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in this Faculty is **30 June**.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Choosing a study programme is one of the most important decisions a person makes when beginning their journey toward a professional career. I am pleased to tell you more about the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS) at the University of Pretoria (UP), where we offer world-class programmes that can open doors to rewarding careers in economic-, financial- and management sciences.

The Faculty of EMS is one of the oldest faculties at UP, boasting a 105-year history of producing exceptional graduates who have made significant contributions in various sectors both locally and internationally.

The Faculty comprises eight academic departments and a school, namely, Accounting, Auditing, Business Management, Economics, Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Taxation, and the School of Public Management and Administration. Our exceptional academics across the departments and school present the modules in the bachelor degrees and the postgraduate programmes at the honours, master's and doctoral levels.

We aim to cultivate globally competitive graduates equipped with the skills needed for success in the diverse industries they will enter in the future.

Several of our degrees are accredited by statutory bodies and endorsed by professional organisations both nationally and internationally, reflecting the high quality of education our faculty provides. We are particularly proud of our AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) International accreditation.

The Faculty's mission is to advance relevant knowledge and develop employable, innovative and diverse graduates to co-create value for society. This mission directs all our activities and is at the centre of our endeavours to guide our students to reach their full potential.

Quality teaching, excellent facilities, innovative hybrid teaching methods, and, importantly, various student support initiatives, such as Academic Success Coaches (ASCs), support student academic success in the Faculty of EMS. ASCs help students adjust to university life and develop the skills needed for effective time management and

academic excellence. If you're feeling uncertain about your chosen field of study, remember that the first six months of your first year are generic. If you meet the specific requirements, you can transfer to another degree. You can consult the EMS Transfer Guide or speak with the Faculty Student Administrators or ASCs for guidance.

As a student in this Faculty, you will benefit from our ongoing collaborations with numerous leading international institutions, which familiarise our students with the latest global trends in business, economics and management education and enable participation in exchange programmes. There will also be abundant opportunities to put theory into practice during your studies, ensuring that you will be a well-rounded graduate equipped to thrive in the dynamic world of work.

I encourage you to engage with your fellow students through the Faculty Student House, Commerci, and the discipline-specific student societies, enriching your experience outside the lecture halls with professional networking, social, cultural and sporting activities, all contributing to a vibrant EMS student life.

As a future EMS student, you will have access to an abundance of opportunities for holistic development. Working consistently to meet the admission requirements for your degree of choice will be the key to unlocking a bright future.

We look forward to welcoming you as a UP student in the near future!



In 2023, the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences made history by becoming the first faculty of its kind in Africa to receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. **Learn more at:** aacsb.edu/about.

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The Faculty of EMS has attained the following subject rankings:

INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS 2024	QS World University Rankings by Subject	Accounting and Finance Top 151-200 (1 st in Africa)	Economics and Econometrics Top 201-250 (Joint 1 st in Africa)
	Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject	Business and Economics Top 301-400	
	Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects	Economics Top 101-150	Finance Top 151-200



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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REGULATIONS

General admission regulations that apply to all prospective students

- The admission requirements and general information provided in this Faculty brochure are applicable to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or an Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualification.
- The following persons will be considered for admission to a first bachelor's degree at the University of Pretoria:
 - Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with bachelor's degree endorsement;
 - Candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and
 - Candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students, but final admission will depend on the NSC (or equivalent) qualification and results.
- Candidates must also comply with the specific subject and achievement level requirements and the minimum Admission Point Score (APS) for their chosen degree programmes.
- The APS calculation is done by using the NSC 1 to 7 scale of achievement. It is based on a candidate's achievement in six recognised 20-credit subjects. The highest APS that can be achieved is 42. Life Orientation is a 10-credit subject and is excluded from the calculation when determining the APS. The following subject rating scores are used for calculating the APS for NSC/IEB:

Admission Point Score (APS) Conversion

Rating code	Rating	Marks %
7	Outstanding achievement	80–100%
6	Meritorious achievement	70–79%
5	Substantial achievement	60–69%
4	Adequate achievement	50–59%
3	Moderate achievement	40–49%
2	Elementary achievement	30–39%
1	Not achieved	0–29%

