas over and above the current general MBA. These focal areas are presented from the second year in the MBA hybrid learning format:

- Managing International Organisations,
- Health Care Leadership, and
- Project Management.

For more information, please visit [www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za](http://www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za)

## Programme content

You must earn a total of at least 213 credits for this programme.

## 4.5.1 Business Management and Administration: General

### Compulsory modules (197 credits)

The compulsory modules include the Leadership Development module, which spans the entire MBA, and the International Study module at a foreign business school.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13385	815	8	Accounting for Decision-making	Both
13386	815	4	Business Communication Skills	Both
58955	815	8	Business in Society	Both
13379	815	12	Contemporary Decision-making	Both
65668	815	12	Corporate Finance	Both
13377	815	8	Digital Enterprise Management	Both
51810	815	8	Economics for Managers	Both
13888	815	8	Organisational Behaviour	Both
13922	815	8	Strategic Analysis	Both
13823	815	8	International Study module	Both
12345	815	16	Leadership Development	Both
13383	815	8	Operational Excellence	Both
13384	815	8	Perspectives on African Frontiers	Both
10812	815	8	Managerial Accounting	Both
13157	815	8	Managerial Statistics	Both
13381	815	45	Research Methodology and Assignment	Both
59587	815	12	Strategic Management	Both
13387	815	8	Strategic Marketing and Branding	Both

### Elective modules (16 credits)

You must select two elective modules of 8 credits each or one elective module of 16 credits. See [www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za](http://www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za) for electives.

The elective modules are grouped together in specialisation streams. By choosing elective modules from the same speciality, you can acquire areas of expertise in Strategy, Leadership, Finance, Marketing, Operations, Technology and Innovation.

The elective modules change yearly.

## 4.5.2 Focal areas in the MBA programme

### 4.5.2.1 Focal area: Health Care Leadership

*Compulsory modules (28 credits)*

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13930	817	12	Health Care Finance	Both
13928	817	8	Health Care Systems and Policy	Both
14487	817	8	Value-based Healthcare	Both

### 4.5.2.2 Focal area: Managing International Organisations

*Compulsory modules (28 credits)*

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14390	814	8	Diplomacy in Complex Systems	Both
13924	828	12	Finance for Development	Both
13923	828	8	International Organisations Leadership	Both

### 4.5.2.3 Focal area: Project Management

#### Compulsory modules (28 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14260	819	8	Project Management Innovations	Both
14261	819	12	Project Portfolio Finance	Both
14262	819	8	Project Portfolio 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.

<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)

<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) <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>
<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".

### 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.***