

Applications for honours degrees for 2022

1. Honours degrees

The Department of Communication Science offers three honours degrees*:

- BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in **Leadership Communication**
- BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in Media Studies and Journalism
- BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in Corporate and Marketing Communication

2. Course structure

- The degrees are offered on a full-time basis and students are required to attend daily lectures on the Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State. Classes might be presented online to comply with Covid-19 regulations but student should be aware that they might be required to return to the Bloemfontein Campus should face-to-face classes resume at any stage.
- Students wishing to complete the degree on a part-time basis may complete the degree over the course of two consecutive academic years. However, the student will still be required to attend lectures on the Bloemfontein Campus every week.
- The degrees are not available via distance learning or e-learning.
- The degrees are presented over the course of one full academic year.
- There are no mid-year intakes.
- The honours degrees each consists of six modules. All six modules are year-modules.
- Five modules are taught via lectures, while students also have to complete a research project under the guidance of a supervisor.

3. Selection requirements

- The minimum requirement for possible selection is a minimum average of 65% in the second and third year of a relevant undergraduate degree. As selection takes place before final results for the second semester of a student's third year are available, the selection committee uses all second-year results as well as available third-year results. However, student who are selected based on these results are required to provide proof of maintaining an overall minimum average of 65% after selection.
- Only a limited number of students can be accommodated and therefore a 65% average does not guarantee selection. Only the top applicants for each degree will be selected.



^{*}For complete curriculum information for each degree, see point 6 below.

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4. Application procedure

- You may apply before 30 September 2021 for possible selection for the honours degree in 2021.
- The application form is available on the UFS website (www.ufs.ac.za).
- <u>Current UFS students</u> may apply using a DV3 form, which is available at www.ufs.ac.za > Students > UFS Application
 Forms. Please email the completed form to maraisw@ufs.ac.za. A DV3 form will also be available on Blackboard for
 current students.
- For information regarding fees, please contact the Administration Department via the switchboard at 051–401 9111 or visit www.ufs.ac.za > Students > Tuition Fees

5. International applicants

- If you are interested in postgraduate studies at the UFS, and hold a non-South African first degree, your qualification must be evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and submitted together with your application form to the UFS.
- Please note that all foreign qualifications must be evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority <u>before</u> an application form is forwarded to the University. It is the responsibility of the prospective student to forward his/her documentation to SAQA. Please visit www.ufs.ac.za for more information or contact the UFS Office for International Affairs at +27 51 401 3219/2501/3403/9436

6. Module information

BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in LEADERSHIP COMMUNICATION

(programme code B1617; degree code 16171; academic plan code Bc161741)

CURRICULUM

The course requires the following six compulsory modules:

CODE	NAME OF MODULE	CREDITS
COMT6804	Communication theory	16 credits
COMM6804	Research methodology	16 credits
COML6804	Change and leadership communication	16 credits
COMH6806	Rhetoric and rhetorical criticism	24 credits
COMI6806	Risk and reputation management	24 credits
COMR6808	Research report (Leadership communication)	32 credits



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BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in MEDIA STUDIES AND JOURNALISM

(programme code B1617; degree code 16171; academic plan code Bc161743)

CURRICULUM

The course requires the following six compulsory modules:

CODE	NAME OF MODULE	CREDITS
COMT6804	Communication theory	16 credits
COMM6804	Research methodology	16 credits
JC0T6806	Media theory	24 credits
JC0P6806	Media practice	24 credits
JC0C6804	Contemporary issues: Media Studies and Journalism	16 credits
JCOR6808	Research report (Media Studies and Journalism)	32 credits

BA Hons. (Communication Science) with specialisation in CORPORATE AND MARKETING COMMUNICATION

(programme code B1617; degree code 16171; academic plan code Bc161738)

CURRICULUM

The course requires the following six compulsory modules:

CODE	NAME OF MODULE	CREDITS
COMT6804	Communication theory	16 credits
COMM6804	Research methodology	16 credits
COML6804	Change and leadership communication	16 credits
IC0C6806	Corporate communication	24 credits
IC0l6806	Integrated marketing communication	24 credits
ICOR6808	Research report (Corporate and Marketing Communication)	32 credits

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