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Rhodes Business School

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The Faculty of Commerce

A host of qualifications are offered at the undergraduate level including the flagship **Bachelor of Business Science**, **Bachelor of Commerce**, and **Bachelor of Economics** all of which give access to the Faculty's post-graduate programmes. The four Faculty departments and Business School together with key departments in the faculties of Science, Humanities and Law provide the courses of which the various degrees comprise. Indeed, the interfaculty flavour of the various offerings is a distinctive feature of the Faculty.

Clustered in specific disciplinary areas within the Faculty departments and Business School, staff of the Faculty enthusiastically approach teaching and learning and knowledge creation with the many students who demonstrate similar levels of enthusiasm. Highly-qualified and well-recognised staff cooperate and collaborate with colleagues in other institutions of higher learning, as well as industry partners as they provide students with coursework and research opportunities of the highest level.

Students with wide-ranging career aspirations have found an excellent home in the Faculty. On completion of their degrees/diplomas, they have used the knowledge acquired as a basis for equally wide-ranging careers during which time they have made and will continue to make huge contributions to business and society.

Staff and current students of the Faculty are ready to welcome new students to a place 20% of students at Rhodes University call home. Admission is an application form away!

Why choose Commerce?

At the beginning of the 21st century, business and commerce in South Africa face new and exciting challenges. On the one hand, the world has become a global village in terms of speed of transfer of information and technology, and the exploitation of markets calls for highly sophisticated expertise to acquire and maintain a competitive edge. On the other hand, our country is grappling with the development of its economy, starved of competitive participation internationally for decades, whilst also taking up the challenge of being a key participant in the regional economy. The men and women who will make South Africa a winning nation by providing the business and commercial skills necessary to uplift our people and to launch our country into the global economy will be those who are equipped with the knowledge and particularly the adaptability to compete in today's information driven world.

Through its structured curricula the Faculty of Commerce at Rhodes University prepares its graduates for the leading roles they will be expected to play in their professional lives in the new millennium. Our programmes span the entire range of Accounting, Economics, Management, Information Systems, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences as well as the fields of Commercial Law and Organisational Psychology, to name but a few.

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Students are also able to include an international student exchange component in their degree. In this regard, students complete one semester of their degree at an international university with whom Rhodes University has an agreement. The courses that are completed are transferred from the international university to Rhodes University where they form part of the student's degree studies. The experience gained from studying at an international university is invaluable.

Our degrees and diplomas receive wide recognition, in both the academic and professional communities. Graduates of the Faculty pursue post-graduate studies at other universities where they are known to be welcomed enthusiastically for the contribution they will make to the study programme. On completion of their studies, graduates assume leading positions in commerce and industry.

One of the factors which sets the Commerce Faculty at Rhodes University apart from others is the integration of the academic with leadership, cultural, sporting and social experiences enjoyed at a high quality institution. Modern business requires a blend of technology and know-how with a sound knowledge and understanding of people. With fifty percent of students resident on campus, with numerous leadership opportunities available, and a wide-range of cultural and sporting clubs and societies actively encouraging membership, students develop social skills which will be invaluable in later life.

What the Commerce Faculty can offer you

- small, intimate classes with easy access to teaching staff;
- nurturing and supportive tutorial system;
- committed, qualified and enthusiastic members of staff actively involved in their disciplines (including engaged teaching and research) and their professions;
- formative degrees with two majors leading to a rounded education and access to a diversity of careers;
- BCom degree leading to well-known, career-specific qualifications in chartered accountancy and law;
- BEco degree in any one of four study directions namely business science, social science, environmental economics or mineral economics;
- prestigious BBS degree in any one of five study directions namely Economics, Management, Quantitative Management, Computer Science, Information Systems;
- host of post-graduate qualifications at the honours, masters (including specialised coursework and mini-thesis MCom(Financial Markets) and MCom(Taxation)) and doctoral level

- an internationally accredited Business School offering post-graduate diploma and MBA (uniquely both focussing on sustainability) and doctoral degree studies, as well as executive short courses;
- inclusion of service learning in the curriculum to ensure engagement with Faculty's communities;
- active research programme in many areas, but with specific groups in Taxation, Financial Markets, Environmental and Natural Resources Economics, Cultural Economics, ICT for Development, Usability Engineering and User Experience, Sustainability, Chinese Organisations in Africa;
- influential alumni network contributing creatively in the professional and social space, as well as in the curriculum as guest lecturers and research associates.

