

# BCom with specialisation in Economics



## Programme overview

Economists study how society distributes resources such as land, labour, raw materials, and machinery to produce goods and services. They conduct research, collect and analyse data, monitor economic trends, and develop forecasts on a wide variety of issues to solve complex problems and improve the living conditions of people. These include energy costs, inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, business cycles, taxes, and employment levels, among others.

Graduates who complete the Bachelor of Commerce with specialisation in Economics programme are prepared for careers in various sectors, including government, finance, and research, where a deep understanding of economic trends and their impact is highly valuable.

## Who should apply?

- Those who aspire to be economists and economic analysts.
- Individuals interested in understanding market forces and economic theories.
- Future policy advisors and economic consultants.
- Professionals seeking to analyse data and trends to inform economic decisions.
- Those interested in financial markets, trade, and economic development.
- Individuals focused on quantitative analysis and econometrics.

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# Why study Economics at the UFS?

The Department of Economics and Finance has a team of lecturers who are eager to equip students with the necessary practical and theoretical knowledge of the economic world. Its academic corps includes internationally and nationally recognised academics, with scholars from the department contributing to specialised fields as divergent as monetary and fiscal policy making, the economics of HIV and AIDS, and the economics of public-private partnerships.

The Department of Economics and Finance also employs outstanding academics and experts who visit the department as extraordinary professors.

## Career opportunities



Economist



Academic economist



Economic Policy Analyst



Economic Advisor



Banker



Central Banker



Economic Consultant



Financial Analyst



Market Research Analyst



Data Analyst



Research Economist



Investment Analyst



Business Analyst

# Curriculum

## First academic year (compulsory modules)

Introduction to Microeconomics	Introduction to macroeconomics
Business functions	General management
Accounting	Business dynamics
Quantitative methods for business	UFSS1504
Academic literacy	

## Second academic year (compulsory modules)

Microeconomics	Macroeconomics
Money and interest rates	Financial markets, instruments, and institutions
Introduction to human resource management	Entrepreneurship
Introduction to individual differences	Personal finances

## Third academic year (compulsory modules)

International economics	South African macroeconomic policy issues
Statistics for economics	Introduction to mathematical economics
Investment management	Strategic management
Risk management in banking	Labour economics
Development economics	

### Minimum Admission Requirements

- AP =28
- Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)
- English = Achievement level 4 (50%)



# How do I apply for this programme?

The following link will direct you to the UFS Application site:

<https://apply.ufs.ac.za/Application/Start>

## Where can I get more information?

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## Student / Alumni quote



The BCom with specialisation in Economics course helped me develop excellent analytical and problem-solving skills. The degree is more than understanding data and markets; it also includes identifying economic issues, analysing their root causes, and developing effective solutions to improve lives and the future of our society and economy. I learned about how policy makers make decisions for the future of the country, and I am confident to say I am prepared to tackle real-world problems and excel in the industry - **KARABELO PANYANE** (2025 graduate)