



ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Minimum admission requirements and selection (2025/2026)

Please note: All applications close on 31 July 2025. The University Council sets targets regarding the total number of students at the University. The faculty then manages all the enrolments from prospective undergraduate students to reach these targets and to ensure that the total number of enrolments is within the available capacity. This means that there may be students who meet the minimum admission requirements for a given programme but are not admitted. **For the latest selection criteria information and processes visit the faculty website (www.sun.ac.za/ems).**

International applicants and applicants that have completed or are completing an international curriculum, are encouraged to contact the Stellenbosch University International (SUI) office at suiundergrads@sun.ac.za regarding how to equate their marks to the NSC admission requirements of the faculty. SUI can also be contacted for any specific inquiries about applying to SU as an international student applicant.

[§] The NSC average is based on your six best subjects, excluding Life Orientation.

* Minimum EMS language admission requirements: English Home Language 50% **OR** Afrikaans Home Language 50% **OR** English First Additional Language 70% **OR** Afrikaans First Additional Language 70%

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, SEE THE UNIVERSITY YEARBOOK, PART 10

Undergraduate programmes

Our broad degree programmes give you a thorough grounding in economic, management and mathematical sciences and a wide choice of career focuses. If you are uncertain, choose the general BCom (Management Sciences) degree option.

We also offer programmes that prepare you for professional registration or certification, and two programmes with a law focus. For the curricula of the programmes, see the Yearbook, Part 10.

Please note:

- Focal areas are combinations of modules within a programme that are focused towards a particular career path. You will have the focal area printed on your transcript **only** if you meet the compulsory modules in each year of study.
- You can change your focal area during your studies, but this may lead to additional modules and years of study.
- A choice of elective modules is admissible only if the timetable allows for the particular combination (i.e., to prevent timetable clashes).

BCom (Management Sciences) and BCom (Industrial Psychology)

NSC average[§] 65%
Mathematics 60%
Minimum EMS language admission requirements*

BCom (Economic Sciences)

NSC average[§] 65%,
Mathematics 60%
Minimum EMS language admission requirements*

To register for the Econometrics and Financial Sector focal areas, you must have a Grade 12 Mathematics final mark of 70% or higher as this is required a compulsory module in these focal areas).

Note that this requirement also applies to the general Economic Sciences stream if you want to enrol for Actuarial Science 112.

BCom (Mathematical Sciences)

NSC average[§] 70%
Mathematics 75%
Minimum EMS language admission requirements*

BCom (International Business)

Language of instruction: English
NSC average[§] 80%
Mathematics 70%
English Home Language 70% **OR**
English First Additional Language 80%

B Data Science (BDatSci) *Language of instruction: English*

NSC average[§] 80%
Mathematics 80%
Home Language 60%
If English or Afrikaans is not the home language, then English First Additional Language 75% **OR**
Afrikaans First Additional Language 75%

BCom (Actuarial Science)

NSC average[§] 80%
Mathematics 80%
Home Language 60%
If the Home Language (in the requirement above) is not English, then also English First Additional Language 75%.

BCom (Financial Accounting) and BCom (Management Accounting)

NSC average[§] 65%
Mathematics 60%
Minimum EMS language admission requirements*

BCom (Management Sciences) Extended Curriculum Programme

NSC average[§] 60%
Mathematics 50%
Minimum EMS language admission requirements*

BAcc

NSC average[§] 70%
Mathematics 70% **OR**
Accounting 70% **AND** Mathematics 60%
Minimum EMS Language admission requirements*

BCom (Law)

NSC average[§] 70%
Mathematics 60%
Afrikaans Home Language 60% **OR**
English Home Language 60% **OR**
Afrikaans First Additional Language 70% **OR**
English First Additional Language 70%

BAccLLB

NSC average[§] 80%
Mathematics 70% **OR**
Accounting 70% **AND** Mathematics 60%
Afrikaans Home Language 60% **OR** English Home Language 60% **OR** Afrikaans First Additional Language 70% **OR** English First Additional Language 70%

Diploma in Sustainable Development

Language of instruction: English
NSC average[§] 55%
Mathematics 50% **OR** Mathematical Literacy 60% **OR**
Mathematics 40% or Mathematical Literacy 50% **AND** 60% for Business Studies or Economics or Accounting
English Home Language 50% **OR**
English First Additional Language 60%

Important contact details

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Programme guide

Undergraduate diploma programmes

Diploma in Sustainable Development

Broad degree programmes with various career focuses

BCom (Management Sciences)
BCom (Economic Sciences)
BCom (Mathematical Sciences)
BCom (International Business)
B Data Science (BDatSci)
BCom (Management Sciences) Extended Curriculum Programme

Degree programmes for professional registration

BCom (Actuarial Science)
BCom (Financial Accounting)
BCom (Industrial Psychology)
BCom (Management Accounting)
BAcc

Degree programmes with a Law focus

BCom (Law)
BAccLLB



01 | Broad programmes

1.1 BCom programme

This is the faculty’s broadest programme. It will be conferred on students who wish to articulate (i.e. change over) to BCom from another faculty programme, and who meet the programme requirements. First-year students therefore cannot register for the BCom programme. If you are interested in a broad programme, we recommend that you register for the BCom (Management Sciences).

