



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Master of Administration modular [MBA] (07254010)

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Programme information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

Refer to the GIBS student guidelines and regulations.

The Dean may authorise matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or in the GIBS regulations.

### Admission requirements

1. Relevant honours (or equivalent) degree
2. Mathematics passed at NSC-level (or equivalent)  
or
3. Mathematics or Statistics or Mathematical Statistics passed at first year-level
4. Relevant work experience

### Other programme-specific information

Students are required to complete 5 electives of 6 credits each during the final year of study. More information on electives will be shared in class.

Refer to the GIBS student guidelines and regulations

### Examinations and pass requirements

1. The minimum pass mark for each module is 50%, provided that a subminimum of 45% has been obtained in the examination or an examined component. The minimum pass mark for the research project is 50%.
2. A candidate who has failed more than two core modules may not continue his studies for the MBA degree, except with the approval of the Dean.
3. Should a candidate fail an elective module, he/she may repeat the elective module or an equivalent as



determined by the Dean.

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## Curriculum: Final year

Students must complete 5 electives from the list provided. The total number of credits for electives modules must be 30. Please contact the faculty to confirm the availability of elective modules.

### Core modules

#### Global module 873 (GIA 873)

<b>Module credits</b>	5.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

\*Attendance module only

Available from the relevant international institution.

#### Financial and management accounting 811 (GIB 811)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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#### Module content

This module is designed to equip participants with the necessary skills to analyse and interpret financial information. Actual financial statements are analysed, and participants are expected to be familiar with real cases in the current financial press. You will become familiar with how financial statements such as balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements are structured. Various methods of critically evaluating them in order to make conclusions about the company's financial strength or weakness, and future possibilities such as financial failure or the probability of takeover will be discussed. Management accounting provides managers with timely and appropriate information – firstly in order to understand the cause and behaviour of costs and to meaningfully allocate these costs to products, customers and inventories; secondly to assist in planning, budgeting and decision making; and finally in order to measure performance. This module is intended as an introduction for individuals who will plan, make business decisions and evaluate the performance of business units using information derived from the accounting system.



## Human resource strategy 812 (GIB 812)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

This module explains both how human resource systems should support the achievement of strategic objectives in context, and how line managers should manage people to achieve those objectives. Module topics include the management of strategic human resources (aligning HR and business strategy, succession planning, and the war for talent), management of HR-firm infrastructure, training and development, managing employee contributions (performance management and industrial relations), and integrating HR strategies and business strategies. The role of the line manager in managing performance will be considered, and underpinned by an overview of the causes of human behaviour in organisations. The module will include case studies to illustrate unique problems and approaches to HR strategy. You will learn the strategic value of effective management of human resources and how alternative HR strategies deliver different results.

## Marketing 813 (GIB 813)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

This module teaches a systematic approach to marketing decision making in order to match continuously changing market opportunities with the internal resources of the company in terms of production capacity, people and finance. Key topics include understanding the market and the customers, analysing marketing opportunities, developing marketing strategies, planning marketing programmes, and assessing new directions for marketing, particularly the impact of e-business. By critically examining an extensive theoretical base of marketing literature, and reviewing local and international case studies, you will develop the skills and insights required to formulate and evaluate an effective marketing strategy within the context of overall corporate objectives. You will evaluate the changing role of marketing in the knowledge economy, and how marketing interfaces with other functional areas within the organisation.



## Operations management 814 (GIB 814)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

This module examines how an organisation's structures, systems and processes contribute to its competitive position. This involves management of the processes whereby inputs such as labour, materials and equipment are converted to products or services that meet customers' needs at an acceptable cost. Improving performance cross-functionally and across the value chain is an important focus. Topics include functional versus corporate operations strategy, operations' reactive role, service-delivery systems design, process choice, quality management and improving operations, time and productivity, aligning operations to markets, and the impact of technology developments on the service-delivery system. You will be able to analyse an operating system's efficiency in terms of process design, capacity and quality of service, and make recommendations to improve its design or operation. You will have a greater appreciation of the need to manage integrated processes across the value chain to achieve business success.

