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## **Information Management Training**

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From this year, the University of South Africa's Graduate School of Business Leadership offers the Programme in Electronic Commerce. The programme is a high-profile, market-driven programme, providing professional management and leadership development at a post-graduate level in the field of e-commerce, e-business and Internet strategy.

It provides participants with the knowledge and competencies to develop e-commerce strategies and solutions both for existing businesses and for new e-commerce start-up ventures. A number of industry experts from leading enterprises will appear as guest lecturers, contributing their own perspectives and enriching the programme with their experience of the e-business environment. The modules explore strategies for the development and management of business-to-business and business-to-consumer Internet-based operations, as well as for the implementation of e-commerce solutions in existing businesses. The programme is aimed at new business creation, as well as the transformation of existing businesses to meet the challenges of the e-business environment.

The duration of the course is eight months and participants should be in possession of a B-degree. Students are guided through a structured learning experience by means of a study programme that includes prescribed reading for self-tuition, study group interaction, residential study schools and workshops. The course comprises the following five modules:

- E-Strategy
- E-Marketing
- E-Systems and Technologies
- E-Financial Management
- E-Entrepreneurship.

The School of Business Leadership has been able to bring together a network of experts and enterprises from various fields, including venture capitalists, Internet service providers, software developers and e-commerce engine providers. The purpose has been to build a network capable of providing expertise and infrastructure for e-commerce start-ups and e-business restructuring projects.

This means that the compulsory business plan required for the E-Entrepreneurship module will immediately find fertile ground, with legal, strategic, marketing and financial expertise on call if required to advise on implementation. This network enforces the market driven-approach of the programme and provides a valuable contribution to the academic growth of participants, as well as enhancing their ability to implement dynamic leadership in practice.

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