

Bachelor of Commerce

Faculty of Commerce

4 Years Distance Degree | NQF Level 7
360 Credits | SAQA ID: 84706 | BM0701

→ Online

Qualification Description

The Bachelor of Commerce degree provides graduates with a broad-based business qualification that is invaluable in forging a career within the world of business. This degree offers students a quality learning experience in the contemporary, dynamic and interesting field of Business with the opportunity to choose a core discipline in Marketing Management, Financial Management, Strategic Management and Finance and Accounting. This programme is designed to prepare students for the increasingly complex demands that they will face in the professional business environment. Graduates will enter the business world with solid theoretical knowledge; supported by strong problem solving, critical thinking, decision-making and strategic skills. This degree gives students a highly marketable balance of knowledge, practical application and skills.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is ideal for students who are interested in the world of business, finance, economics, and management.

This degree is aimed at individuals who:

- Enjoy working with numbers, solving problems, and making strategic decisions
- Are curious about how businesses operate locally and globally
- Have an interest in financial systems, marketing, or entrepreneurship
- Want a strong foundation in business principles with the flexibility to specialise

- Aspire to become future business leaders, financial analysts, entrepreneurs, or policy-makers
- Are looking for a degree that offers a wide range of career opportunities in both the private and public sectors

Whether you're aiming to work in corporate business, launch your own startup, or pursue further studies like an MBA or postgraduate specialisation, this degree will equip you with the knowledge and skills to succeed in today's dynamic economy.

The distance mode of study is ideal for those who prefer not to attend full-time lectures, and it is aimed at students who wish to pursue a broad-based Commerce degree along with the opportunity to choose one of the following core disciplines: Strategic Management, Marketing Management, Finance and Accounting and Financial Management. This choice is made after having received a solid foundation in the theoretical knowledge associated with key management and business disciplines in the first year.

As an distance student you will receive all your support online from a dedicated team of Emeris lecturers.



DISTANCE (ONLINE)

CONTACT FULL-TIME

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Maths/HG	Math Lit/SG/ Technical Maths	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	30% or	50%	
	NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	50% or	60%	
	SC: Endorsement with	50%	30% or	50%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	50%	30% or	50%	
	International	An USAf Exemption Certificate is required and meeting the relevant Maths and English requirements.			
	A cognate Higher Certificate or cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma OR Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.				If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.

Alternate Admission:		NSC	Notes
(Should minimum admission requirements not be met at NSC Grade 12, then entrance may be granted based on additional requirements being fulfilled)	English	40-49%	If achieved 50% min in final Grade 11 results - applicable to contact and distance students.

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please reach out to a Student Advisor.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate



Curriculum Outline

This qualification is made of four core disciplines with unique and generic modules depending on your core discipline selected. The following are the core disciplines for this qualification:

Core Discipline	Major Subjects
Financial Management	APCT5131, BMNG5121, PMIC5111, BMNG5122, PMAC5112, MAKT5112, ACBP5121, BMNG6221, QUAT6221, ACBP5122*, BMNG6222, FINM6221, BMNG7321, IRCO7312, ACBP6221*, FINM6222, ACBP6222*, BMNG7322, RPCO7312, XBCM7329, BUSL6222, FINM7321, FINM7322, TAXN7321
Finance and Accounting	APCT5131, BMNG5121, PMIC5111, BMNG5122, PMAC5112, MAKT5112, ACBP5121, BMNG6221, QUAT6221, ACBP5122*, BMNG6222, FINM6221, IRCO7312, ACBP6221*, FINM6222, ACBP6222*, RPCO7312, XBCM7329, BUSL6222, ACBP7321*, FINM7321, FINM7322, TAXN7321
Marketing Management	APCT5131, BMNG5121, PMIC5111, BMNG5122, PMAC5112, MAKT5112, ACBP5121, MAKT6211, BMNG6221, QUAT6221, ACBP5122*, BMNG6222, MAKT6212, FINM6221, IRCO7312, MAKT7311, BMNG7322, RPCO7312, MAKT7312, XBCM7329, BUSL6222, DGMT6212, INKM7322
Strategic Management	APCT5131, BMNG5121, PMIC5111, BMNG5122, PMAC5112, MAKT5112, ACBP5121, BMNG6221, INRL6221, QUAT6221, ACBP5122*, BMNG6222, FINM6221, BMNG7321, IRCO7312, RETM6222, BMNG7322, RPCO7312, SPCM7321, XBCM7329, BUSL6222, PRMA6211, ENRM7322, INKM7322

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is recognised by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) as adhering to FAIS Fit and Proper requirements.

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Curriculum Structure

Financial Management:

Financial Management teaches students how to plan, control, and allocate financial resources effectively. The focus is on investment decisions, capital budgeting, risk management, and ensuring that organisations maximise value while maintaining financial health.

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15	BMNG5122	Business Management 1B	5	15
BMNG5121	Business Management 1A	5	15	PMAC5112	Economics 1B	5	15
PMIC5111	Economics 1A	5	15	MAKT5112	Introduction to Marketing Theory and Practice	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ACBP5121	Accounting 1A	5	15	ACBP5122*	Accounting 1B	5	15
BMNG6221	Business Management 2A	6	15	BMNG6222	Business Management 2B	6	15
QUAT6221	Quantitative Techniques	6	15				
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FINM6221	Financial Management 2A	6	15	BMNG7322	Business Management 3B	7	15
BMNG7321	Business Management 3A	7	15	RPCO7312	Research Practice for Commerce	7	15
IRCO7312	Introduction to Research for Commerce	7	15				
ACBP6221*	Accounting 2A	6	15				
FINM6222	Financial Management 2B	6	15				
ACBP6222*	Accounting 2B	6	15				
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
XBCM7329	Work Integrated Learning	7	15	FINM7322	Financial Management 3B	7	15
BUSL6222	Business Law	6	15	TAXN7321	Taxation	7	15
FINM7321	Financial Management 3A	7	15				

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Finance and Accounting:

Finance and Accounting builds strong technical and analytical skills in managing financial records, reporting, and compliance. Students learn how to interpret financial statements, apply accounting principles, and use financial information to support decision-making and organisational transparency.