## Integrated business simulation 852 (GIB 852)

<b>Module credits</b>	5.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	12 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

This course is based on the premise that everyone has the capacity to succeed in an entrepreneurial setting, although some people may have a greater propensity to succeed than others. The intention of this course is to demystify the phenomenon broadly referred to as entrepreneurship; to make it easily understood as a business concept, readily accessible as a career option and practically applicable as a style of management. The course provides a broad perspective on entrepreneurship and its strategic importance and social relevance. It also provides an understanding of and approach to managing the issues involved in pursuing an entrepreneurial career path. It integrates different aspects of the MBA in developing a business plan for a potential entrepreneurial idea, and thus provides a practical application of concepts dealt with in other MBA courses.

## Global business strategy 861 (GIB 861)

<b>Module credits</b>	0.00
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<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	7 contact hours
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

#### Module content

This module will prepare students for the global elective by examining what makes countries and companies competitive globally. The concepts introduced at the beginning of the first year in the competitive organisation as part of the orientation programme will be re-visited and students will be helped to draw on their entire MBA experience to develop the critical ability to identify factors that enhance and restrain competitiveness. Special attention is given to the relative competitiveness of South Africa and the countries and regions to be visited, with special reference to the industries that will be studied.

### Decision making 862 (GIB 862)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

This module examines strategic decision making in various contexts. The aim of this module is to delve into the structure of decision making and decision making styles and practices.

### Leadership 843 (GIF 843)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	24 Hours
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2



## Module content

This course examines the often conflicting ethical, social and economic responsibilities of business leaders operating in a dynamic market. The aim of the course is to equip business leaders for the dilemmas and decisions that they face because of the dynamic and complex environment they operate in. The course reviews leadership styles and ethical principles and how these impact the quality of difficult decisions. Also covered are the governance principles and processes required to develop the desired culture of responsibility and appropriate conduct in a business.

## Innovation and design 844 (GIF 844)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	12 contact hours
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

## Module content

This course is designed to provide insight into the role of Innovation and Design and an understanding of how this is achieved in practice. The course covers the types, drivers, challenges and strategies of innovation, open and closed innovation, the connection between innovation and customer value, strategy, strategic capability and execution, the theory of innovation science, the practice of Innovation in action, how to build an appropriate innovation portfolio, and the challenges of innovation within an existing operation.

## Environment of business 846 (GIF 846)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

## Module content

The subject of business valuation is central to leadership. The major learning objectives of this course will be to make students familiar with valuation methods so that they feel confident making effective financial decisions. Specific outcomes include: analysing historical performance and benchmarking; forecasting drivers of performance and cash flows; effective business modelling and spreadsheet design; estimating the cost of capital; evaluating optimal capital structure and funding decisions; alternative valuation methods (APV, WACC, Multiples); estimating synergies in mergers and acquisitions; negotiating the sale or purchase of a business; deal terms and structuring options for business transactions; leveraged and management buy-outs.



## Strategic implementation 854 (GIF 854)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Contact time</b>	28 contact hours per 3 week cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

The course will introduce students to different challenges faced by the CEO in strategy formulation and implementation. The purpose of the course is to create a deep appreciation of the basic concepts in strategy and their application in real situations both at corporate and business unit levels. The objectives of the course are to provide an understanding of: the determinants of and processes in the formulation and implementation of strategy; an integrated view of the different themes and concepts in strategy and their relevance in different contexts; an integrated view of all the functional areas of management; and the current strategic concerns of South African and International companies in the contexts of significant changes in the business environment. Topics included are corporate strategy, business and competitive strategy, core competencies, strategic intent, growth and diversification models and interface between strategy and leadership.

## Mini-dissertation: Applied business analysis and research 803 (GMD 803)

<b>Module credits</b>	45.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the integrative business research project provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules to a business problem and also to gain experience in planning and implementing a complex research project. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience.

## Mini-dissertation: Entrepreneurship portfolio 804 (GMD 804)

<b>Module credits</b>	45.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2





## Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the research project in the form of a portfolio provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules to an entrepreneurial venture. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience.

### Mini-dissertation: Consulting portfolio 805 (GMD 805)

<b>Module credits</b>	45.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

## Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the research project in the form of a portfolio provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules to the consulting environment. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience

### Mini-dissertation: Climate leadership 807 (GMD 807)

<b>Module credits</b>	45.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

## Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the research project provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules and focus area to develop climate leadership capability. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience.

### Mini-dissertation: Digital leadership 808 (GMD 808)

<b>Module credits</b>	45.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1



### Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the research project provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules and focus area to develop digital leadership capability. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience.

