STADIO
HIGHER EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

NQF 7 | MIN. 360 CREDITS | SAQA ID: 119071 | MIN. 3 YEARS

STADIO FLEX CAMPUS: RUSTENBURG



DESCRIPTION

The STADIO BCom degree will equip you with conceptual understanding, knowledge, theory, skills, methodology and capacity to function effectively in the business environment of the future. You will gain advanced management knowledge and skills and will be able to make ethical decisions in a rapidly changing business environment driven by technological advances.

In the first year of study the focus is on laying a solid foundation in the supporting areas of knowledge, namely mathematical concepts and principles, statistics, legal principles, and information technology. The core areas of economics and accounting are developed up to the second year of study, while the focus is on management, contemporary commerce, capstone project and research in the third year of study. For this particular major, Financial Reporting and Anaysis, Financial Management and Financial Markets are important subjects that will be covered.

Lastly, you will also get exposure to an introductory research module, as well as an extensive 25-credit project in year 3 of your studies. The project will be informed by research and aims to integrate the understanding, knowledge, theory, and skills across the core areas of study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Senior Certificate (SC) with degree endorsement and a minimum symbol of E in Mathematics HG, or D in Mathematics SG; **OR**
- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a minimum of 50% in four 20-credit subjects, and a minimum of 40% in English Home Language or First Additional Language, and a minimum of 40% in Mathematics or 60% in Mathematical Literacy; **OR**
- A National Senior Certificate – Vocational Level 4 (NC(V)) with a minimum of 60% in three fundamental subjects including English and Mathematics; and minimum 70% in four vocational subjects; **OR**
- A National N Diploma in the field of Business, Commerce or Management. Students admitted via this option will be registered for the mathematics academic support module in their first semester; **OR**
- A cognate Higher Certificate (NQF Level 5), Advanced Certificate (NQF Level 6), or Diploma (NQF Level 6); **OR**
- A non-cognate Higher Certificate (NQF Level 5), Advanced Certificate (NQF Level 6), or Diploma (NQF Level 6), together with either:
  - a minimum of 40% in English Home Language or English First Additional Language, and a minimum of 40% in Mathematics or 60% in Mathematical Literacy at NSC level; or
  - evidence of equivalent proficiency in English and Mathematics achieved in the non-cognate programme.

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements for Mathematics but who have degree endorsement, will be conditionally admitted and registered on the mathematics support programme in their first semester.

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OTHER ACCESS PATHWAYS

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MATURE AGE EXEMPTION

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

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MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Wi-Fi: Reliable broadband Internet access (Wi-Fi is available on all of our campuses, but you may prefer access from home as well).
- Web browser: Edge/Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.
- Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software. Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- PDF Viewer: The free Adobe Acrobat software.
- Scanning documents: Ability to scan and upload documents (typically from your cellphone or smartphone).
- Email/cellphone for notification and communication.
- Communication: A cellphone or smartphone for receiving notifications and communication.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

MAJOR	
ECONOMICS	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

MAJOR		1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR
ECONOMICS The Economics major provides analytical and decision-making skills to understand economic trends, policy-making, and global economic challenges. Discover how economies thrive, markets evolve, and policies shape the world as you master tools to solve complex global issues. Modules such as Economic Policy and Sustainability, International Economics, and Future Thinking and Scenario Planning offer a comprehensive foundation. Career paths include roles as Economic Research Analysts, Policy Advisors, or Economic Consultants.	SEM 1	Accounting 1 ACC152 (20 credits) Business Mathematics BMA152 (10 credits) Induction to Business Studies IBS152 (10 credits) Introduction to Business Management MAN152 (20 credits)	Accounting 2 ACC262 (20 credits) Economics 2 ECO262 (20 credits) Financial Reporting and Analysis FRA262 (20 credits)	International Economics IEC372 (20 credits) Introduction to Research RES372 (15 credits) Technology and Innovation Management TIM372 (20 credits)
	SEM 2	Business Law and Compliance LAW162 (20 credits) Data and Decision-Making DDM162 (10 credits) Economics 1 ECO162 (20 credits) Statistics STA162 (10 credits)	Economic Policy and Sustainability EPS262 (20 credits) Financial Management FIM262 (20 credits) Global Citizenship GCI262 (20 credits)	Project PRO372 (25 credits) Strategic Management STM372 (20 credits) Financial Markets FMA372 (20 credits) **OR** Future Thinking and Scenario Planning FSP372 (20 credits)
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT This major equips students to manage finances, analyse investments, and make sound corporate financial decisions. Learn how to master the financial pulse of an organisation, ensuring success in today's competitive markets. Key modules include Accounting, Financial Reporting and Analysis, and Financial Management. Graduates are prepared for careers as Financial Analysts, Financial Managers, or Investment Advisors.	SEM 1	Accounting 1 ACC152 (20 credits) Business Mathematics BMA152 (10 credits) Induction to Business Studies IBS152 (10 credits) Introduction to Business Management MAN152 (20 credits)	Accounting 2 ACC262 (20 credits) Economics 2 ECO262 (20 credits) Financial Reporting and Analysis FRA262 (20 credits)	Financial Management for FM 2 FIN372 (20 credits) Introduction to Research RES372 (15 credits) Technology and Innovation Management TIM372 (20 credits)
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CREDITS PER YEAR		120	120	120

