## **Department of Accounting**

PhD Accounting Sciences incorporating course work (MCom Accounting Sciences)



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#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

The PhD in Accounting Sciences is offered over five years. The first two years of the programme will be course work presented in the MCom Accounting Sciences programme. The last three years is thesis writing (PhD Accounting Sciences). The course work aims to provide PhD students with a rigorous background to the research methods typically used in studies published in leading journals. The content will be presented by, amongst others, leading specialist international academics. After successful completion of the course work (MCom Accounting Sciences), students will register for the PhD in Accounting Sciences.

#### **DEGREE CONTENT**

The following content will be addressed:

- 1. Theories
- 2. Qualitative research methods
- 3. Quantitative research methods
- 4. Thesis writing

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

On completion of the course work candidates will:

- Understand the theoretical underpinnings of accounting research.
- Understand the key research methods used in accounting research and which methods are suited to which types of research questions.
- Be able to prepare a design for a research study using quantitative or qualitative methods.

#### WHO SHOULD ENROL?

Individuals committed to obtaining a PhD in Accounting. Successful completion of the course work is required to continue with the thesis.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

CA(SA) or CTA or other relevant Honours degree with a <u>minimum average of at least 65%</u>. This is a <u>selection course</u> with limited space. Compliance with the minimum admission requirements does not ensure automatic acceptance to the course. Interviews will be conducted with shortlisted candidates.

# DEGREE STRUCTURE, VENUE AND PRESENTATION

The course work is offered on a part-time basis over a twoyear period (full-time basis one year). The module content is delivered in workshops spread across the academic year on the Hatfield campus. Attendance of these workshops is compulsory. Further content is presented online.

#### APPLICATION

Students can apply for the PhD programme by applying for the MCom Accounting Sciences (course work). You can apply online at: www.up.ac.za. Applications close on 31 August 2023. It is the responsibility of international applicants to obtain study visas before the first lectures in January 2024.

#### CONTACT

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