

Business Administration (F000845)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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offering

Bachelor of Science in Business Economics

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Bachelor of Science in Business Engineering

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Bachelor of Science in Communication Science

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Bachelor of Science in Economics

4

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Bachelor of Science in Economics (Double Degree)

4

A

Bachelor of Science in Sociology

4

A

Bachelor of Science in Economics, Business Economics and Business Engineering (Joint Section)

4

A

Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology(main subject Chemistry)

4

A

Master of Science in Teaching in Social Sciences(main subject Communication Science)

4

A

Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject (Bio)Organic and Polymer Chemistry)

4

A

Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject Analytical and Environmental Chemistry)

4

A

Master of Science in Communication Science(main subject Communication Management)

4

A

Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Control Engineering and Automation)

4

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Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Electrical Power Engineering)

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Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Maritime Engineering)

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Master of Science in Chemistry(main subject Materials and Nano Chemistry)

4

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Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Mechanical Construction)

4

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Master of Science in Electromechanical Engineering(main subject Mechanical Energy Engineering)

4

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Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology

4

A

Master of Science in Computer Science

4

A

Master of Science in Geology

4

A

Micro-credential Business Administration

4

A

Micro-credential Economics and Business Administration

4

A

Micro-credential Labour, Employment and Business Administration

4

A

Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Advanced

4

A

Postgraduate Programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Engineering – Foundations

4

A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Management, sustainable business

Position of the course

This course assists students in gaining a broad insight in the basic concepts, models, and theories in the functional management domains and in the general management of organizations.

Contents

1. What is a corporation
2. What is management and what is it not
3. Thinking like a strategist
4. Thinking like an organization expert
5. The overarching themes: vision, mission and values
6. Management control: from corporate governance to balanced scorecard
7. Emotional intelligence : the basis for teamwork, leadership and coaching
8. Corporate social responsibilities and sustainability
9. Operations management
10. Introduction to marketing
11. Introduction to human resources management
12. Introduction to financial management
13. Entrepreneurship and business planning
14. Introduction to innovation management
15. Teamwork
16. Leadership

Initial competences

None.

Final competences

- 1 Gain a broad insight in basic concepts in management and apply in a well-determined situation and appreciate the uncertainty and ambiguity related to economic knowledge
- 2 Gain a broad insight in basic concepts in the functional management areas : general management, operations, marketing, financial management, information management. Understand the development of economic theories and position within the broader economic environment. Understand the limitations of standard working methods and have insight into the development of the different functional domains
- 3 Gain an understanding of entrepreneurship and understand the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship
- 4 Gain a broad insight in the functioning of companies. Understand relevant developments in management and business administration in relation to societal developments
- 5 Understand what management is about and be able to analyze business problems
- 6 Understand several management concepts and their reciprocal connections
- 7 Gain insights into other domains such as law, psychology,...
- 8 Understand the ethic and societal impact of new developments in business and understand the societal responsibility of an economist

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures, supported by audio-visual material, mini cases and questionnaires

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Bedrijfskunde

Indicative price: € 35

Optional: no

References

A. Heene and K. Van Laere (2004). Bedrijfskunde. Gent, Academia Press.
S. Robbins & M. Coulter (2015). Management (12th edition). Amsterdam

Course content-related study coaching

Students get support through the electronic learning platform. Copies of the powerpoint slides used during the lectures can be downloaded and discussion opportunities are offered using the “forum” facilities of the platform.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written examination. During the examination the student has to demonstrate its knowledge and insights in the study material.
The exam is 'closed book'.

Calculation of the examination mark

End-of-Term evaluation (100%)

Facilities for Working Students

Lecture recordings reserved for working students, subject to conditions (see [FOER](#))