



What is Economics?

Economic activity is crucial for both individuals and society as a whole, and it is imperative that students learn as much as they can about how the economy operates. Economics affects everyone since it is a social science that examines a universal human problem: how to satisfy unlimited wants with limited resources. Every individual in the society is both a producer and a consumer. However, how does this mechanism work? What role does the economy of South Africa play in the world economy? What steps may be taken to promote increased economic growth and raise everyone's standard of living? Along with other topics, economists study these problems.

Department of Economics

Note that the EMS Faculty has minimum selection marks for applications. The selection mark and minimum requirements are revised annually. See www.sun.ac.za/ems for your specific Bachelor Degree admission requirements.



Careers in Economics

What does your future hold?

While postgraduate courses in Economics and Econometrics are necessary for certain occupations, experience has proven that an undergraduate degree in Economics is a useful starting point for careers in the public and private sectors. In the business world, macroeconomics offers insight into the economic context in which a firm operates, while microeconomics helps the firm make operational decisions. Choosing Economics as your major may increase your chances of getting promoted in government agencies. For students who want to pursue a career in journalism, economics is advised as it opens up teaching opportunities as well. There are a wide range of potential employers in economics, see below:





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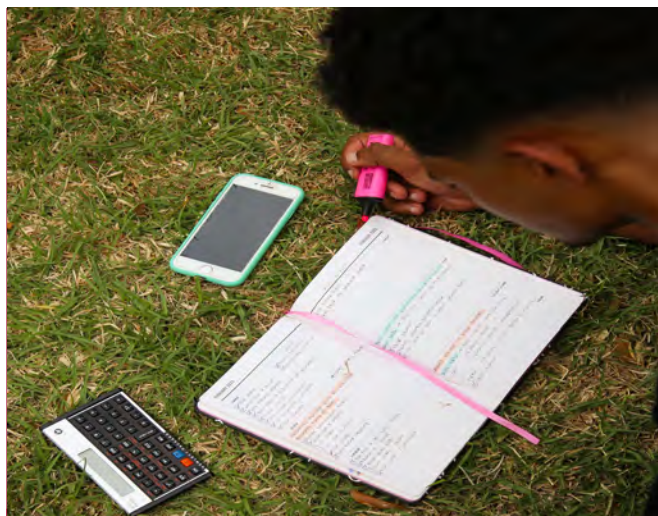
Programmes offered

- **Agricultural Economics** studies the application of economic and management sciences to the production and marketing of agricultural and food products across agricultural and food industries.
- **Investment Management** is specifically developed to enable students to study successfully for Level 1 of the examination for the international CFA® qualification, which focuses on portfolio management and investment analysis.
- **BCom (Financial Management)** studies knowledge of financial management and investment analysis.
- **Public & Development Management** prepares for professions in the public, business and voluntary sectors.

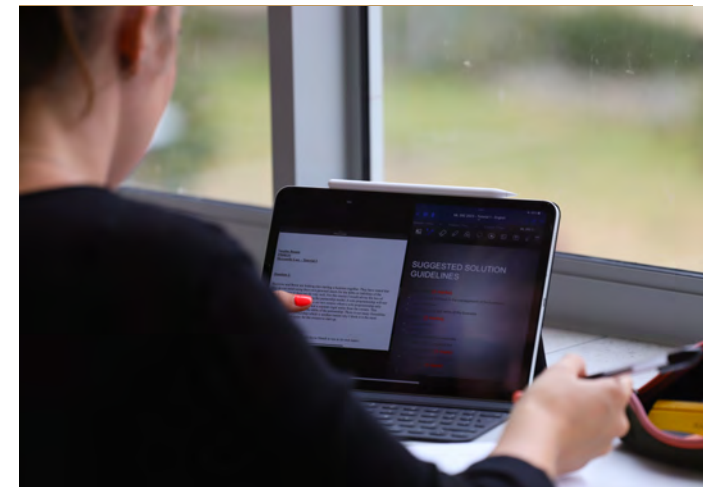
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Programmes offered:

- **Transport Economics** focuses on planning and managing transport infrastructure, the formulation of transport policy and the control of transport systems for public enterprises and transport organizations.
- **Econ. & Management. Consultation** provides a good knowledge of economics which is combined with broad exposure to commercial and management subjects, providing the necessary background to be able to make business-related recommendations.
- **Econometrics** places emphasis on advanced math and statistics, giving students a strong foundation for employment as econometricians in the financial sector, public sectors or at a research institution.
- **Financial Sector** places ongoing emphasis on Mathematics and statistical skills, as well as skills required to analyse investment opportunities.



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ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCE FOCAL AREAS

Programmes offered:

BA (PPE)

- This degree will be attractive to students interested in formulating economic policy, and taking account of the implications of such policies for the political and ethical governance of the world.
- A PPE (Philosophy, Political Science and Economics) degree forms a sound foundation from which to seek a career in senior policy making (in private or public sectors), as well as careers in international trade diplomacy, journalism, investment analysis, consulting, and banking.



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