NSC – National Senior Certificate (completed Grade 12 in or after 2008)

IEB – Independent Examination Board

- Except in cases where modules or programmes require the use of a language other than English, all modules will be presented in English, which is the University's official language of tuition, communication and correspondence.
- Minimum requirements for admission to the relevant programmes are set out in the minimum admission requirements table in this brochure.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.
- Applicants with qualifications other than NSC and IEB should refer to the following publication:
 - The International Undergraduate Prospectus 2026: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi* (South Africa)*, available at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission information.
- School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development (GED):** These qualifications are not accepted at the University of Pretoria.
- National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.



* **Umalusi** accredits South African private providers of education and training as well as private assessment bodies to offer tuition and/or assessment for qualification(s) on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework (GFETQSF). Contact Umalusi at info@umalusi.org.za or +27 (0)12 349 1510.

Note: Refer to the General Academic Regulations and Student Rules at www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home, click on 'General Rules and Regulations'.

APPLICATION AND CLOSING DATES:

- Applications open on 1 April. All study programmes at the University of Pretoria are number-limited. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible after 1 April.
- The closing date for applications for all UP study programmes is 30 June. This excludes the programmes in the Faculty of Veterinary Science which close on 31 May.

APPLICATION STATUS:

- Apply with your final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.
- Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.
- Applicants can expect feedback by September at the latest.
- Please check your application status and communication regularly on the UP Student Portal at www1.up.ac.za.
- Final admission will be based on the applicant's final school-year NSC or equivalent results.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REGULATIONS

Faculty-specific admission regulations

- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the National Senior Certificate (NSC) with admission to bachelor's degree studies; candidates who are graduates from other tertiary institutions or have been granted the status of graduates of such institutions; and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- All modules will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

University of Pretoria website www.up.ac.za/ems

Postgraduate programmes

The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences offers postgraduate opportunities in numerous areas of specialisation. For more information, refer to the online Yearbook at www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home, or visit www.up.ac.za/bcom.

Professional endorsements for Economic and Management Sciences qualifications

Endorsed by	Degree
 Computing Accreditation Commission Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Computing Accreditation Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems
 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences
 CFA [®] Institute University Affiliation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management
 Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences ▪ Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Financial Management Sciences
 European Logistics Association (ELA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management
 Health Professions Council for South Africa (HPCSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master of Commerce in Industrial Psychology
 South African Board for People Practitioners (SABPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management ▪ Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Human Resource Management and Labour Relations ▪ Master of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management ▪ Master of Philosophy specialising in Human Resource Management ▪ Master of Philosophy specialising in Labour Relations Management
 South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Chartered Accountant [CA(SA)] designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences ▪ Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences
 SAICA Associate General Accountant [AGA(SA)] designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences
 Southern African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences
 South African Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Taxation
 The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences ▪ Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Internal Auditing

Contact information

For student administration enquiries, please contact the Student Administrator assigned to the degree you are registered for by visiting: www.up.ac.za/ems-student-admin

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Minimum admission requirements

