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Course Brochure

Certificate Course in

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: MONITORING THE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY

Learning the tools with which to measure our successes and failures

Presented by the Department of Economics, University of Pretoria

20 – 24 June 2011
21 – 25 November 2011

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The course in Economic Indicators focuses on the available data sources and appropriate techniques to measure the macroeconomic performance of the South African Economy. The central focus of the course is on extracting meaningful information from the different types of economic indicators available in the daily press and specialist data collection institutions. The course also deals with basic economic and statistical manipulation techniques with the aim of extracting information from raw data. Emphasis is placed on the meaningful interpretation of the information in order to compile an informed opinion on the state of economic performance. Practical training is provided on ways of presenting this information to assist in the decision-making process.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completion of the course candidates should be able to extract and analyse meaningful information on the macroeconomic performance of the South African economy from the many sources of data available in the daily press and specialist data collection institutions.

CONTENT

- Description of context and basic techniques in economic analysis
- Analysis of aggregate production, income and expenditure: selected national accounts information
- Economic growth
- Business cycles
- Inflation
- Balance of payments data and international indicators (exchange rates, terms of trade, etc.)
- Employment and unemployment data and related concepts
- Income distribution and various measures of welfare
- Financial indicators
- Fiscal indicators

WHO SHOULD ENROL?

The course is relevant for researchers, analysts and individuals who deal with issues related to the current macroeconomic performance of the South African economy. The course is also highly recommended for anyone dealing with economic policy matters.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Matric or grade 12 with experience in economic analysis.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Mohr, P. 2007. *Economic Indicators*. 3rd Edition. Pretoria: UNISA.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND VENUE

Delegates attend a five-day course, presented in a computer lab on the main campus, University of Pretoria.

ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION

A University of Pretoria certificate will be awarded on compliance with the following requirements:

- Successful completion of the closed book evaluation
- Successful completion of all assignments
- Full attendance of the programme

COURSE FEE (CE at UP IS EXEMPT FROM VAT)

The course fee is R9 500.00 per delegate and includes comprehensive lecture notes, text book, computer lab fees, lunch and refreshments. The fee excludes travel, accommodation and subsistence allowance.

REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES

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