

2.12 Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management

Admission requirements

One of the following:

- An appropriate bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in any of the following: Public Administration, Accounting, Economics, Finance or Commerce
or
- Any three-year bachelor's degree with a minimum of three years' relevant work experience (preferably at management level) in public finance management.

Further requirement

- You must have access to a computer and stable internet connection for online learning.
- By the time classes start, you must be able to use MS Excel at an intermediate level, as well as MS Word, e-mail and the internet.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit accumulation and transfer (CAT)

If you have successfully completed academic programmes in public financial management at the School of Public Leadership at NQF level 8, you may be eligible to have those credits transferred to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management. The transferred credits may be worth up to a maximum of 50% of the credits required for this diploma.

For more on RPL/CAT and links to the University's and the Faculty's RPL/CAT regulations, see the chapter "General Information" at the beginning of this book.

Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the School, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. Since staff capacity and resources may fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected may also differ from year to year.

Should the applicants who meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of the School, they will be ranked according to the admission requirements to finalise the list of selected applicants.

Application procedure and closing date

- Only online applications will be accepted: Apply at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies.
- You must apply before **15 December** of the year before your intended studies or contact the programme administrator to enquire about late application.
- For more on the application and admission process, see section 1 of this chapter.

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: one year (part-time)

Starting date: March.

Programme's mode of delivery

Hybrid learning.

Further study possibilities

After completing the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management you may apply for admission to the MPA (Master's Degree in Public Administration). A full research proposal needs to accompany your application.

Programme structure

You must attend two contact weeks per semester in Bellville; that is, four contact weeks in total for the year. If enough students from a region register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance Management, contact weeks may also be offered at a venue in that region. Contact weeks are supplemented by interactive online sessions.

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

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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.***

Programme content

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

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13385	771	20	Accounting for Decision-making	1
14011	772	20	Auditing and Accountability	2
14010	711	20	Financial and Performance Reporting	2
12939	713	20	Financial Management	1
12276	773	15	Information Technology	2
14013	714	10	Public Finance	1
14012	712	15	Strategic Management and Leadership	1