### Mini-dissertation: Manufacturing 809 (GMD 809)

**Module credits** 45.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

Knowledge creation is a hallmark of a master's degree and the research project provides you with an opportunity to apply theories and concepts that you have learned in the core modules to the manufacturing environment. It thus serves as a capstone of the MBA learning experience.

### Elective modules

### Gamification: create change through persuasive system design 825 (GIG 825)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Gamification is the process through which people are motivated or engaged through game-design elements. This is done to create game-like experiences in domains different to the ones in which games are normally played.

Gamification involves persuasive system design for user engagement, personal learning, organisational effectiveness, urban management, green energy usage, and social change among others.

### Managerial coaching for effective strategy implementation and change leadership 826 (GIG 826)

**Module credits** 6.00



<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

This elective explores how workplace or managerial coaching can be used to improve strategy implementation, change leadership, employee performance and wellbeing and to equip managers with skills for workplace coaching.

### Managing business risk: building a resilient supply chain in a turbulent world 827 (GIG 827)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

This course will cover the key aspects of effective business and supply chain risk and how to build an effective risk management program to help ensure resiliency in the face of an unpredictable world.

### Socio-economic development: how to work with government 828 (GIG 828)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

This elective details how the private sector can better engage, bridging the language used in government, government priorities, and developing partnerships with government.

### Sustainable supply chains with economic value 829 (GIG 829)



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<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

This elective examines how to design and manage environmentally and socially responsible business operations and how to derive value and increased long term profitability through sustainable business operations. A business approach will be highlighted in terms of management of environmental risks, key environmental sustainability performance indicators and dashboards.

## Mastering conversations about race in the workplace 830 (GIG 830)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

This elective aims to create a space where students will explore racism and how it operates. They will build critical insights, competence and an ability to mobilise workplace communities. They will become more adept at using a variety of conversation approaches to foster understanding and engagement, while growing their competence as allies and anti-racist practitioners.

## Analysing business contexts in Africa through contemporary novels 831 (GIG 831)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



### Module content

This elective will provide a different lens through which students can learn about the African continent, how people live and engage in different contexts and how stories are relayed through key characters.

### Critical thinking 832 (GIG 832)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

In a world filled with misinformation, rhetoric and other undue influences, it is vital that business leaders are able to discern the quality of the arguments and "facts" presented to them in order to develop sound ideas and thoughts concerning complex business problems. This elective will prepare students to be able to critically analyse, interpret, and synthesize information.

### Entrepreneurship from the inside-out 833 (GIG 833)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This elective on the development of entrepreneurship from the inside-out focuses on three main elements. First, entrepreneurs are faced with a myriad of challenges, including persuading others by displaying their passion, as well as failure, making the role of personal emotion and its regulation during the entrepreneurial journey an important foundational theme. Second, we expand the role of emotion by exploring the cognitive processes of entrepreneurial action through experiential peer coaching activities. Here, students will be challenged to develop their cognitive resources such as adaptability and learning skills related to entrepreneurial action. Lastly, the behavioural dimensions are simplified into intra- and inter-personal meta-skills that individuals need to build the agility, resilience, and social networks essential for entrepreneurial sustainability and success.

### Green entrepreneurial start-ups 834 (GIG 834)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09



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<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

The so-called Green Economy is a nexus of many environmental and social issues that derive from climate change and inequality. Protecting the environment is highly interconnected with how human beings use land for food production, the use of water, carbon emissions from food production, and food waste. These issues are critical in the African continent with poverty and inequality are prevalent.

### Rwanda at the frontier of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology 835 (GIG 835)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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#### Module content

Rwanda has a recent history of innovation, entrepreneurship and economic progress through top-down public leadership and global partnerships. The country has a brutal history and there remain political problems but it also shows what is possible. Students will visit incubation hubs, innovation-led institutions and pioneering companies in and around Kigali over 3 days to understand how to create economic change in the African context.

### Building thriving teams for change 836 (GIG 836)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



## Module content

This elective explores teams as nexus of change between the individual and the organisation and provides students with key ingredients for building thriving teams that can drive and lead change initiatives in organisations.

### The change makers: lessons from history for a complex world 837 (GIG 837)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

This elective will prepare our students to lead in complex contexts through the lessons from important leaders and moments in South Africa's history. The key focus will be on diverse stakeholder leadership, opportunity identification, paradigm shifts and self-management. Students will read theory on public leadership, review biographies and visit key sites. They will leave with an understanding of how to identify leadership opportunities in their own lives.

