

Rules for the Degree of Honours Bachelor of Commerce

These rules should be read in conjunction with the general rules and the general information in Part 1 of the Calendar.

See General Rules PG2 to PG8 in connection with duration of study, re-registration, etc.

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Admission

- (1) Students must:
 - (a) hold the BCom or BCompt degree or another approved degree in the Economic and Management Sciences and have passed the final course in the subject in which they wish to proceed; *or*
 - (b) be in possession of another degree and have passed at least five BCom courses, including at least Economics I (or ECS101 and ECS102), Business Management I (Business Economics I prior to 1996) (or MNB101 and MNB102) and Accounting concepts, principles and procedures (or FAC1502 or ACN101M and FAC1601 or ACN102) or Accounting IA (or FAC1502 or ACN101M and ACN103P); and have passed the final course in the subject in which they wish to proceed; *or*
 - (c) have obtained the Certificate in the Theory of Accountancy at a recognised university, and have qualified for or be in possession of the CA(SA) and have passed Economics I (or ECS101 and ECS102), Business Management I (Business Economics I prior to 1996) (or MNB101 and MNB102) and the final course in the subject in which they wish to proceed.
- (2) Students may not take the degree:
 - (a) in Auditing, unless they have passed Accounting II; *or*
 - (b) in Accounting, unless they have passed Cost Accounting or an equivalent course.
- (3) Students with B-degrees older than 10 years may also apply for admission to Honours and such requests could be handled in two possible ways:
 - (a) students must repeat the major subject in which they wish to do their Honours
or
 - (b) students must apply to the Chair of a Department by submitting a CV, providing evidence including references that they have been employed in the selected subject direction during the past 10 years (or longer), thus having kept abreast with developments in the field. These CVs will then have to be evaluated by the Chair of Department for approval for registration.

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Subjects

The degree may be conferred in the following subjects:

Accounting (Financial Accounting and Management Accounting)
Auditing (and Internal Auditing)
Business Informatics
Business Management
Economics
Financial Modelling
Industrial and Organisational Psychology
Logistics
Operations Research
Public Administration
Statistics
Transport Economics

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Pass with distinction

Candidates shall be awarded the degree with distinction if they obtain an average of at least 75% for the required papers for the degree.

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Curriculum and other requirements

The approved papers, curricula and, where applicable, the combination of papers and/or particular admission requirements appear below.

Business Management (Degree code: 05207)

NB

A student can register for a maximum of two Honours papers in the Department of Business Management and Entrepreneurship without necessarily complying with the prerequisites, for the purpose of obtaining another Honours degree in the College of Economic and Management Sciences. This will, however, not be allowed when a student intends to obtain an Honours degree in Business Management.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum comprises five papers. Students have the choice of pursuing one of two options when registering for the Honours BCom in Business Management, namely:

- a general Honours degree *or*
- a specialised Honours degree

General Honours Degree (Specialisation code: ALG)

Five papers may be chosen for the General Honours degree in Business Management of which STRBESC and CBURESX is compulsory. The remaining three papers may be chosen from any of the groups listed below. It is recommended that students are enrolled for STRBESC in their first year of study.

GROUP 1: GENERAL MANAGEMENT

STRBESC : Strategic management (*compulsory*)
ORGREN5 : The management of organisational change and renewal
INTBUSL : International business
INFMANA : Information management

GROUP 2: PURCHASING MANAGEMENT

SCHAINY : Supply chain management

GROUP 3: MARKETING MANAGEMENT

STRMAR6 : Advanced strategic marketing issues
CYBMARH : Cybermarketing

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT (in respect of BELBES and REPMANW)

BELBES and REPMANW will be offered for the final time in 2010. No new registrations will be allowed from 2011. Students who were enrolled prior to 2011 have only the January 2011 and 2012 examinations to complete these modules.

GROUP 4: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FINVRAJ : Advanced problems of business finance
BELBES : Investment management (*offered for the last time in 2010*)
REPMANW : Real estate portfolio management (*offered for the last time in 2010*)
INV4802 : Investments: Derivatives
IFIMANB : International financial management
ORM4801 : Operational Risk Management

GROUP 5: HUMAN RESOURCE AND LABOUR RELATIONS MANAGEMENT

ADVHRMP : Advanced human resource management
INDUSTA : Labour relations management

GROUP 6: OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

ADPRODE : Advanced operations management
PROJEKH : Project management

GROUP 7: BUSINESS RESEARCH

CBURESX : Business research (*compulsory*)

A student may take one paper prescribed for the Honours BCom degree in Economics (subject to the admission requirements and restrictions for the Honours BCom degree in Economics) or one Honours paper in the College of Economic and Management Sciences from another related subject in which the student has passed the final course, with the approval of the Chairs of the Departments concerned.

Specialisation Degrees

The following four specialisation degrees are offered

- General management (compulsory five papers) (Specialisation code: GEN)
- Marketing management (compulsory five papers) (Specialisation code: MAR)
- Financial management (compulsory five papers) (Specialisation code: FIN)
- Human resource management (compulsory five papers) (Specialisation code: HRM)

A student may choose one of the following specialisation degrees:

GROUP 1: GENERAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALISATION (SPECIALISATION CODE: GEN)

STRBESC : Strategic management

- ORGREN5 : The management of organisational change and renewal
- INTBUSL : International business
- CBURESX : Business research

any one of the following:

- INFMANA : Information management
- PROJEKH : Project management
- SCHAINY : Supply chain management
- ADVHRMP : Advanced human resources management
- STRMAR6 : Advanced strategic marketing issues
- FINVRAJ : Advanced problems in business finance
- IFIMANB : International financial management

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT (in respect of ORGBESM)

Students who are registered under the old curriculum will have to convert to the new curriculum.

GROUP 2: MARKETING MANAGEMENT SPECIALISATION (SPECIALISATION CODE: MAR)

- STRBESC : Strategic management
- STRMAR6 : Advanced strategic marketing issues
- CONPSY9 : Consumer psychology
- CYBMARH : Cybermarketing
- CBURESX : Business research

GROUP 3: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALISATION (SPECIALISATION CODE: FIN)

- STRBESC : Strategic management
- CBURESX : Business research
- FINVRAJ : Advanced problems of business finance

any two of the following:

- BELBESE : Investment management (*offered for the last time in 2010*)
- REPMANW : Real estate portfolio management (*offered for the last time in 2010*)
- INV4802 : Investments: Derivatives
- ORM4801 : Operational risk management
- IFIMANB : International financial management

Students are encouraged to complete Advanced problems of business finance (FINVRAJ) prior to enrolment for Investment management (BELBESE) and Financial risk management (ORM4801).

GROUP 4: HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALISATION (SPECIALISATION CODE: HRM)

- STRBESC : Strategic management
- ADVHRMP : Advanced human resource management
- INDUSTA : Labour relations management
- MOPSYOD : Organisational and managerial psychology
- CBURESX : Business research

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Students who registered under the old syllabus (2001 or before) must complete the general Honours degree in Business Management; or should a student wish to register for a specialised degree, an application to this effect must be made to the Chair of the Department.

A specialised Honours degree in Business Management will not be awarded unless the student has passed the compulsory papers in the specialised area concerned.