



**ROSEBANK
INTERNATIONAL**

FACULTY OF COMMERCE



IIE BACHELOR OF COMMERCE IN ECONOMICS (IIE DISTANCE/ONLINE) | SAQA NUMBER: 93854

QUALIFICATION DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this qualification is threefold: to promote access to higher education, to qualify learners for careers in the business/ economics field and to provide a platform for further business management or economics studies.

The Bachelor of Commerce in Economics Degree is structured to provide a graduate with the knowledge, skills and applied competencies sought in modern businesses to inform and support business sustainability and growth, and to provide strategic direction from an economics perspective. Graduates will also be well-prepared with the insight and skills that are relevant to further specialised study in support of the principle of life-long learning. The qualification design presents a combination of skills and competencies.

WHO IS THIS QUALIFICATION AIMED AT?

This qualification is aimed at individuals who have the skills, drive, and initiative to succeed in the business world specialised in economics and are looking to develop a strong foundation in commerce. It is ideal for school leavers or those looking to enter the business environment with a practical and versatile qualification that opens doors to further study or entry-level roles in business and economics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Economist
- Business Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Market Research Analyst

DURATION

This is a three-year qualification offered by The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE).

MODE OF DELIVERY

Distance (Online): This IIE qualification is available online through IIE distance learning for individuals wanting to study and work. As an IIE distance student, you will receive all your support online from a dedicated team of RI online tutors. Speak to a student advisor for more information.

THE WEIGHT YOUR FUTURE QUALIFICATION CARRIES

The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Economics is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a 360-credit qualification on **Level 7 (SAQA ID No: 93854)**. On successful completion you will receive a **Bachelor of Commerce in Economics** from The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE), a leading registered private provider of higher education in South Africa.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please reach out to a Student Advisor.

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Maths		Notes
			Maths/HG	Math Lit/ SG/ Technical Maths	
	NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	30% or	80%	
	NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	50% or	80%	
	SC: Endorsement with	50%	30% or	80%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	50%	30% or	80%	
	International				An USAf Exemption Certificate is required and meeting the relevant Maths and English requirements.
	A cognate Higher Certificate OR cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma or Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.				If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.
Senate Discretionary Admissions					
Alternate Admission (Should minimum admission requirements not be met at NSC Grade 12, then entrance may be granted based on additional requirements being fulfilled)		NSC	Notes		
	English	40-49%	if achieved 50% min in final Grade 11 results		
Mature Age Category 1: Mature Age Admission for applicants with SC with Endorsement, or NSC/ NC(V)/SC(a) with Degree Admission	Candidates 23 years and older at point of registration, with an endorsed Senior Certificate or a National Senior Certificate with Bachelor's Degree pass or National Certificate (Vocational) with Bachelor's degree Pass or Senior Certificate (amended) with Bachelor's Degree pass can be accepted on a senate discretionary mature age admission if they do not meet the additional admission requirements. Their academic progress will be tracked and reported at Senate. A USAf Exemption Certificate is not required.				
Mature Age Category 2: Mature Age Exemption - SC not endorsed	Candidates having attained the age of 23 before or during the first year of registration with a Senior Certificate, with a minimum of 40% in at least four higher or standard grade subjects at least three of which shall have been passed simultaneously and one of which shall be a recognised higher grade subject. A USAf Exemption Certificate is required.				



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<p>Mature Age Category 3:</p> <p>Mature Age Exemption - NSC/NC(V)/SC(a) with Diploma Admission</p>	<p>Candidates having attained the age of 23 before or during the first year of registration with a Senior Certificate (Amended), National Senior Certificate or National Senior Certificate (Vocational) with a minimum of 40% in at least four higher or standard grade or 20-credit subjects (or equivalent), at least three of which shall have been passed simultaneously and in the case of a Senior Certificate (Amended), at least one of which shall be a recognised higher grade subject.</p> <p>A Diploma Pass on these certificates would imply that that the candidate qualifies.</p> <p>Senate Discretionary Admission - Mature Age NSC/NC(V)/SC(a) Hold must be selected so that the USAf Exemption Certificate may be applied for by the Office of the Registrar.</p>
<p>Mature Age Category 4:</p> <p>Mature Age Exemption - 45 years and older</p>	<p>Candidates must have attained the age of 45 before or during the first year of registration.</p> <p>A USAf Exemption Certificate is required.</p>
<p>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</p>	<p>Where candidates do not satisfy the formal admission requirements for this qualification, The IIE may consider an admission application in terms of the Qualification Completion, Credit Accumulation and Transfer, Articulation and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy (IIE010).</p> <p>If applicant does not meet minimum admission requirements and there is no alternative (such as completion of NQP modules) but they have relevant experience, the following must be requested to consider admission via RPL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificates for all formal (Accredited Higher Education qualifications) and/or informal qualifications/modules (SLP's, Microcredentials etc). SAQA certificates must be provided for any international qualifications. 2. CV to determine whether the following are related to the qualification that the applicant is applying for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formal (Accredited Higher Education qualifications) and/or informal qualifications/modules (SLP's, Microcredentials etc) b. Relevant work experience
<p>USAf approved cognate foundation programme</p>	<p>Candidates who have completed an USAf approved cognate foundation programme from a registered and accredited provider may be admitted. The additional English and Maths/Math Lit/Technical Maths criteria fall away.</p> <p>An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.</p>
<p>Transfer students</p>	<p>Students who do not get entry into the Bachelor of Commerce in Economics (BCEC322/BCE701) first time around, based on the existing admission requirements, should be allowed to apply for the Bachelor of Commerce (BM322/0701) and if the following condition is met, students can transfer to the BCom in Economics in the second year of study. The student is required to obtain a minimum of 60% for each of the following modules: Economics 1A (PMIC5111) and Economics 1B (PMAC5112) in the first year of the BCom (BM322/BCE0701) and complete 120 credits to transfer into the BCEC322 in the second year of study.</p>
<p>OQSF qualifications</p>	<p>Candidates with an OQSF Level 5 cognate qualification may be admitted, provided the OQSF qualification has at least 120 credits at NQF Level 5. An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.</p>
<p>One Module Outstanding</p>	<p>Candidates who have one module outstanding to complete an IIE Higher Certificate which is appropriate for admission to a degree, may register for the degree on the condition that they will register for the outstanding Higher Certificate module along with the first year of the degree.</p> <p>If a student does not pass the module, they will be allowed to register again* for this module and any modules failed in the first year of the degree; however, they will NOT be allowed to register for the second year of the Degree, or any subsequent year, until they have passed the Higher Certificate module.</p> <p>*Registration is also subject to the maximum completion times rule in IIE010.</p>
<p>IIEB International Secondary Certificate</p>	<p>Candidates must have achieved Bachelor's Degree pass and meet the additional admission criteria (where applicable).</p> <p>The OoR will apply to USAf for Exemption based on Senate Discretion.</p>