### The business case for manufacturing in Africa 839 (GIG 839)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

The course will cover the key economic concepts related to industrialisation such as Global Value Chains (GVCs), comparative advantage and industry competitiveness. The course will expose students to contemporary thinking around industrial policy interventions such as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) support, development finance, public procurement (related to local designation and local content requirements), industrial master plans and trade-related measures.

### Wicked problems: the strategy in time for degrowth 840 (GIG 840)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09



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<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Wicked problems are the complex systemic issues that decision makers are faced with every day. When dealing with these, decision makers are in systems where information is confusing, incomplete and often have to work with clients and other decision makers who have conflicting values. Often the proposed solutions are worse than the problem or are viewed as a white washing of actual issues. This elective unpacks wicked problems through a combination of frameworks, theories and discussions.

## Behavioural finance 841 (GIG 841)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Behavioural finance provides insights into how market participants and investors act inductively - each creating their own set of predictors, beliefs and hypotheses (internal models) - and respond to the current state of the market based on their currently most accurate information. This insight helps market participants to successfully navigate complex adaptive financial markets and to better understand and account for market phenomena such as the emergence of market psychology, fat-tail distribution events, asset price bubbles, financial crashes, market anomalies and random periods of high or low volatility.

## Ethics and leadership in an age of corruption 842 (GIG 842)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2





### Module content

This elective provides a theoretical consideration of corruption and state capture, particularly in developing countries, and examines ways in which corruption in the public and private sectors has become endemic in South Africa. It looks critically at the responses of the government, civil society and the private sector to the growing incidence of corruption and state capture in South Africa, and briefly compares these efforts to similar experiences of societies in transition from autocratic regimes to democracies in the developing world. It also reflects on ethical business leadership in a broad sense.

## Employee happiness and wellbeing: a strategy and responsibility 861 (GIJ 861)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This elective aims to introduce students to theory and practice of employee happiness and well-being, and its role in organizational outcomes. Specifically, providing an overview of the latest research on employee happiness and well-being, the relationship between employee happiness and well-being and organizational outcomes, and case studies on practical methods to implement employee happiness and well-being strategy.

## Personal resilience 862 (GIJ 862)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This elective aims to introduce students to the science resilience, the process of positively adapting to adversity. Specifically, in this elective students will explore the capabilities, skills, and self-care practices that contribute to building personal resilience to meet both professional and personal challenges.

## Behaviour science for business impact 863 (GIJ 863)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09



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<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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#### Module content

This elective develops a toolkit and interventions based on principles and experiments that have practical value for business. A distinct selection of principles and methods from diverse fields will be demonstrated and applied. These techniques are aimed at enabling behavioural shifts for business impact. Students will develop essential insights into these methods and will apply the learning by creating persuasive interventions to shift behaviour.

### Crucial conversations 864 (GIJ 864)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

This elective teaches the skills for communicating when the stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong. Students will learn the dialogue skills—as demonstrated by top performers—that empower them to talk with anyone about anything, helping reach alignment and agreement on important matters. These skills turn into behaviours that improve decision-making, commitment to action, productivity, improved relationships and enhanced accountability. As these behaviours become consistent, they empower organisations, teams, and individuals to develop high-performance cultures based on trust and respect.

### Negotiation and deal-making 865 (GIJ 865)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
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### Module content

A 3-day workshop-styled programme covering the broad field of negotiation. This is an advanced programme aimed at negotiations of high financial value and significant consequence of error.

### Integrative leadership for public private collaboration towards partnerships 866 (GIJ 866)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

The module explains how to analyse and respond to different contextual dynamics by developing appropriate partnership strategies. It reflects on an organisation's contextual factors and dynamics that influence the partnership negotiation and implementation processes, paying special attention to the influence of characteristics unique to the African context.

### International corporate management business simulation 868 (GIJ 868)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

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### Corporate Purpose and the UN SDGs: Partnering to deliver shared value in Africa 869 (GIJ 869)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.



**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Strategy has become a key concept associated with organisational success or failure. Through a case method approach, this elective will provide students with a more in depth perspective of the current best practices for developing and executing strategy in the current business environment and will build on what was covered in the core curriculum. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

## Strategy and innovation 870 (GIJ 870)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

External factors and shifts in the political, social, technological, demographic, legal and regulatory environments all have an impact on organisations and their ability to remain relevant, competitive and to grow. These shifts are further accelerated by the “age of disruption” – which the World Economic Forum titles the Fourth Industrial Revolution This rapidly evolving external environment has resulted in a need to create more agile and competitive strategies.