Admission to study for a degree

Admission to study for a degree in the Faculty of Commerce requires applicants to satisfy a number of criteria: the applicant must qualify for bachelor degree study status on the National Senior Certificate (NSC); the applicant must satisfy Faculty admission requirements - Admission Point Score (APS); and the applicant must satisfy degree admission requirements. Please remember that if you meet the minimum admission requirements this only means that you are eligible for selection; it does not mean that you will necessarily be accepted.

Candidates currently at school doing South African National Senior Certificate (NSC)

Students leaving school at the end of 2017 will earn the National Senior Certificate (NSC). To qualify for the NSC with bachelor degree study status learners are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory (two languages, Life Orientation and either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy [Mathematics Literacy will not be considered for Commerce applications.]) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at their school. To qualify for degree studies at a University at least four of the seven subjects must fall within the list of 'designated subjects' and the student must have obtained an achievement rating of 4 (adequate achievement 50-59%) or above in these four subjects.

The designated subject list is as follows:

Accounting, Engineering, Life Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Graphics and Design, Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy, Business Studies, Geography, Music, Consumer Studies, History, Physical Science, Dramatic Arts, Information Technology, Religion Studies, Economics, Languages, Visual Arts.

How to calculate your APS

The percentages achieved in National Senior Certificate examinations (preliminary and final examinations) will be allocated an **Admissions Point Score (APS)** using the percentage obtained for each subject. The sum of six subject scores, excluding Life Orientation but including English and any other required subject(s) for the relevant programme is considered when deciding on admission.

Results below 40% for any subject do not attract a score. Mathematics Paper 3 does not contribute to the APS score but the results will be captured for the Dean to note when making an admission decision. For example:

SUBJECT	PERCENTAGE	POINTS
English Home Language	73%	7.3
Afrikaans/isiXhosa first/ Additional Language	69%	6.9
Mathematics	84%	8.4
Life Sciences	86%	8.6
Economics	90%	9.0
Accounting	69%	6.9
Life Orientation	70%	0
Mathematics Paper 3	50%	0
TOTAL POINTS		47.1

Faculty of Commerce admission requirements

The entry requirements and points required for admission to Faculty degrees are as follows:

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE

Mathematics at Level 6 (70%) or above

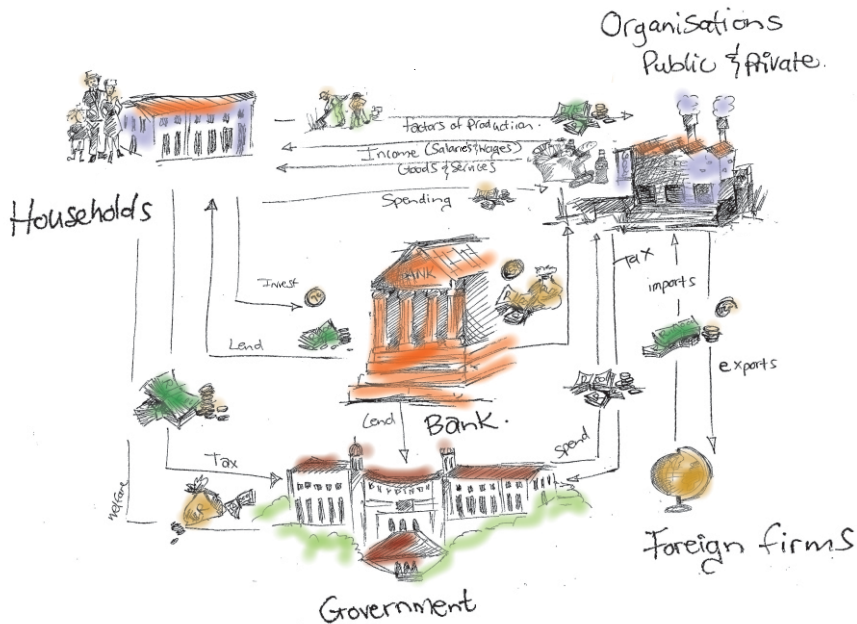
- *45 points and above* candidate will receive a firm offer
- *40-44 points* admission will be at the Dean's Discretion

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE AND BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

Mathematics level 4 (50%) or above. Maths Literacy will not be considered.

