

4.1.13 MCom (Public and Development Management)

Admission requirements

- An BAHons, BAdminHons, BComHons or an BEconHons degree in Public and Development Management with an average of at least 60%.

Further requirements

- You must submit either an honours degree research report or a research proposal as part of your application. You must complete your research proposal and orally defend it to an academic panel. The proposal must be accepted for you to continue with the programme.

Selection

A total number of students admitted per year depends on the joint available space in the MCom (Public and Development Management), MA (Public and Development Management) and M (Public Administration) programmes as well as available supervision capacity in the School of Public Leadership.

The academic quality of the research proposal or research report will be assessed in terms of the demonstrated academic research and writing ability, familiarity with contemporary literature in the field, relevance of the research objectives, design and methods and the potential academic merit of the study.

Application procedure and closing date

Contact the School of Public Leadership directly at the details under "Enquiries" below to find out about the application process and closing date.

Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

Duration: One year, full-time; two years, part-time; with block sessions and interactive online sessions for the Coursework and Thesis option.

Starting date: Normally late January or early February.

Programme's mode of delivery

Blended learning.

Enquiries

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Programme structure

There are two options in the programme:

- **A Coursework and Thesis option** (Public and Development Management 889):
For this option, you must follow three 30-credit elective modules and an appropriate, advanced course in research methodology and academic writing skills. In addition, you must complete a 90-credit thesis with guidance from an academic study leader.
The coursework component is presented by means of block sessions and interactive online sessions:
 - Block sessions entail that you must attend lectures in blocks of one to two weeks at a time in January and in May at the Bellville Park campus. Further writing workshops may also be scheduled during the course of the year to give you time for dedicated writing.
 - For the interactive online presentations, you must attend at least two full days in the first semester and two full days in the second semester via an applicable interactive electronic learning platform. You must also independently watch the provided video recordings and engage with study material.
 - For the remaining time, you will study at home and do assignments that must be submitted electronically.
 - Exams are written in Bellville or in Tshwane.
- **A Full Thesis option** (Public and Development Management 879):
This is the full research option. You must complete a course in appropriate advanced research methodology and academic writing (if you have not successfully completed such a course before) and a full thesis of 180 credits under guidance of an academic study leader.

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn a total of at least 180 credits for one of the options in this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
48003	889	180	Public and Development Management (Coursework and Thesis option)	Both
48003	879	180	Public and Development Management (Full Thesis option)	Both

The modules for each option are listed below.

Compulsory module for the Coursework and Thesis option (889) (90 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11242	861	90	Thesis: Public and Development Management	Both

Elective modules for the Coursework and Thesis option (889) (90 credits)

- Choose three of the following modules.
- Please note that a minimum of ten students is required for a module to be presented.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11269	871	30	Advanced Programme and Project Management	Both
11270	871	30	Anti-Corruption Studies	Both
58874	862	30	Capita Selecta A: Sector specialisation as requested by students	Both
58874	861	30	Capita Selecta B: Sector specialisation as requested by students	Both
11271	871	30	Comparative and Contemporary Public Management Innovation Studies	Both
60496	861	30	Integrated Community-based Development	Both
60518	861	30	Integrated Public Management	Both
60526	861	30	Integrated Public Policy Management and Analysis [Admission requirement: 60% or more in the ICT module of the honours programme]	Both
11272	871	30	Monitoring and Evaluation	Both

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
66370	861	30	Municipal Management and Development [Admission requirement: Local Governance in the honours programme]	Both
60488	861	30	Public Management Law	Both

Compulsory module for the Full Thesis option (879) (180 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11242	828	180	Thesis: Public and Development Management	Both

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