## Effectual intelligence for management consultants 871 (GIJ 871)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This highly practical module aims to equip the participants with various practical tools and tactics that will enable them to become an adaptive and effective management consultant.



## Impact investment - catalysing capital for change 872 (GIJ 872)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

The elective will introduce students to the concept of sustainable development from ethical, economic and corporate governance perspectives. The field of sustainability has grown in recent years and with more regulations being introduced across various countries the importance for managers to have understanding of this environment has grown too. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

## Entrepreneurial finance 873 (GIJ 873)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

In this elective, you will be exposed to the latest theory and models based on Entrepreneurship. On completion of this module, you will be able to analyse, evaluate and offer solutions to local or global businesses from an entrepreneurship perspective. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

## Entrepreneurial marketing 874 (GIJ 874)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



## Module content

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### New venture creation 875 (GIJ 875)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

Regulatory changes over the last few years have increased the pressure on the financial expertise required of senior managers and board members. This elective will look at the current regulations and requirements needed to meet the increasing demands on organisations. Students will be exposed to the latest methods to handle this technically demanding and changing environment. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

### Social entrepreneurship and measuring impact 876 (GIJ 876)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

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### Digital disruption 877 (GIJ 877)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09



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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

The aim of this elective is to expose students to the current research in the field of general management at a local and international level. Students attending this elective will gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges of managing a business in the current economic environment. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

### Dynamic innovation 878 (GIJ 878)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
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#### Module content

Building an agile and innovative organisation has become a critical requirement to participate successfully in the current competitive landscape. In this elective students will build a working knowledge on the fundamentals requisite for an innovation culture to flourish. Through cases, company discussions and mixed media methods, students will also cover the components, structures, processes and mind-sets involved in developing a functional innovation system. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

### Disruptive technologies and the fourth industrial revolution 879 (GIJ 879)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Gordon Institute of Business Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



## Module content

The elective will focus on the contemporary emerging thoughts and theories surrounding the knowledge economy. After attending this elective, students will apply the necessary tools and frameworks to develop strategies which will assist in bridging the gap between information systems and the information managers. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

## Contextual leadership intelligence 880 (GIJ 880)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

This elective is based on the principle that understanding oneself is the first step towards becoming an effective leader. Students will be exposed to current theory and practice in the field of leadership. Exercises and discussions will assist students to understand leadership at a personal level and prepare them to develop strategies for personal improvement. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are and students are advised to consult the elective manual each year for further guidance.

## Mindful leader 881 (GIJ 881)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

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## Strategic supply management 882 (GIJ 882)

**Module credits** 6.00





<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

#### Module content

The supply chain plays a vital role in the success of organisations. Supply chain management is responsible for ensuring the flow of products, information and money to ensure value is added to the end consumers and return on capital employed for the entire supply chain is improved. As the networks become more complex, with more variability and the customer's expectation of shorter lead times, there is a need to give students a more in-depth understanding of this function, viewed from a systems perspective. This means the focus has to change from make and sell what can be made (push-and -promote) to make and sell what can be sold (position-and-pull).

### Africa in 2050: betting on ourselves 883 (GIJ 883)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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#### Module content

This elective will explore the most significant challenges and opportunities that face managers working in Africa. The interplay between economics, politics and social wellbeing will be explored at a macro and micro level. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are.

### Global business strategy: global economics & international business risk 884 (GIJ 884)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisite.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle
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<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2



### Module content

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### Mastering strategic foresight 885 (GIJ 885)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This elective looks at the importance of managing stakeholders through focusing on the possible ways to minimise threats and as well as maximise opportunities. Students will be exposed to the contemporary issues that surround the factors that impact on stakeholder management as well as the factors that assist in building these relationships. The focus will change year on year depending on what the current trends are.

### Business and the media context 886 (GIJ 886)

**Module credits** 6.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Prerequisites** No prerequisite.

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per 3 week-cycle

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Gordon Institute of Business Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This elective examines the media as a vital mechanism in connecting different segments of society through information and content generation and dissemination, facilitating interaction, and shaping public opinion and perceptions. As such, the media is understood to be the thread that connects different stakeholders, and that links them with their global environment.

### General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that



they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

#### **Regulations, degree requirements and information**

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

#### **University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project**

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.