2.7 Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies

2.7.1 Futures Studies: General

Admission requirements

- An appropriate, recognised and valid bachelor's degree from a university or university of technology.
- A minimum of two years' experience in the field of strategic management or long-term planning.

Further requirements

In addition to the requirements above, you must also:

- submit a comprehensive CV indicating all of your work experience.
- submit one entrance essay. The entrance essay of between 400 and 500 words should focus on your personal and external development. The essay provides insights concerning your motivation to study and provides evidence of your writing ability.
- have access to a computer and a stable internet connection for online learning.

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. 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 that meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of Stellenbosch Business School, 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, 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 applications.

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: One or two years for both the hybrid-learning option and the full-contact option.
Starting date: January.

Further study possibilities

The Postgraduate Diploma in Futures Studies prepares you for the MPhil (Futures Studies) and makes it possible for you to comply with the admission requirements of the MPhil programme.

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:
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Stellenbosch Business School
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E-mail: academicadminbpc@sun.ac.za

Website: www.stellenboschbusiness.ac.za

Programme Leader

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Programme structure

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

The **full-contact mode** is delivered in four one-week blocks on campus and in person over one or two years. Detailed schedules are available on the Stellenbosch Business School website.

In the **hybrid mode** you have the option to attend compulsory classes either synchronously online or face-to-face on campus. Detailed schedules are available on the Stellenbosch Business School website.

Programme content

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

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14386	714	15	Futures Studies in Practice	Both
11321	714	15	Measuring and Making the Future	Both
11317	714	15	Principles of Futures Studies	Both
14383	714	15	Responsible Leadership	Both
14491	716	15	The Future of Technology	Both
14385	714	15	Thinking Frameworks	Both
11322	714	15	Understanding the World	Both

Elective modules – select one

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14388	714	15	Managing Risk and Uncertainty	Both
13888	715	15	Organisational Behaviour	Both

2.7.2 Focal area: Managing New Technologies

Description of focal area

Studying in this focal area will equip you to become digital and data literate in order to manage new technologies in your environment. It is also aimed at improving the leadership capabilities of all managers regarding the management of new technology. This translates into strengthening your organisation's resilience amidst the increasing digitisation of services, products, devices and ways of working.

Programme content

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

Compulsory modules

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14488	716	15	Management of Technology and Innovation	Both
14489	716	15	Managing New Technologies	Both
14490	716	15	New Technologies Taxonomy	Both
14383	714	15	Responsible Leadership	Both
14491	716	15	The Future of Technology	Both
14385	714	15	Thinking Frameworks	Both
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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), *Bellville Park*
PGDip (Environmental Management) *Stellenbosch*
PGDip (Public Finance Management)
BComHons (Public and Development Management)
BPubAdminHons
MCom (Public and Development Management)
M (Public Administration)
MPhil (Environmental Management) *Stellenbosch*
Stellenbosch Business School, *Bellville Park*
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.***