- *45 points and above* candidate will receive a firm offer
- *Between 38-44 points* admission will be at the Dean's Discretion. Various factors will be taken into consideration.
- *Between 34-37 points* applications will be considered by the Dean for the extended studies programme
- *33 points and below* the application is likely to be rejected

Mixed Economy



Department of Accounting



If you dream of being at the centre of business analysing the financial performance of organisations, making financial decisions and providing practical financial and operational advice you should consider chartered accountancy.

Chartered Accountancy comprises: Financial Reporting (preparing reports that summarise and provide information on an organisation's monetary transactions); Auditing (independent checking of an organisation's financial situation); Management Accounting (providing information and advice to enable an organisation to make decisions); Financial Management (managing an organisation's money in the most effective way); Strategy, Risk Management & Governance (the way in which an organisation make decisions and maximises its performance); and Taxation (the amount of tax that an organisation needs to pay the government).

In addition to taking introductory courses in economics, management, business mathematics & statistics, commercial law and information systems the core courses are Accounting 1, 2, 3 and 4; Principles of Professional Accounting; Auditing 3 and 4; Management Accounting & Finance 3 and 4 and Taxation 3 and 4.

You will be required to complete a Bachelor of Commerce degree following the Accountancy curriculum and the Post Graduate Diploma in Accountancy.

The chartered accountancy qualification opens doors to a large range of exciting career opportunities in every sector of business locally and internationally. You could follow a career as a director, senior manager, consultant, business owner, and / or business leader in fields such as corporate finance, fund management, investment banking, stock broking, forensic accounting, internal or external auditing, financial reporting and tax.

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Department of Economics and Economic History



Would you like to be a professional economist who analyses economic trends and advises managers in a dynamic career in the corporate sector locally or abroad, or be part of a team responsible for economic policy formulation in government or the Central Bank? Economists also work as stock brokers, investment bankers, consultants on project viability studies, development advisors and environmental consultants. Do you have a passion for research, to build models for predicting economic trends? Are you interested in contributing to economic development plans, finding solutions for poverty and inequality? To be an economist could then be the career for you!

In Economics we learn:

- How choices are made to manage the country's scarce resources so they can be allocated to their most productive uses to supply in the country's needs in a sustainable way.
- How markets work to determine prices, signal investment decisions and govern the overall system of linkages between families, businesses, agriculture, mining, fisheries, the government and the foreign sector.
- How economic policies influence the market to achieve sustainable production and employment outcomes.
- About interest rates and money, how the financial system operates and how one deals in shares, bonds and foreign exchange - it's all about financial markets.

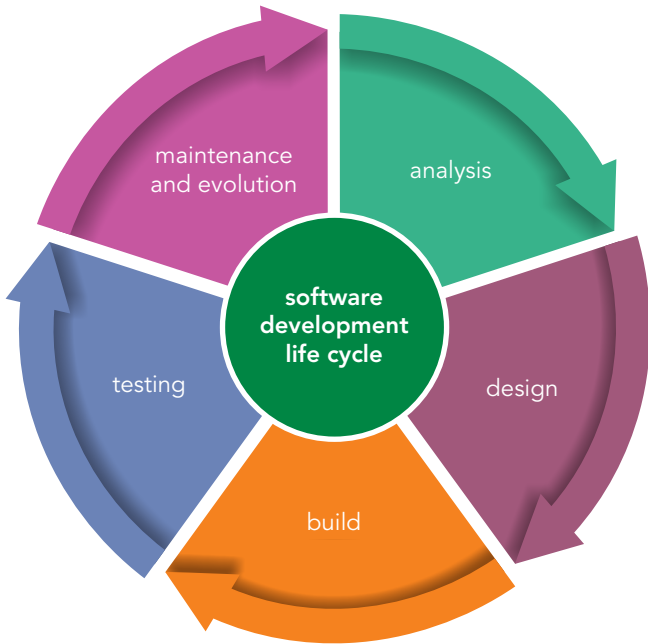
Micro- and Macroeconomics make up the first two years of study. In third year you are introduced to a specialist range of courses, including *International Economics, Money and Banking, Public Finance, the South African Economy, Environmental Economics and Mathematical Economics*. At honours level, elective courses are packaged for career specialisation, complimented by a research project of your interest. At Masters level you may complete a full thesis or enroll for Masters in Financial Markets. After that there is always the possibility of a PhD.

