

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

To find out more about admission, selection and registration procedure, module options and credit requirements, please contact the programme administrator:

Programme administrator: Ms Carina Smit
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Enquiries will be referred to the correct contact person.

For enquiries about the academic content of the programme, please contact the programme leader:

Programme leader: Prof Dieter von Fintel
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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

Programme module

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

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
12084	778	120	Economics	Both

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 or 2
10436	771	10	Economic History	1
14379	771	10	Economics of Discrimination*	1
10432	771	10	Economics of Education I	2
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
64041	771	10	Institutional Economics*	1
10554	771	10	International Finance	2
10555	771	10	International Trade Theory and Policy	1
11263	771	10	Industrial Organisation	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.

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.

* A final mark of 65% in Investment Management 344(12) is a prerequisite.

** Investment Management 254(16) is a prerequisite pass module and Investment Management 314(12), 324(12) and 354(12) are strongly recommended. You must be selected for Portfolio Management.

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