

Department of Applied Information Systems School of Consumer Intelligence and Information Systems Postgraduate Studies BCom Honours in Information Systems

College of Business and Economics

# **BCOM HONOURS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

## 1. GENERAL

Thank you for your interest in the BCom Honours in Information Systems degree at the University of Johannesburg. This document will provide a detailed overview of the programme.

## 2. COMPOSITION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme is offered on a full-time or part-time basis:

Full-time	Part-time
Completed in 12 months	Completed in 24 months
• Register for 9 modules (5 in the first	Register for 5 modules (3 in
semester and 4 in the second	the first semester and 2 in the
semester)	second semester) in the first
	year
	<ul> <li>Register for 4 modules in the second year (2 in each semester)</li> </ul>

More information about the curriculum and each module is provided in Annexure A.

## 3. ABOUT THIS QUALIFICATION

The purpose of the qualification and programme is to advance the competencies of the learner aiming to or already working in a variety of business settings that use and rely on computerised technologies and information systems to accomplish business goals. The qualification equips the student with hands on technical, predictive and analytical skills as well as research and decision-making skills anchored on organisational principles and the technology of systems. Graduates of this qualification should be able to meet that the continuing and changing business and technology needs, by planning for and implementing information systems at workplaces, dealing with people, business procedures towards meaningful participation in the management of information systems.

## 4. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The BCom Honours programme receives many applications per year which means that students are selected based on academic merit. This means that even if you meet the criteria outlined below, your acceptance is not guaranteed.

- Access will be provided to students in possession of a BCom, Advanced Diploma in Business Information Technology (BIT), or an equivalent Information Technology qualification on NQF Level 7 (3<sup>rd</sup> year level) with majors in information technology related field.
- A student must have attained a minimum average of 65% in their equivalent NQF Level qualification.
- Selection may include an interview.

## 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications open annually at the beginning of April and close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September (no late applications are reviewed). The application process is purely online, no email or paper-based applications will be reviewed. Please visit UJ's website to apply. Should you experience problems with the online system please contact the Student Enrolment Centre on 011 559 4555.

Points to keep in mind:

- The initial screening process is based on your first semester 3<sup>rd</sup> year results (if you are still completing your degree) or based on your final 3<sup>rd</sup> year/BCom IT or advanced Diploma BIT results if you have already completed the degree.
- From another University:
  - Currently studying if you are applying when you are in your final (3<sup>rd</sup> year) you need to upload a University <u>stamped</u> copy of your academic record including the first semester results of your 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
  - Completed degree when applying you must upload a University <u>stamped</u> copy of your academic record **and a** <u>certified</u> copy of your degree certificate.
  - If your documents are not stamped this will result in your application being declined based on insufficient documentation provided.
- UJ student:
  - You do not need to upload your academic record your academic record will be linked to your application automatically.

#### 6. FAQS

## 1. If I study part-time, can I select the modules I want to complete?

The programme is very structured and you are required to complete certain modules at certain stages of the degree. Please refer to Annexure A for more information.

2. If I'm working full-time, will I be able to complete the programme on a full-time basis?

We do not recommend students who are working full-time to register on a full-time basis. The modules

include a significant workload with a mix of group and individual assignments. The workload could be difficult to manage with a full-time job.

3. Are classes compulsory?

Yes.

4. My marks are below the 65% required but I do have work experience. Is this experience taken into consideration?

Work experience is not taken into consideration and the 65% average is a hard requirement.

5. How much are the fees?

The fees are approximately R49 630 per year (full-time studies) however the fees are adjusted annually and cannot be confirmed by the Department (only Student Finance can confirm – 011 559 3935).

6. My company wants to pay for my fees. Can you give me a quote?

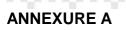
Unfortunately, the Department cannot generate quotes for students. Please contact the Faculty of Management on 011 559 3875 or you can contact Student Finance directly on 011 559 3935.

7. Do you have a bridging programme?

No.

8. What is the language policy?

All classes are presented in English only. All assessments, research projects etc. are only completed in English.



#### FULL-TIME CURRICULUM

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SEMESTER MODULES						
FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER			
MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	
Information Systems Research Methodology	ISM8X01	12	Information Systems Research Project	ISM8X06	30	
Cyber Security in Organisational Systems	ISM8X02	12	Information Systems Project Management	ISM8X07	12	
Information Systems Architectures	ISM8X03	12	Information Technology Governance	ISM8X08	12	
Learning from Data	ISM8X04	12	Predictive Analytics	ISM8X09	12	
Strategic Information Systems Management	ISM8X05	12				
	5 modules	60 Credits		4 modules	66 Credits	

#### PART-TIME CURRICULUM

FIRST YEAR							
	SEMESTER MODULES						
FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER				
MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS		
Information Systems Research Methodology	ISM8X01	12	Information Systems Project Management	ISM8X07	12		
Information Systems Architectures	ISM8X03	12	Information Technology Governance	ISM8X08	12		
Learning from Data	ISM8X04	12					
	3 modules	36 Credits		2 modules	24 Credits		

SECOND YEAR						
SEMESTER MODULES						
FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER			
MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	
Cyber Security in Organisational Systems	ISM8X02	12	Predictive Analytics	ISM8X09	12	
Strategic Information Systems Management	ISM8X05	12	Information Systems Research Project	ISM8X06	30	
	2 modules	24 Credits		2 modules	42 Credits	

#### Career opportunities:

- IT manager
- IT project manager
- Business analyst
- Scrum master
- Enterprise architect
- IT security manager

#### Ready to apply?

Visit the UJ homepage <u>www.uj.ac.za</u> and click on Admissions + Aid to apply for this qualification. All applications are done online.

**Cost:** Please visit the UJ Student Finance page for any queries related to the costs of this qualification. The student finance page can be accessed from the UJ home page at <u>www.uj.ac.za</u>. Click on Admissions + Aid and select Student Finance.

**Bursaries / Funding**: Please visit <u>www.uj.ac.za/cbe</u> and click on bursaries to view potential bursary opportunities. You can also visit the UJ home page at <u>www.uj.ac.za</u> and click on Admissions + Aid followed by Student Finance to view further bursary and funding opportunities.

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