At Rhodes, Economics can be taken as a major in a variety of degrees, including BCom, BA, BSc, BSoc BBusSci and Law.

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Department of Information Systems



Are you interested in understanding how computers can make business and society work better? Yes? Then Information Systems is for you!

What is Information Systems?

Information Systems is all about the analysis, design, construction, delivery, management and use of ICTs to help business and society access essential information and knowledge to meet its goals. It's as much about working with people and processes as it is about implementing computer systems to provide solutions.

What courses are on offer?

Information Systems Theory, Business Systems, Decision Support Systems, Systems Analysis and Design, User Interface Design, Project Management, Databases, Web Development, Systems Development, Systems Security

What degrees can you register for?

Bachelor of Commerce BCom
Bachelor of Science (information Systems) BSc(InfSys)
Bachelor of Business Science BBusSc
Bachelor of Science (Software Development) BSc(SoftDev)
Bachelor of Social Science BSocSc

What careers can you enter into?

Business Analyst, Systems Analyst, Software Engineer, Project Manager, IT Manager, Chief Information Officer, IT Consultant, Entrepreneur, Researcher

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Department of Management



Ever wondered about how the goods you need and want are manufactured? Or how goods get to be available at a price in shops for your convenience? Ever wonder about the service you receive when shopping or eating at a restaurant? Or about how organisations work? Have you ever thought how you could play an influential role in organisations and in the provision of goods and services to society? Are you interested in owning your own successful business? If you answer yes, then management is for you!

What do managers do?

Managers influence and get things done in organisations by working with and through people and other resources to provide need satisfying goods and services to society. They plan, organise, lead and control.

You could be a general manager, managing an entire organisation or a part of it or you could manage in a number of different areas such as procurement, production, sales, marketing, human resource management, financial management or manage projects.

Management at Rhodes

Management is a three-year major subject which may be studied for degree curricula in the Faculty of Commerce. It is also possible to take Management as a major subject in the BSc, BSocSc and BJourn degrees. In addition, one, or in some cases, two courses in Management are allowed as credits for degree/diploma curricula in the Faculties of Education, Law and Science. Management at Rhodes covers the Principles of Management, Human Resource Management, Financial Management, Supply Chain Management, Marketing Management, Strategic Management and Project Management.

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Rhodes Business School



Once you have completed an honours degree and worked for three years, you may be inspired to study for one of the world's most recognised and prestigious qualifications, the **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**. If you don't want to wait that long to do an MBA you can choose to do our **Postgraduate Diploma in Enterprise Management (PDEM)**.

An **MBA** from the Rhodes Business School is internationally accredited by AMBA. If you are inspired to transform business for a sustainable world, then you will want to study with us. The MBA will equip you with knowledge to lead and manage organisations in a world of business unusual. The MBA has 18 modules, covering a diversity of subjects, all designed to give you an overview of leading and managing organisations to be sustainable.

If you dream of being an entrepreneur, the **PGDip (Enterprise Management)**, will give you the knowhow to start your own business. The PGDip (Enterprise Management) has seven modules and the Alpha Project, requiring you to start a small business.

PGDip (Enterprise Management) requires you to have an undergraduate degree, but you may NOT have majored in Management. The **MBA** requires you to have a Honours or Postgraduate Diploma, 3 years work experience and you must write an admissions test called the NMAT.

MBA students come from a variety of qualifications. Lawyers, teachers, accountants, engineers, artists, pharmacists, doctors. Some do the MBA to change careers, others to advance careers. Some even do it to become business academics. The PGDip (Enterprise Management) will hopefully inspire you to start your own business and help with South Africa's job creation opportunities that we so sorely need.

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COMPETITION

In 2017, South Africa faces a number of challenges not least of which is an economy that is growing very little, if at all, high unemployment rates, high poverty rates, political instability and a social order fast losing a moral and ethical foundation. Despite these challenges, the country boasts significant human and other resources and a will to succeed; a will to overcome challenges and place the country on a growth trajectory that will be the envy of others.

Change often occurs incrementally and over time. And it usually starts with the individual.

If you were given R10m, what would you do to overcome some of the challenges facing South Africa? In the space provided, describe what you would do with the R10m, why and what impact it would have.

*Get thinking. Get innovative.
Get your ideas written down!*

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