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American High School Diploma completed within South Africa

Candidates must present an American High School Diploma transcript which demonstrates:

1. A GPA of at least 3.5

AND

2. SAT scores of a minimum of 610 for English and 530 for Mathematics, OR

Advanced Placement scores (at least two subjects passed on grade 3, 4 or 5 for the Advanced Placement (AP) examinations of the American College Board OR

ACT mean of 22 with a 22 sub-minimum in English and 21 in Mathematics, OR

National Benchmark Test with the following scores, "proficient scores" i.e., 71 for Academic Literacy (AL) & 70 for Quantitative Literacy (subject to updates on the NBT website)

3. Meet any additional admissions requirements

The OoR will apply to USAf for Exemption based on Senate Discretion.

Students who have completed the US High School Diploma outside of South Africa would still be required to apply directly to USAf's Matriculation Board for Exemption, should they wish to be registered for a degree.

MODULES

Year 1

Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	APCT5131	5	15	Applied Communication Techniques	Semester 1
BCEC0701	MATH5111	5	15	Mathematics 1A	Semester 1
BCEC0701	PMIC5111	5	15	Economics 1A	Semester 1
BCEC0701	ACBP5121	5	15	Accounting 1A	Semester 1
Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	FIMA5111	5	15	Introduction to Accounting and Finance	Semester 2
BCEC0701	BMAN5121	5	15	Business Management 1	Semester 2
BCEC0701	MATH5112	5	15	Mathematics 1B	Semester 2
BCEC0701	PMAC5112	5	15	Economics 1B	Semester 2

Year 2

Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	BMNG6221	5	15	Business Management 2A	Semester 1
BCEC0701	BSTA6212	5	15	Business Statistics	Semester 1
BCEC0701	BUSL6222	5	15	Business Law	Semester 1
BCEC0701	MIEC6221	5	15	Intermediate Microeconomics 2A	Semester 1
Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	BMNG6222	5	15	Business Management 2B	Semester 2
BCEC0701	MIEC6222	5	15	Intermediate Macroeconomics 2B	Semester 2
BCEC0701	BDMO6212	5	15	Business Data Modelling	Semester 2
BCEC0701	PBEC6212	5	15	Public Economics	Semester 2

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Year 3

Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	AMIE7311	5	15	Advanced Microeconomics	Semester 1
BCEC0701	ECME7311	5	15	Econometrics A: Introduction	Semester 2
BCEC0701	IRCO7311	5	15	Introduction to Research for Commerce	Semester 1
BCEC0701	INTF7311	5	15	International Trade and Finance	Semester 1
Qualification Code	Module Code	NQF	Credits	Module Name	Semester
BCEC0701	RPCO7312	5	15	Research Practice for Commerce	Semester 2
BCEC0701	AMAE7312	5	15	Advanced Macroeconomics	Semester 1
BCEC0701	MOEC7322	5	15	Monetary Economics	Semester 2
BCEC0701	ECME7322	5	15	Econometrics B: Applied	Semester 2

FURTHER STUDY PATHWAYS

The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE) offers you the opportunity to start with a degree and progress into a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate degree. There are several pathways offered by The IIE at Rosebank International, that enable access to higher-level qualifications. Speak to the student advisor for more information.

The successful completion of the IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Economics (BCEC0701) enables you to progress into the following qualification/s subject to meeting the admission requirements:

- IIE Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Management
- IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Business
- IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership
- IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management
- IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Management
- IIE Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Governance

DEVICE AND CONNECTIVITY SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE STUDY:

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 11 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for IIE students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended

EXAMINATIONS

Exams are written at an exam centre and, in some instances, online. These details will be specified in your programme assessment schedule.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This fact sheet is accurate at the time of publication. The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE) reserves the right to alter any of the content prior to the commencement of registration due to changes in regulation, policy, market requirements or any other valid reason.