

**A1: POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (M & PhD)
in
TRADE (Trade and Development) research focus area**

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1. Who qualifies for postgraduate studies?

1.1. Admission requirements for the Magister Commercii (MCom) and Magister Scientiae (MSc) degree

- a. A student must be in possession of a BA Honours, BSc Honours or BCom Honours degree or have the status of a BA Honours, BSc Honours or BCom Honours degree, as approved by the Senate. The study content of this degree must be to the satisfaction of the Research Committee. In the case of non-South African degrees, see “Guidelines for foreign applicants” (<http://www.nwu.ac.za/postgrad/foreign-applicants> and <http://www.saqa.co.za/>).
- b. The student must have obtained an average of **at least** 65% in his/her Honours or an equivalent four-year degree; and have obtained **at least** 65% in the Honours or four-year degree **modules** upon which the intended studies are based, e.g. Economics/Development Economics/International Trade/Agricultural Economics.
- c. Since both the MCom and MSc degree are essentially research-based, the research ability of the student must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Research Committee.
- d. Applicants will also need to submit a focused research outline as part of the screening process (<http://commerce.nwu.ac.za/sites/commerce.nwu.ac.za/files/files/TRADE/M%20and%20PhD/MCom%20Focused%20research%20outline.pdf>)
- e. All applications will undergo a review process. Even if the minimum requirements are met, the Research Committee reserves the right to select only a number of applicants, given the available supervision capacity.
- f. Applicants will be approved on the condition that the student will develop and present a satisfactory research proposal at a TRADE colloquium.
- g. Since it is expected of our students to be able to do their own data analysis, a good knowledge of Econometrics and/or other modelling/statistical techniques is highly recommended.

1.2. Admission requirements for the degree Philosophiae Doctor (PhD)

- a. A student must be in possession of an applicable Master’s degree, or have the status of a Master’s degree, as approved by the Senate. The study content of this degree must be to the satisfaction of the Research Committee. In the case of non-South African degrees, see “Guidelines for foreign applicants”. (<http://www.nwu.ac.za/postgrad/foreign-applicants> and <http://www.saqa.co.za/>).
- b. A student must have obtained at least 65% for his/her Master’s degree.
- c. Since the PhD degree is essentially a research-based degree, the research ability of the student must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Research Committee.
- d. Applicants will also need to submit a focused research outline as part of the screening process (<http://commerce.nwu.ac.za/sites/commerce.nwu.ac.za/files/files/TRADE/M%20and%20PhD/PhD%20Focused%20research%20outline.pdf>)
- e. All applications will undergo a review process. Even if the minimum requirements are met, the Research Committee reserves the right to select only a number of applicants, given the available supervision capacity.

- f. Applicants will be approved on the condition that the student will develop and present a satisfactory research proposal at a TRADE colloquium.
- g. Since it is expected of our PhD students to be able to do their own data analysis, a good knowledge of Econometrics and/or other modelling/statistical techniques is highly recommended.

2. Fees and bursaries

2.1 Fees

Please request a quotation from PUK-studyfees@nwu.ac.za.

2.2 Bursaries

Please refer to the following link: <http://www.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-bursaries>.

3. Curricula available within the TRADE research focus area

Three Master's degrees and three PhD degrees are offered, and the curricula are indicated below. It is evident that the focus of the programmes is on research and therefore good writing and communication skills are vital in completing your postgraduate studies.

E801P: MCom ECONOMICS (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (5CG N01))

YEAR MODULES	
CODE	CR
ECON 871 (Dissertation)	180
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	180

E801P: MCom INTERNATIONAL TRADE (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (5SCH N01))

YEAR MODULES	
CODE	CR
EKIP 871 (Dissertation)	180
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	180

N801P: MSc AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (2CG N01))

YEAR MODULES	
CODE	CR
AECM 871 (Dissertation)	240
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	240

E901P: PhD ECONOMICS (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (5CA R03))

MODULES	
CODE	CR
ECON 971 (Thesis: Economics)	360
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	360

E901P: PhD INTERNATIONAL TRADE (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (5CA R04))

MODULES	
CODE	CR
EKIP 971 (Thesis: International Trade)	360
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	360

N901P: PhD AGRICULTURAL ECONONMICS (FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME (2EA R03))

YEAR MODULES	
CODE	CR
AECM971 (Dissertation)	360
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE PROGRAMME	360

4. Application procedure

Step 1:

Please complete the formal NWU application form online by following this link:

NWU Application Form -

http://www.nwu.ac.za/sites/www.nwu.ac.za/files/files/1%20PC_Postgraduate%20Students/Higher%20Degrees%20Admin/Applications%20for%202016/Application%20for%20admission%202016%20ENAB.pdf

For any additional information, please contact Ms Lisnet Louw in Postgraduate Administration on telephone (+27 18 285 261) or email: Lisnet.Louw@nwu.ac.za.

Step 2:

Develop a focused research outline which will aid the assessment committee in pairing you with a suitable supervisor who works in your intended field of study.

Step 3:

Complete the form NWU application form, your focused research outline and attach your academic record. If you are applying to be admitted to the North-West University for the first time, or you are not currently registered as a student at the North-West University, you need to pay a non-refundable application fee in the amount of **R150-00 (R550-00** in the case of students who are not South African citizens) to the NWU. This can be done through an electronic payment, which is made into the North-West University's bank account. The account "**NWU DIVERSE**" must be used and the account details are as follows:

Bank: ABSA

Acc. no.: 670-642-313

Branch: 632-005

REFERENCE NUMBER: A+ID number if you are a South African citizen, e.g. A8804151223082. A+Date of birth and surname if you do not have a South African ID number, e.g. A880415Adoleyi.

