FINDING COURSES AT STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY AS A SEMESTER STUDENT

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Stellenbosch University important notices

Stellenbosch University has two course offerings available to international students: Global Education Programme courses (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.

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**

Students are requested not contact departments directly. All enquiries regarding courses should be sent to the Coordinator at the Unit for Student Mobility who in turn liaises with the relevant departments.

Mainstream Course Information

The mainstream courses are open for application to international semester students on both undergraduate and postgraduate level, provided that they meet the requirements of Stellenbosch University, and their home university approves their final learning agreement.

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

https://www.su.ac.za/en/about/governance/registrar/yearbooks

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

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 that the student meets requirements as set out in the yearbook.

- Faculty agreement: Courses can only be taken from this faculty e.g. Faculty of Arts and Scocial Sciences, provided that the students meet the necessary requirements as set out in the yearbook.
- Departmental agreement: Courses can only be taken from a specific department within the faculty e.g. Aquaculture in the Faculty of AgriSciences provided that the students meet the necessary requirements as set out in the yearbook.

Global Education Programme Courses

The GEP courses can be found in the GEP booklet. This booklet is updated each academic year. However, the GEP courses are usually repeated every semester please ensure that you check the online information for the most updated courses on offer in the next academic year.

You can click on the below link and then select Download Global Learning Booklet for the information:

https://www.su.ac.za/en/suinternational/international-students/non-degreeshort-term-studies/finding-courses-semester-student

Module codes explained

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 semesters, e.g . year modules
- Third digit you do not have to worry about this digit

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 project sciences

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

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

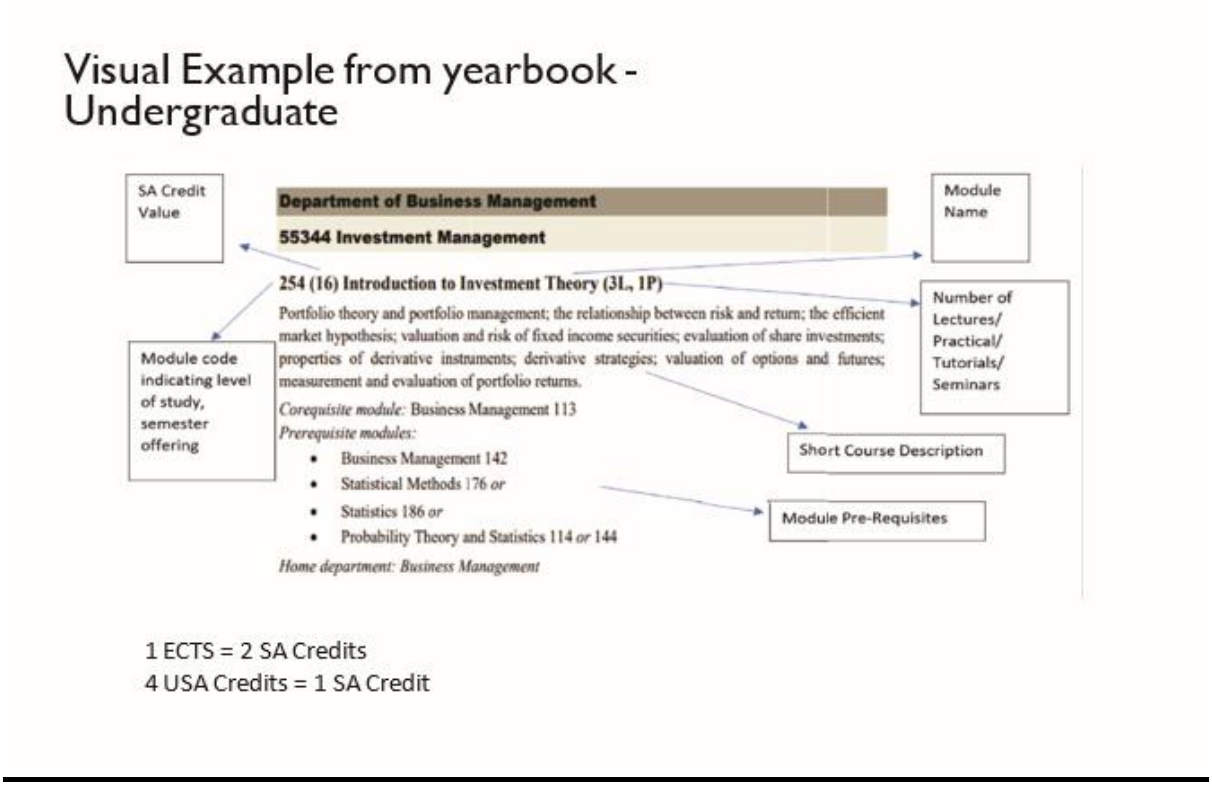
There are 10-minute intervals between each period of 50 minutes

