Lincoln University of Eswatini (LUE)

Faculty of Business and Technology

PROSPECTUS

BSc in Economics and Finance

(BEcFin)

Understand the Economy. Master the Markets.

4 Years | 8 Semesters | 60 Credits per Semester | 480 Total Credits | ESQF Level 7

ACCREDITATION STATUS: This programme has been developed by LUE in accordance with Eswatini Higher Education Council (ESHEC) Programme Approval Standards and is being submitted to ESHEC for accreditation. Prospective applicants should confirm the current accreditation status of this programme with LUE's Admissions Office before enrolling.

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WELCOME

The BSc in Economics and Finance (BEcFin) is a rigorous, mathematically grounded degree for students who want to analyse — not just describe — economic policy, financial markets and Eswatini's development challenges, culminating in an independent dissertation.

Why Study BEcFin at LUE?

- Far more quantitative rigour (mathematics, statistics, econometrics) than typical regional business/commerce degrees.
- Direct relevance to Eswatini's real economic challenges: high unemployment, poverty, fiscal pressure and an evolving digital-financial-services sector.
- Dedicated coverage of the Common Monetary Area, SACU and regional integration — content specific to Eswatini's economic position, not generic international theory.
- A genuine research degree: one Work-Integrated Learning placement plus an independent dissertation, not just coursework.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Award:	BSc in Economics and Finance
Faculty:	Faculty of Business and Technology
Duration:	4 Years | 8 Semesters | 60 Credits per Semester | 480 Total Credits | ESQF Level 7
Total Credits:	480 credits
ESQF Level:	Level 7
Mode of Study:	Full-Time, Campus Learning
Number of Modules:	32 modules
Practical/Workplace Learning:	One Work-Integrated Learning placement (Semester 6) plus a Dissertation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 2 points in 2 relevant A-Level subjects, which should normally include Mathematics, plus 5 O-Level credits/passes including English and Mathematics, each at Grade C or better.

International qualifications are accepted subject to LUE's equivalency assessment and Eswatini Qualifications Authority (EQA) confirmation. Mature applicants without the standard qualifications may apply via LUE's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process. All applicants remain subject to LUE's Admissions Committee decision, which may apply additional selection criteria where places are limited.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

480 credits over 4 years (8 semesters): microeconomics, macroeconomics, mathematics and statistics in Years 1–2, then econometrics, finance and monetary economics in Years 3–4.

Semester 1

Module	Credits
Principles of Microeconomics	15 cr.
Business Mathematics	15 cr.
Financial Accounting I	15 cr.
Academic and Professional Communication Skills	15 cr.

Semester 2

Module	Credits
Principles of Macroeconomics	15 cr.
Statistics for Economics and Finance	15 cr.
Financial Accounting II	15 cr.
Introduction to Financial Markets	15 cr.

Semester 3

Module	Credits
Intermediate Microeconomics	15 cr.
Intermediate Macroeconomics	15 cr.
Corporate Finance I	15 cr.
Mathematical Economics	15 cr.

Semester 4

Module	Credits
Econometrics I	15 cr.
Money and Banking	15 cr.
Corporate Finance II	15 cr.
Development Economics	15 cr.

Semester 5

Module	Credits
Econometrics II	15 cr.
Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management	15 cr.
International Economics	15 cr.
Public Sector Economics	15 cr.

Semester 6

Module	Credits
Financial Institutions and Markets	15 cr.

Module	Credits
Monetary Economics and Policy	15 cr.
Risk Management and Derivatives	15 cr.
Work-Integrated Learning (Industrial Attachment)	15 cr.

Semester 7

Module	Credits
Econometric Applications and Forecasting	15 cr.
Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation	15 cr.
Behavioral Economics and Finance	15 cr.
Research Methods and Dissertation Proposal	15 cr.

Semester 8

Module	Credits
Dissertation in Economics and Finance	20 cr.
Regional Economic Integration (SADC and Beyond)	15 cr.
Ethics and Regulation in Financial Services	15 cr.
Entrepreneurial Finance	10 cr.

Full Course Learning Outcomes, weekly teaching schedules and reading lists for every module are available in LUE's Detailed Course Outlines for this programme, available on request from the Admissions Office.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Rigorous Quantitative Core

Business Mathematics, Statistics for Economics and Finance, Mathematical Economics, and two full Econometrics modules.

Corporate and Financial Analysis

Corporate Finance I & II, Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management, Risk Management and Derivatives, and Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation.

Eswatini and Regional Context

Development Economics, Public Sector Economics, Regional Economic Integration (SADC and Beyond), and Monetary Economics and Policy within the Common Monetary Area.

CAREER AND FURTHER-STUDY PATHWAYS

BEcFin graduates are prepared for careers in economic policy, banking and financial services:

- Economist (government, central bank, or private sector)
- Financial or investment analyst
- Banking or financial-services professional
- Economic-policy researcher
- Postgraduate study in economics, finance or public policy

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Every module is assessed using LUE's standardised, criterion-referenced rubrics, moderated internally and, for capstone/thesis/dissertation components, externally examined. Marks are converted to a letter grade and grade point on LUE's institution-wide scale:

Percentage Mark	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Interpretation
80–100	A+	4.00	Exceptional
70–79	A	4.00	Excellent
60–69	B	3.00	Very Good
50–59	C	2.00	Good
45–49	D	1.00	Pass
0–44	F	0.00	Fail

Award Classification

Classification	Weighted Average
First Class Honours	70% and above
Second Class Honours (Upper Division)	60% – 69%
Second Class Honours (Lower Division)	50% – 59%
Third Class / Pass	45% – 49%

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit a completed LUE application form, available from the Admissions Office or LUE's website.
- Attach certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates evidencing the entry requirements set out above.
- Attach a certified copy of your national identity document or passport.
- Pay the non-refundable application fee specified by LUE's Finance Office.
- Attend an admissions interview or assessment, where required for this programme.

Applications are considered by LUE's Admissions Committee, and successful applicants receive a formal offer of a place, conditional upon final confirmation of qualifications and, where applicable, ESHEC accreditation status at the time of enrolment.

Contact

Faculty:	Faculty of Business and Technology

Office:	LUE Admissions Office

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