

# Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

## Faculty highlights

In 2026, Accounting Sciences achieved a **99% SAICA IAC pass rate**, well above the 73% national rate.

Risk Management offers a **distinctive qualitative and behavioural approach** to understanding risk.

TELIT-SA has received international recognition for its innovative work in **AI-enabled assessment**.

Industrial and Organisational Psychology has a **strong practical focus**, preparing graduates for the workplace.

Prof. Mabutho Sibanda, Executive Dean, holds an **NRF C2 rating** for research on financial challenges in African economies.

Tourism research has a strong international presence, with students participating in conferences and researchers receiving **Best Paper Awards**.

## Faculty in numbers

(Staff and student figures as on 1 April 2026)

 **1 513**  
Postgraduate students

 **28**  
NRF-rated researchers

 **394**  
Academic staff

 **485**  
Support staff

 **11**  
International students

## Internationally Recognised

 The NWU continues to shine in global rankings. In its 2023/24 edition of the Global 2000 list, the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed the NWU in the **top 4,2%** of universities. This was even better than the previous year, when the university was in the top 4,7%. In addition, the NWU is ranked tenth in Africa and seventh in South Africa.

 In addition to the overall rankings, encompassing 20 966 universities worldwide, the NWU was also ranked according to academic performance. Our score improved from 77,1 to **71,3**, and we were ranked **880th globally** (up from 924th in the previous year). The NWU was ranked 869th (887th last year) for research.

The faculty offers a wide array of learning opportunities through our **six schools**:



School of Accounting Sciences



School of Applied Business Analytics and Decision Making



School of Economic Sciences



School of Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management



School of Management Sciences



School of Tourism Management

## Research

### Research chair



World Trade Organisation Chair (WTO)

### Research entities

Tourism Research in Economics, Environments and Society (TREES)

Workwell: Research Unit for Economic & Management Sciences

Trade and Development (TRADE)

Technology-Enhanced Learning and Innovative Education and Training, South Africa (TELIT-SA)

Applied Management Cybernetics

Bhive EDC

Centre for Applied Risk Management (UARM)

StudyWell



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| Campus                                                                                          | School / Entity                                                                                                                                 |
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|  Mahikeng       |  School of Accounting Sciences                                 |
|  Potchefstroom  |  School of Applied Business Analytics and Decision Making      |
|  Vanderbijlpark |  School of Economic Sciences                                   |
|                                                                                                 |  School of Industrial Psychology and Human Resource Management |
|                                                                                                 |  School of Management Sciences                                 |
|                                                                                                 |  Tourism Management                                            |

| Qualification                                                                                   | Delivery and Duration                        | Campus | School/ Entity                                                                       |
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| <b>Masters Degree</b>                                                                           |                                              |        |                                                                                      |
| Master of Commerce in Management Accountancy (Dissertation)<br>Programme code: 5CLN01 : E801P/V | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |    |
| Master of Commerce in Management Accountancy (Lectured)<br>Programme code: 5DJP01 : E802P       | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |    |
| Master of Commerce in Accountancy (Dissertation)<br>Programme code: 5CMN01 : E801P/V            | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P V  |    |
| Master of Commerce in Accountancy (Lectured)<br>Programme code: 5HBP01 : E801P/V                | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |    |
| Master of Commerce in Taxation (Dissertation)<br>Programme code: 5CNN01 : E801P/V               | Part-time: 1-4 years                         | P V    |    |
| Master of Commerce in Taxation (Lectured)<br>Programme code: 5DKP01 : E801P                     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |    |
| Master of Commerce in Forensic Accountancy (Dissertation)<br>Programme code: 5CPN01 : E801P     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |    |
| Master of Commerce in Economics<br>Programme code: 5CGN01 : E801M/P/V                           | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P V  |    |
| Master of Commerce in International Trade<br>Programme code: 5CHN01 : E801P                     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Risk Management<br>Programme code: 5CJN01 : E801P/V                       | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |  |
| Master of Commerce in Applied Risk Management<br>Programme code: 5ARN01 : E810V                 | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | V      |  |
| Masters of Commerce in Operations Research<br>Programme code: 5GWN01 : E801M                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Statistics<br>Programme code: 5GHN01 : E810M                              | Full-time: 1-3 years                         | M      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Informatics with Information Systems<br>Programme code: 5GXP01 : E810M    | Full-time: 1-3 years                         | M      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Business Management<br>Programme code: 5CQN01 : E801M/P/V                 | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P V  |  |
| Master of Commerce in Marketing Management<br>Programme code: 5CKN01 : E801M/P/V                | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P V  |  |
| Master of Administration in Human Resource Management<br>Programme code: 5CSN01 : E801M         | Full-time: 1-3 years                         | M      |  |

