
MPhil specialising in Taxation (Coursework)

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Programme Code

07255142

Closing Dates

- **SA** - 30/09/2025
 - **Non-SA** - 31/08/2025
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Admission Requirements

General Admission Regulations:

Refer to the UP Institutional Admissions Policy as well as the General Academic Regulations and Student Rules (Go to <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home> and click on General Rules and Regulations, then on General Academic Regulations and Student Rules)

1. All applications must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. Certified full academic transcripts from undergraduate to current level;
 - b. Certified copy of ID or passport;
 - c. A research concept note (not applicable to honours or coursework master's degrees): A description of the proposed research field indicating a research topic and the broad scope of the proposed study, not exceeding 500 words.
 2. All applicants with international qualifications must submit the following documents, subject to provision number 9:
 - a. A SAQA evaluation of the completed qualification or a comprehensive Foreign Qualification Report
 - b. *TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results (if applicable)
 - c. Certified copy of passport.
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3. All postgraduate applications are subject to departmental admissions processes.
4. Admissions is based on the content of and performance in the prior degree, bridging arrangements (where required), academic merit and prior work experience (if applicable).
5. Admission to all qualifications is subject to supervisory capacity and/or research projects in the field of specialisation in a department, therefore the relevant department has the right to limit the number of students per year.
6. Complying with the minimum admissions requirements, does not automatically guarantee admission to the degree.
7. Proposed research studies for masters and doctoral applicants should align with the research focus of the relevant department.
8. *If a qualifying candidate has expressed an interest in a field of study that the relevant department cannot accommodate, the applicant may be considered for an alternative project.*
9. All postgraduate applicants must be proficient in English as English is the official language of tuition, communication and correspondence at the University of Pretoria. Candidates who cannot provide evidence that previous studies were completed in English, must submit TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English or Oxford Test of English test results with their application.
10. All applicants must be computer literate.
11. All students need to have access to an internet enabled device, as well as consistent email and internet access.
12. Allowance will be made for the diversity profile of students in accordance with the University strategy.

Minimum admissions requirements:

1. Relevant Bachelor of Commerce Honours degree
or
Bachelor of Laws [LLB] degree
2. Work experience acceptable to the Departmental Postgraduate Selection Committee
3. Successful completion of the African Tax Institute's (in the Department of Economics) selection process, which includes an entrance examination

Selection Process

Step 1:

1. Interested candidates submit a provisional application to the African Tax Institute to ati@up.ac.za
2. This application must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - A covering letter stating clearly why you want to enrol for the master's Programme in Taxation

- A two-page literature review (1.5 line spacing, 12 pt. font) on: “Factors influencing tax performance in African countries”. The report should be properly referenced in accordance with the Harvard referencing style, refer: <http://www.library.up.ac.za/learning/docs/assign.pdf> (Chapter 5)
- Certified copies of all degree certificates
- An academic transcript listing all modules or courses taken and marks obtained
- A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) which includes your contact details
- A certified copy of the photo page of your passport
- Two letters of recommendation
- Contact details of your sponsor or details of your financial position if you are not sponsored by your employer or another entity
- Results of a recent TOEFL or IELTS language proficiency test (if available)
- SAQA certification of non-South African degrees (if available)

Step 2: Provisionally selected candidates

- Provisionally selected candidates will be required to write and pass an entrance examination written on the last Saturday in September of the year preceding the intended year of study
- Logistics will be communicated directly to provisionally selected candidates
- The final selection will be made from candidates who have passed the examination

Minimum duration of study

2 years, full-time

Faculty Notes

The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences aspires to be at the cutting edge of economic, financial and management education, as well as research and community engagement within the national, African and global context. Our mission is to advance relevant knowledge and develop employable, innovative and diverse graduates to co-create value for society.

Enquiries about the programme

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How to apply



Online Application



Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

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