

## **1. Context and Objectives**

The Master of Business Economics (MBE) Programme is designed to equip professionals with advanced knowledge and technical skills for informed business decisions and policy formulation. The business world is becoming more and more competitive both domestically and at the international level. The MBE takes into account that reality and provides a training where professionals become versatile, creative and innovative and respond optimally to business challenges faced by their organisations.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Master of Business Economics programme are:

- To provide advanced postgraduate training in business economics and with applications to real world situations by business firms, financial institutions, and government agencies.
- To develop the ability to identify problems and the capacity for decision-making, leading to practical solutions.
- To enhance the individual's capacity to meet emerging challenges within an organisation with a view to increasing domestic and international competitiveness in a rapidly changing global environment.
- To prepare individuals to assume key positions of responsibility by upgrading their knowledge and skills to comparable international standards.

## **2. Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the programme, candidates should be able to:

- Independently analyse current economic issues unfolding both domestically and in the international arena and propose pragmatic solutions;
- Demonstrate understanding of macroeconomic data and concepts by comparing, interpreting, analysing and making and proposing informed policy decisions;
- Improve intellectual and practical skills for critical, innovative and creative thinking and for working out implementable business solutions in their organisations;
- Enhance teamwork and collaborative skills;
- Develop skills for on-going personal, academic and professional growth.

## **3. Teaching and Learning Methods**

As far as possible, a blended approach will be used. These might include among others: face to face lectures, e-learning (moodle), problem based learning, case studies, document analysis, practical lab sessions (where applicable), assignments, seminars, tutorials, open learning materials, textbooks and independent study as well as collaborative learning.

#### 4. Entry Requirements

##### - General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to Postgraduate degree Programmes.

##### - Programme Requirements

At least a Second Class Honours Degree from a recognised University.

##### General and Programme Requirements - Special Cases

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the general and programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.

#### 5. Programme Duration

	Minimum Yrs	Maximum Yrs
Master's Degree:	2	4
Postgraduate Diploma	2	4

#### LCCS Credits per Semester

As per University Regulations.

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Total
Year 1	18	18	36
Year 2	30	6	36

#### 6. Minimum LCCS Credits required for degree award: 72

	Core Modules	Electives	Dissertation	Total
Master Degree	36	18	18	72
Postgraduate Diploma	36	18	-	54

#### 7. Assessment and Deadlines

##### Continuous and written assessment of modules

All modules will carry 100 marks and will be taught over 1 semester and examined at the end of the academic year with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examination of 2 to 3 hour duration, carrying 50% to 60% of total marks, and continuous assessment carrying 40% to 50% of total marks.

**Examinations for all modules whether taught in semester 1, 2, 3, or 4 would be held at the end of the academic year.**

Continuous assessment can be based on seminars and/or assignments and should include at least 1 class test.

An overall total of 40 % for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass a module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. Students are required to submit work for continuous assessment by due dates. Failure to do so will normally incur penalties.

No retake examinations will be organised. Instead, students will be allowed to carry forward a maximum of three modules at any point in time and will be allowed to sit for the examinations with the next cohort of students.

All modules carry their own credit value.

### **Submission Deadlines for Dissertation**

- 1<sup>st</sup> draft end of July in the final year
- Final copy: Last week day of August in the final year by 4.00 pm at latest

Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies and one soft copy in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry and in addition, a soft copy of the dissertation in a single PDF text file should be uploaded on the "Turnitin' Platform" in the final assignment submission link indicated by the Programme /Project Coordinator.

### **Repeat and termination of registration**

If the CPA of a student is < 40% for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake modules for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40% at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

### **Choice of Electives**

Students will be required to submit their choice of Electives in order of priority by the middle of Semester I of Year I.

The University reserves the right not to offer a given Elective Module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or if there are resource constraints.

## 8. List of Modules

MODULE CODE	MODULE NAME	HRS/WK L + P	LCCS CREDITS
<b>CORE</b>			
ECON 6035	Business Economics and Decision Techniques <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6036	Financial Markets and Corporate Governance <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6039	Macroeconomic Analysis for Business <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6040	Quantitative Methods in Business Economics <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6042	Competition and Regulation Policy <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6043	Globalisation and E-Commerce <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6044	Economics of Innovation and Entrepreneurship <sup>3</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6000	Dissertation <sup>4</sup>	-	18
<b>ELECTIVES</b>			
ECON 6045	International Trade and Investment	3 + 0	6
ECON 6046	Green Economics for Business	3 + 0	6
ECON 6047	Investment Analysis and Capital Markets	3 + 0	6

## 9. Programme Plan

### YEAR 1

MODULE CODE	MODULE NAME	HRS/WK L + P	LCCS CREDITS
<b>CORE MODULES</b>			
ECON 6035	Business Economics and Decision Techniques <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6036	Financial Markets and Corporate Governance <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6039	Macroeconomic Analysis for Business <sup>1</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6040	Quantitative Methods in Business Economics <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6042	Competition and Regulation Policy <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6043	Globalisation and E-Commerce <sup>2</sup>	3 + 0	6
	<i>Sub total</i>		<b>36</b>

### YEAR 2

MODULE CODE	MODULE NAME	HRS/WK L + P	LCCS CREDITS
<b>CORE MODULES</b>			
ECON 6044	Economics of Innovation and Entrepreneurship <sup>3</sup>	3 + 0	6
ECON 6000	Dissertation <sup>4</sup>	-	18

### **ELECTIVES** Choose 2 from the following, 1 in semester 3 and 1 in semester 4

ECON 6045	International Trade and Investment	3 + 0	6
ECON 6046	Green Economics for Business	3 + 0	6
ECON 6047	Investment Analysis and Capital Markets	3 + 0	6
	<i>Sub total</i>		<b>36</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

### NOTE

- (i) Electives will be offered subject to availability of minimum number of students and Faculty resources.
- (ii) <sup>1, 2, 3 and 4</sup> represent modules taught in semester 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively but examined at the end of the academic year.