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| <b>Masters Degree</b>                                                                              |                                              |        |                                                                                    |
| Master of Administration in Industrial Psychology (Dissertation)<br>Programme code: 550102         | Full-time: 1-2 years                         |        |  |
| Master of Administration in Labour Relations Management<br>Programme code: 5CUN01 : E801M          | Full-time: 1-3 years                         | M      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Industrial and Organisational Psychology<br>Programme code: 5EDQ02 : E801P/V | Full-time: 1 years<br>Part-time: 2 years     | P V    |  |
| Master of Commerce in Human Resource Management<br>Programme code: 5CEN01 : E801M                  | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M      |  |
| Master of Commerce in Human Resource Management<br>Programme code: 5HDP01 : E801P/V                | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |  |
| Master of Commerce in Labour Relations Management<br>Programme code: 5CFN01 : E801M/P/V            | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P V  |  |
| Master of Arts in Human Resource Management<br>Programme code: 5CTP01 : E801P/V                    | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |  |
| Master of Arts in Industrial and Organisational Psychology<br>Programme code: 5EFQ02 : E801P/V     | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |  |
| Master of Arts in Labour Relations Management<br>Programme code: 5FRP01 : E801P/V                  | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P V    |  |
| Master of Commerce in Tourism Management<br>Programme code: 5FTN01 : E801P                         | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | P      |  |
| Master of Arts in Tourism Management<br>Programme code: 5FSN01 : E801M/P                           | Full-time: 1-3 years<br>Part-time: 1-4 years | M P    |  |
| Master of Business Administration (MBA)<br>Programme code: 5BEQ02 : E801M/P                        | Part-time: 1-4 years                         | M P V  |  |



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| <b>Doctoral Degree</b>                                                                                                                    |                                              |        |                                                                                      |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Accountancy<br>Programme code: 5CAR01 : E901P/V                             | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P V    |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Management Accountancy<br>Programme code: 5CAR06 : E901P/V                  | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P V    |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Taxation<br>Programme code: 5CAR09 : E901P/V                                | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P V    |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Accountancy<br>Programme code: 5CDR01 : E901P                                                            | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P      |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Economics<br>Programme code: 5CAR03 : E901M/P/V                             | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with International Trade<br>Programme code: 5CAR04 : E901P                       | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P      |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Risk Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR08 : E901P/V                         | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | P V    |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Statistics<br>Programme code: 5CAR14 : E901M                       | Full-time: 2-4 years                         | M      |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Operations Research<br>Programme code: 5CAR15 : E901M                       | Full-time: 2-4 years                         | M      |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Computer and Information Sciences with Computer Science and Information Systems<br>Programme code: 2CBR03 : E901M | Full-time: 2-4 years                         | M      |    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR02 : E901M/P/V                   | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Marketing Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR07 : E901M/P/V                  | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Psychology<br>Programme code: 5CCR01 : E901M/P/V                                                       | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Labour Relations Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR05 : E901M/P/V           | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Human Resource Development<br>Programme code: 5CAR11 : E901P                | Part-time: 2-5 years                         | P      |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Human Resource Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR13 : E901M/P/V             | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P V  |  |

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| Doctoral Degree                                                                                                           |                                              |        |                                                                                    |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Tourism Management<br>Programme code: 5CAR10 E901M/P        | Full-time: 2-4 years<br>Part-time: 2-5 years | M P    |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Economic and Management Sciences with Business Administration<br>Programme code: 5CAR12 : E901M/P | Part-time: 2-5 years                         | M P    |  |

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<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/yearbooks>