1.2 BCom (Management Sciences)

This is the programme for students who wish to pursue a career in management. In addition to the general BCom (Management Sciences) programme – which offers the broadest module combination – there are a variety of focal areas that will largely determine your eventual career. (Financial Planning and Investment Management are seen as professional programmes since they provide the opportunity for professional registration.) The 11 focal areas are:

- Agricultural Economics
- Business Analytics
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management
- Financial Management
- Financial Planning
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems Management
- Investment Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Marketing Management
- Public and Development Management

For the curricula of the various focal areas, see the Yearbook, Part 10.

1.3 BCom (Economic Sciences)

This programme focuses almost exclusively on fields of study in Economics. Because of the importance of statistics for the development of high-level economic analysis, statistics or mathematical statistics up to second-year level is required for this programme. In addition to the broad programme, four focal areas are offered:

- Econometrics
- Economic and Management Consultation
- Financial Sector
- Transport Economics

For the curricula of the various focal areas, see the Yearbook, Part 10.

1.4 BCom (Mathematical Sciences)

This programme has a sharper focus on mathematics and mathematical statistics, both of which are compulsory till second-year level. Over and above the general programme, three focal areas are included:

- Data Science
- Financial Risk Management
- Operations Research

For the curricula of the various focal areas, see the Yearbook, Part 10.



02 | Professional degree programmes

2.1 BCom (Actuarial Science)

Actuaries are experts in the analysis and modelling of situations involving financial risk and contingent events. To become an actuary (Fellow or Associate of the Actuarial Society of South Africa) you need to pass the 15 exams of the professional body and have sufficient work experience. Successful students can obtain exemption from many of these exams during their BCom (Actuarial Science) and BComHons degrees.

2.2 BCom (Financial Accounting)

The programme is designed to prepare you for a career as a certified accountant. This internationally recognised professional qualification is obtained by passing the examinations of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA, London). It will qualify you to prepare financial statements, do internal auditing and give advice on business and taxation matters.

2.3 BCom (Industrial Psychology)

Industrial psychologists are knowledge partners optimising employee performance in the interests of the core business of an organisation. To qualify as a psychometrist registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), you have to complete both a BCom and BComHons (Industrial Psychology) degree, do a six-month BPsych Equivalence programme and pass the professional board examination. To qualify as an industrial psychologist registered with the HPCSA, you have to complete the MCom (Industrial Psychology) programme, do an internship of 12 months and pass the professional board exam.

2.4 BCom (Management Accounting)

This programme prepares you for a career as a chartered management accountant and enables you to focus on financial competencies, and interpret and use financial information in the management of a business. The internationally recognised professional qualification of chartered management accountant is obtained by passing the exams of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA, London).

2.5 BAcc

This programme is the first step in the training of chartered accountants. To eventually qualify as a chartered accountant, you first have to obtain both the BAcc, and the BAccHons degrees or the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting. Thereafter you will have to pass the exams of the SA Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). A chartered accountant is equipped to audit the financial statements of companies. Careers in financial management, management accounting or tax consulting can also be considered.

03 | Programmes that include studies in Law

Please note: The Law faculty selects students for these programmes.

3.1 BCom (Law)

On completing this programme, you may either continue with postgraduate studies in law or with your major from economic and management sciences. In this way you obtain economic and management skills as well as a sought-after, broader background and deeper understanding of how legal rules generally apply within society.

3.2 BAccLLB

This programme equips you firstly to practise as an accountant and, secondly, to pursue a legal career. An advantage of this programme is that the BAccLLB qualification is obtained within five years.



05 | Diploma in Sustainable Development* Undergraduate diploma programme

This diploma is a three-year post-matric programme with a workplace-integrated learning component and is presented at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch. The multidisciplinary programme equips students with the skills and knowledge to make use of entrepreneurial opportunities in the broad field of sustainable development.

*For more information, contact the School of Public Leadership on 021 881 3952 or via e-mail at diploma@sun.ac.za.



04 | BCom (Management Sciences) Extended Curriculum Programme

This four-year Bachelor's programme is extended by offering the first-year core modules over two years. In the first year of study additional preparatory modules are presented to strengthen students' academic foundation. Students are required to pass these preparatory modules in order to proceed to the following year of study. Professional development modules will further be included in each year of study to position the graduate for the 21st century world of work.