Grading and Credits

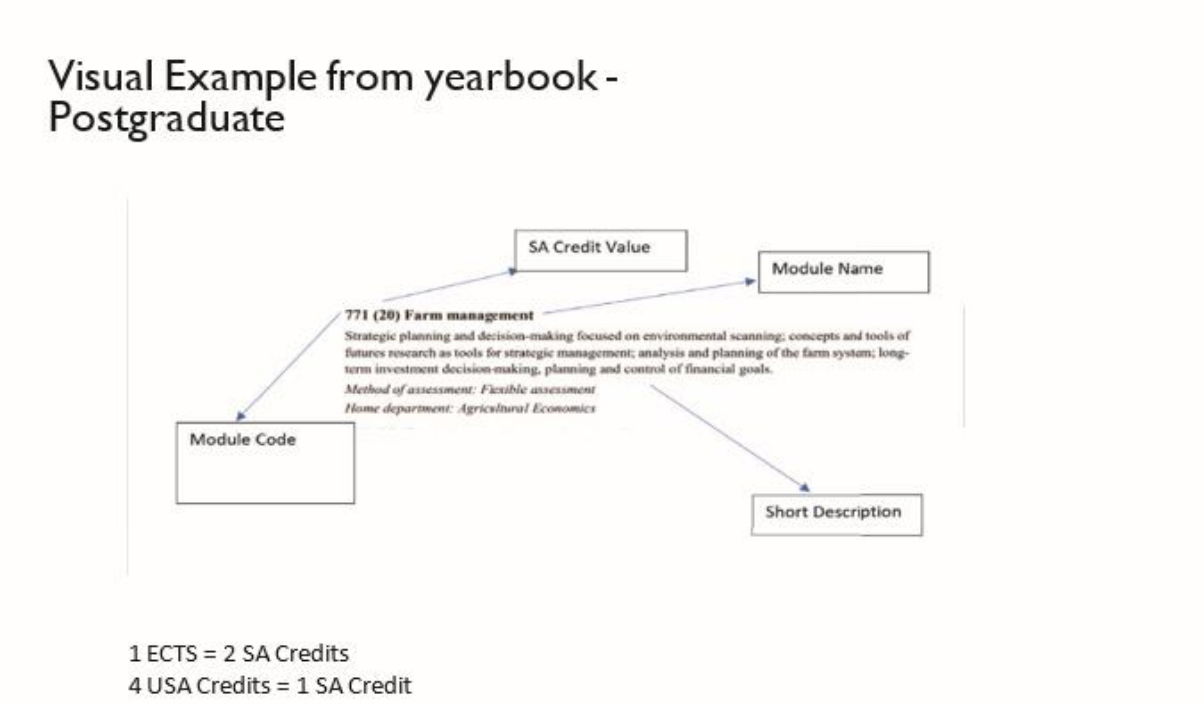
A guideline for interpreting credits and grades at Stellenbosch University can be found here:

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:3f71b54a-5648-4433-8446-5dd99560516b

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