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15	BMNG5122	Business Management 1B	5	15
BMNG5121	Business Management 1A	5	15	PMAC5112	Economics 1B	5	15
PMIC5111	Economics 1A	5	15	MAKT5112	Introduction to Marketing Theory and Practice	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ACBP5121	Accounting 1A	5	15	ACBP5122*	Accounting 1B	5	15
BMNG6221	Business Management 2A	6	15	BMNG6222	Business Management 2B	6	15
QUAT6221	Quantitative Techniques	6	15				
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FINM6221	Financial Management 2A	6	15	RPCO7312	Research Practice for Commerce	7	15
IRC07312	Introduction to Research for Commerce	7	15				
ACBP6221*	Accounting 2A	6	15				
FINM6222	Financial Management 2B	6	15				
ACBP6222*	Accounting 2B	6	15				
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
XBCM7329	Work Integrated Learning	7	15	FINM7322	Financial Management 3B	7	15
BUSL6222	Business Law	6	15	TAXN7321	Taxation	7	15
ACBP7321*	Accounting 3A	7	15	ACBP7322	Accounting 3B	7	15
FINM7321	Financial Management 3A	7	15				

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Marketing Management:

Marketing Management focuses on understanding customer needs, creating value, and building strong brands. Students learn how to design effective marketing strategies, conduct market research, and manage campaigns that drive business growth in competitive environments.

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15	BMNG5122	Business Management 1B	5	15
BMNG5121	Business Management 1A	5	15	PMAC5112	Economics 1B	5	15
PMIC5111	Economics 1A	5	15	MAKT5112	Introduction to Marketing Theory and Practice	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ACBP5121	Accounting 1A	5	15	ACBP5122*	Accounting 1B	5	15
MAKT6211	Marketing 2A	6	15	BMNG6222	Business Management 2B	6	15
BMNG6221	Business Management 2A	6	15				
QUAT6221	Quantitative Techniques	6	15				
MAKT6212	Marketing 2B	6	15				
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FINM6221	Financial Management 2A	6	15	BMNG7322	Business Management 3B	7	15
BMNG7321	Business Management 3A	7	15	RPCO7312	Research Practice for Commerce	7	15
IRCO7312	Introduction to Research for Commerce	7	15	MAKT7312	Marketing 3B	7	15
MAKT7311	Marketing 3A	7	15				
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
XBCM7329	Work Integrated Learning	7	15	DGMT6212	Digital Marketing	6	15
BUSL6222	Business Law	6	15	INKM7322	Information and Knowledge Management	7	15

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Strategic Management:

Strategic Management equips students with the ability to analyse business environments, set long-term goals, and develop competitive strategies. It's about making informed decisions that position organisations for success, sustainability, and innovation in a constantly changing marketplace.

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
APCT5131	Applied Communication Techniques	5	15	BMNG5122	Business Management 1B	5	15
BMNG5121	Business Management 1A	5	15	PMAC5112	Economics 1B	5	15
PMIC5111	Economics 1A	5	15	MAKT5112	Introduction to Marketing Theory and Practice	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ACBP5121	Accounting 1A	5	15	ACBP5122*	Accounting 1B	5	15
BMNG6221	Business Management 2A	6	15	BMNG6222	Business Management 2B	6	15
INRL6221	Industrial Relations	6	15				
QUAT6221	Quantitative Techniques	6	15				
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FINM6221	Financial Management 2A	6	15	RETM6222	Retail Management	6	15
BMNG7321	Business Management 3A	7	15	BMNG7322	Business Management 3B	7	15
IRCO7312	Introduction to Research for Commerce	7	15	RPCO7312	Research Practice for Commerce	7	15
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
SPCM7321	Supply Chain Management	7	15	PRMA6211	Project Management	6	15
XBCM7329	Work Integrated Learning	7	15	ENRM7322	Enterprise Risk Management	7	15
BUSL6222	Business Law	6	15	INKM7322	Information and Knowledge Management	7	15

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Further Study Pathways

The successful completion of the Bachelor of Commerce degree (BM0701) enables you to progress into the following qualification/s subject to meeting the admission requirements:

- Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Management (with conditions)
- Bachelor of Business Science Honours (with conditions)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education (with conditions)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Water Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership
- Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance
- Postgraduate Diploma in Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Brand Building
- Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Business
- Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Strategy
- Postgraduate Diploma in User Experience Design

Career Opportunities

This degree will open up an attractive range of career options; this degree is a perfect steppingstone to a diverse and exciting range of business-related career opportunities, depending on which core discipline you choose.

Financial Management core discipline:

- Financial Planning and Advisory
- New Business Developer/ Account Manager
- Financial Manager
- Investment Analyst
- Business Consulting

Finance and Accounting core discipline:

- Corporate Accounting
- Financial Manager
- Investment Analyst
- Business Consulting

Marketing Management core discipline:

- New Business Developer/ Account Manager
- Business Consulting
- Market Research
- General Management
- Sales Advisor

Strategic Management core discipline:

- Junior Strategist
- New Business Developer/ Account Manager
- Business Consulting
- General Business Management

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for Emeris students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 24 modules in the curriculum.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 4 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no campus. If there is no campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-Emeris venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of a Distance (Online) Qualification?

The distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

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After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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