

# Doctoral Programme Transport Economics

## PhD (Transport Economics) (P1DTEQ)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this qualification is to develop intellectual and specialised competencies and practical skills in the acquisition, interpretation, understanding, analysis and application of transport economics, management and regulatory principles. The student should further develop research, writing and creative thinking skills in the transport economics field.

The student should be able to take strategic decisions in the context of the transport sector, and to analyse and assess any internal or external decision impacting on this sector. The student should also be able to reflect on his/her managerial decisions and applications to analyse and assess the effect thereof in the holistic context of transport economics, management and regulation. The thesis should constitute a reflection of knowledge and insight into the transport economics field.

**RULES OF ACCESS:** Student access will be provided to the student who is in possession of a university-based Master's qualification in Transport Economics on NQF LEVEL 9. The Dean of the College of Business and Economics may refuse a student admission to the doctoral qualification if of the opinion that the student's academic background is insufficient. In addition to the above, further selection criteria apply and usually include selection interviews, psychometric testing and a research proposal exercise.

**FULL-TIME CURRICULUM/PART-TIME CURRICULUM:** A thesis on an approved topic OR an option containing a minimum of three publishable articles with an overarching introduction and conclusion over a maximum period of four years on an approved topic. Refer to Academic Regulations Booklet for applicable regulations on doctorate qualifications.

**ARTICLE-BASED FORMAT:** A student who is in possession of a Master's qualification in Transport Economics (on NQF level 9) with a minimum of 75% or higher may apply for admission to this format. However, if the average is between 70% and 75% and the student is still considered to be able to conduct research involving a collection of articles then a motivation needs to be provided by the School/Department's Higher Degrees Committee. In addition, the student must have completed a module of Research Methodology (on NQF level 9) as part of a postgraduate qualification with an average of 60% or higher. The Dean of the College of Business and Economics may refuse a student admission to the doctoral qualification if of the opinion that the student's academic background is insufficient. In addition to the above, further selection criteria apply and usually include selection interviews, psychometric testing and a research proposal exercise.

### SEMESTER MODULES

Electives – Choose ONE of the following

FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS	MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF CREDITS
<b>Thesis: Transport Economics</b>	TRE10X1	360	<b>Thesis: Transport Economics</b>	TRE10X2	360
<b>*Article Based Thesis: Transport Economics</b>	TRE10A1	360	<b>*Article Based Thesis: Transport Economics</b>	TRE10A2	360
	1 Semester Module	360 Credits		1 Semester Module	360 Credits

\* Subject to the recommendation by the Department and approval by the College.

**RESEARCH TIME:** 100%