



Finding Courses at Stellenbosch

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Stellenbosch University Important Notices

Stellenbosch University has two course offerings available to international students: Global Education Programme (GEP) and Mainstream modules

Students can either choose Mainstream and GEP courses or a combination of the two

Academic Departments at Stellenbosch University reserve the right to determine whether students meet with their requirements for admission to mainstream courses within their department and their decision is final. The department(s) can take up to 15 days and sometimes even longer to review applications and provide feedback



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Stellenbosch University Important Notices (Cont.)

It is a student's own responsibility to make sure that they apply for mainstream and GEP courses which are on the correct level as requested by their Home University (e.g. Postgraduate or Undergraduate Level).

- All GEP courses are Undergraduate Level
- Students may choose to combine undergraduate and postgraduate courses if approved by both Home and Host University
- **Upon registration, students may register for a maximum of 2 GEP courses only**

Please do not contact departments directly. All enquiries regarding courses should be sent to the coordinator at the Global Education Centre who in turn liaises with the relevant departments.



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Mainstream Information

The mainstream courses are open for application to international semester students on both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

The courses can be found in the online yearbooks for the respective faculties

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Students should ensure that the courses they select correspond to their exchange period at Stellenbosch University. This will be explained on the subsequent slides



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Mainstream Information

Exchange students:

Courses should be chosen based on the Agreement in place with your home institution.

- Institutional Agreement: Courses can be from any faculty and department, provided requirements are met.
- Faculty Agreement: Courses can **only** be **from** the specific faculty e.g. Economic and Management Sciences.
- Departmental Agreement: Courses can **only** be **from** the specific department within the Faculty, e.g. Aquaculture in the Faculty of AgriSciences.



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Global Education Programme Courses

The GEP courses can be found in the GEP booklet. This booklet may be updated during the year. However, the GEP courses are usually repeated every semester.

For any enquiries, please contact the coordinators and/or studyabroad@sun.ac.za

<http://www.sun.ac.za/english/SUInternational/international-students/finding-courses-as-a-semester-student>



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Semester Codes Defined

Each course is represented by a three-digit code, reflecting the academic level of study and in which semester the courses is presented.

Undergraduate Courses:

- First digit: 1, 2, 3 or 4 – refers to the level of study (1: First year; 2: second year etc.)
- Second digit: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 – differentiates between modules of the same subject and refers to the semester
 - 1, 2 or 3: module offered in the first semester
 - 4, 5 or 6: modules offered in the second semester
 - 7, 8 or 9: modules offered over both semester, i.e. year modules
- Third digit has no relevance



Semester Codes Defined (cont.)

If you apply for the first semester you may be approved to register for a year module. However, you will only get half the credits, provided the academic department agrees to this arrangement.

Department/Division codes are a 5-digit number, e.g. **57584** Wood Product Science

All course codes have this format in the yearbook:

Department/Division Code – Module Code – Credit value – Module Name, e.g.
57583 224 (16) Wood Anatomy and Identification

Department/Division Code	Module Code	Credit Value	Module Name
575583	224	16	Wood Anatomy and Identification



Semester Codes Defined (cont.)

Postgraduate Courses:

Postgraduate courses do not have the same code differentiation as set out for the Undergraduate courses.

- Honours Level (First year of Postgraduate studies; NQF Level 8) start with a 7
- Masters Level (2nd year of Postgraduate studies; NQF Level 9) start with a 9

Semester offering is indicated in the yearbook or on the Department Website. Please check with the Global Education Centre office for availability.

Availability is influenced by factors such as limits to number of international students allowed, selection processes, dates for block modules & lecture availability.

NB: It is your responsibility to apply for courses with the correct level of study and make sure they are presented in the relevant semester



Language and Course details

Stellenbosch University Policy for Mainstream courses (indicated on Timetable)

(A) Only Afrikaans ; (E) – English only

(T) Classes taught 50% Afrikaans and 50% English

(A/E) parallel: two class streams

All academic material will be made available in English

Abbreviations and their meanings:

L: Lecture of 50 minutes; P: Practical of 50 minutes

T: Tutorial of 50 minutes; S: Seminar of 50 minutes

There are 10-minute intervals between each period of 50 minutes



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Grading and Credits

A guideline for interpreting credits and grades at Stellenbosch University can be found here:

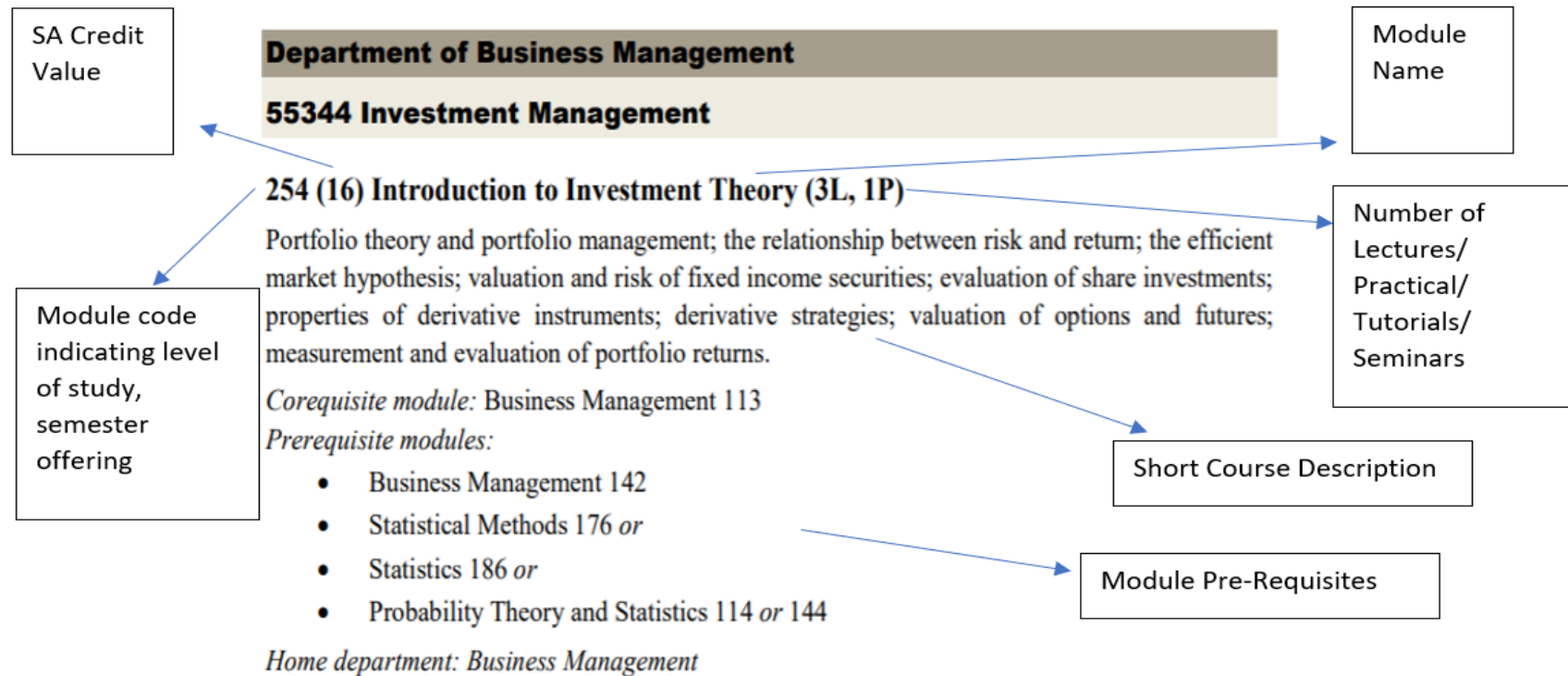
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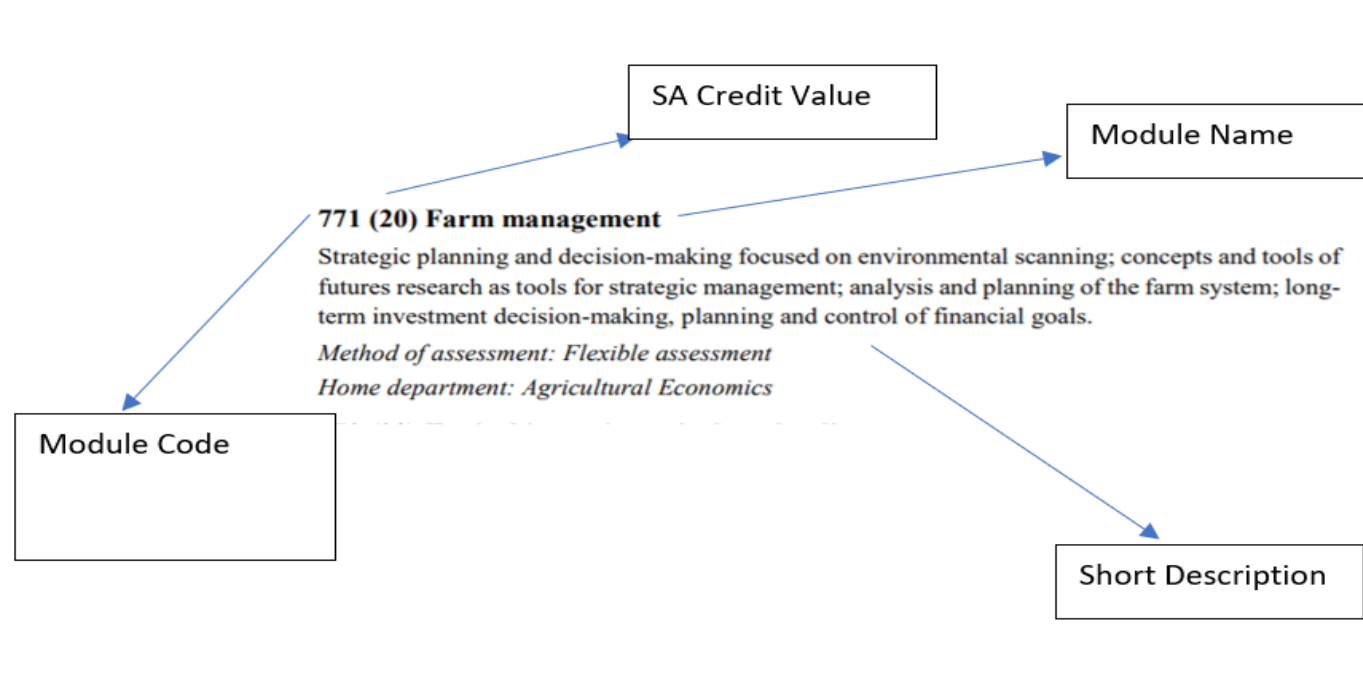
Visual Example from yearbook - Undergraduate



1 ECTS = 2 SA Credits

4 USA Credits = 1 SA Credit

Visual Example from yearbook - Postgraduate



1 ECTS = 2 SA Credits

4 USA Credits = 1 SA Credit



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