MODULE PRE-REQUISITES

The following modules have pre-requisite modules:

- Year 1: Business Mathematics for Statistics; Business Mathematics for Economics 1
- Year 2: Economics 1 for Economics 2; Accounting 1 for Accounting 2; Accounting 2 for Financial Management; Financial Reporting and Analysis for Financial Management for FM 1
- Year 3: Introduction to Research for Project; Financial Management for FM 1 for Financial Management for FM 2

MODULE CO-REQUISITES

The following modules have co-requisites:

- Data and Decision-making with Statistics; Financial Reporting and Analysis with Accounting 2

ARTICULATION POSSIBILITIES

In terms of the HEQSF, vertical articulation from the Bachelor of Commerce degree is possible to either a Bachelor Honours degree (NQF 8), or a Postgraduate Diploma (NQF 8) in a field related to commerce or management. You could for example register for the STADIO Bachelor of Business Administration Honours (117864).

Horizontal articulation options include other bachelor's degrees, such as STADIO's Bachelor of Business Administration (117863) or STADIO's Bachelor of Commerce in Law (117872). Diagonal articulation options usually allow graduates to move into Advanced Diploma programmes in a specialist field. An appropriate example is the STADIO Advanced Diploma in Management (117865).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ECONOMICS	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
ECONOMIC RESEARCH ANALYST	JUNIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST
ECONOMICS TRAINEE IN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INTITUTION	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINEE
ECONOMIC ADVISOR / CONSULTANT	FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

WHAT IS STADIO FLEX?

STADIO Flex offers students a supported distance learning experience that combines the flexibility of distance learning with structured group classes and seminars that provide a guided learning experience and reduce the isolation of distance learning. As a STADIO Flex student, you meet and connect with other students, benefit from a fully equipped information and resource centre, have readily available connectivity via campus Wi-Fi that supports seamless study progression, and have ongoing access to individual, personalised support from full-time academics and student support staff on campus.

YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY

When you enrol, in addition to receiving your study material and student support resources online and a printed copy of the study guide (optional), STADIO Flex (SF) students will receive a timetable of group classes and seminars spread across 8 weeks per semester. Students are invited to attend two one-hour group classes per week for each of their registered modules. These engagement sessions guide students through the module content using practical examples and case studies, ensuring that the application of learning is prioritised. Seminars presented by experienced guest lecturers and industry experts are a regular feature of SF, increasing learning impact, networking opportunities, and promoting workplace readiness. In addition, at the start and throughout the first semester, students attend planned orientation and student support sessions to help them successfully transition into and through higher education.

The timetable is purposefully structured to ensure students have an engaged and productive campus experience, while also acknowledging that, as distance learners, they may need time for other commitments.

All in-venue assessments (at the end of the semester) are scheduled on campus, and students have the advantage of sitting for their supplementary exam before the commencement of the next semester, to facilitate academic progression.

Critically, STADIO entrenches programme parity and quality irrespective of mode of learning – whether you enrol for contact learning, distance learning at the Musgrave or Krugersdorp campus, or SF in Rustenburg, the curriculum and learning outcomes for the same programme will always be equal. What differs is how teaching and learning is presented and supported. STADIO Flex students can therefore focus on their studies, knowing they are receiving a quality education that reflects the overall excellence of the STADIO brand.

Upon enrolment, you will be integrated into the exciting buddy programme. Students are partnered with an academic staff member who serves as a personal point of contact throughout their studies to help navigate challenges and provide important support.

Why Choose STADIO Flex? You will benefit from:

- Affordable, flexible distance learning that purposefully integrates supported teaching and learning to promote student success.
- Regular, scheduled face-to-face group classes presented by academic experts, and seminars presented by industry specialists.
- Personalised guidance through the Buddy Programme.
- Consistent academic quality across all Campuses.
- Personal connection with lecturers, staff and fellow students.
- A structured study pathway designed to keep you motivated and on track.
- Convenient access to in-venue assessments and supplementary examinations.
- Access to learning resources, Wi-Fi on campus, and planned campus events and activities.

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The Ethics Institute (TEI)
- Industry Collaboration Partner

Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Industry Collaboration Partner

Project Management SA (PMSA)
- STADIO is a member

The Institute of Risk Managment South Africa (IRMSA)
- Qualification Endorsement

The Marketing Association of South Africa (MASA)
- Industry Collaboration Partner