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

University of Pretoria programme qualification verification

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration [3 years]	5	Mathematics 3 or Mathematical Literacy 4	28
Careers: Diplomats, political analysts, managers in the public sector, local government and the private sector, non-governmental organisations, international organisations and embassies. Graduates are often employed in human resources sections and planning and general administrative divisions.			
Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences [3 years]	5	6	34
Careers: First step towards qualifying as chartered accountants, external auditors, government auditors, taxation professionals and advisors, and financial directors or managers.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management [3 years]	5	6	34
Careers: Portfolio/fund manager, investment analyst, risk manager/analyst, quantitative analyst, financial advisor/planner, wealth manager, investment strategist.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences [3 years]	5	5	32
Careers with a focus on:			
▪ Business accounting: Financial accountants, credit controllers, SAIPA (South African Institute of Professional Accountants) and ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)			
▪ Financial management: Management accountants, management consultants, financial advisors, cost accountants and financial managers			
▪ Taxation: Tax advisors, tax auditors in public practice, tax policy designers, tax professionals, tax compliance managers, SARS auditors and tax risk managers			
▪ Internal auditing: Internal auditors, risk officers, forensic auditors, IT auditors, performance auditors, environmental auditors, compliance officers, government auditors and governance auditors			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics [3 years]	5	6	32
Careers: Econometricians are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, leading stockbrokers and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders or brokers, and academics. The work mostly entails statistical analysis (forecasting, structural and policy analysis) of economic and financial markets and interrelationships.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics [3 years]	5	5	32
Careers: Economists may specialise in banking, public finance, international trade and investment or economic development. They are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, stock brokerage firms and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders and academics.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law [3 years]	5	5	32
Careers: First step towards becoming attorneys, legal advisors, advocates, prosecutors, presiding officers (magistrates or judges) and academics in the legal field.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science [3 years]	5	5	32
Careers: Data scientists, statistical analysts in several industries, researchers, consultants and lecturers.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems [3 years]	5	5	30
Careers: Managers in the information technology environment, computer software or hardware support services, computer systems analysts, financial information systems analysts, business analysts, information facilitators, IT training officers, systems developers, business systems analysts.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management [3 years]	5	5	30
Careers: The degree offers diverse career choices. Opportunities exist in banking, finance and insurance; policy design and implementation; research and consultation; food processing and manufacturing; commodity trading on global and local stock markets; logistics and supply chain operations; and business management in agricultural companies, to name but a few.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management [3 years]	5	4	30
Careers: A wide variety of opportunities exist in the areas of administration, finance, marketing and human resources management, including employment as teachers, lecturers, general managers and management consultants.			
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management [3 years]	5	4	30

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
<p>Careers: The purpose of this programme is to equip students with the ability to participate in functional management within an integrated supply chain. This includes supply management, production and operations management, warehousing, transport management and supply chain strategy.</p> <p>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management [3 years]</p> <p>Careers: Product management, customer service management, customer relationship management, strategic marketing, sales management, brand management, advertising management, media planning, marketing research management and promotions management</p>	5	4	30
<p>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management [3 years]</p> <p>Careers: Human resources practitioners, human resources consultants, mediators, labour relations specialists, human resources managers, personnel managers, training officers, liaison officers, psychometrists and industrial psychologists. In their capacity as human resources practitioners, graduates will be responsible for matters such as developing human resource strategies and policies, human resource planning, recruitment and selection of employees, training and development of staff, labour relations and personnel administration.</p>	5	4	30
<p>Bachelor of Commerce [3 years]</p> <p>Careers: Although the degree does not lead to a specific vocational outcome it does, to some extent, offer students opportunities to determine their own career paths as it allows them to compile their own curricula with a view to future work opportunities in all sectors.</p>	5	4	30
<p>Bachelor of Commerce [4 years]</p> <p>This is a selection programme. Additional selection criteria apply and will be communicated by the Faculty to applicants.</p> <p>Careers: Although the degree does not lead to a specific vocational outcome it does, to some extent, offer students opportunities to determine their own career paths as it allows them to compile their own curricula with a view to future work opportunities in all sectors.</p>	4	3	26

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

To register for a first bachelor's degree at the University of Pretoria, an applicant should have completed the National Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification and meet the minimum requirements for the relevant programme.

The calculation of an Admission Point Score (APS) is based on a candidate's achievement in any SIX recognised NSC 20-credit subjects. Achievement is measured by using the NSC seven-point rating scale. Life Orientation is a 10-credit subject and is excluded from the APS calculation. Life Orientation is also not a Faculty-specific subject requirement.

An exciting student life awaits

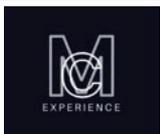
Commercii, the student house of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, is a society that caters to the needs of Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration students registered in the Faculty and helps first-year students to 'find their feet'. Commercii works in close collaboration with the various discipline-specific sub-houses to curate valuable experiences for students to learn skills that will empower them to be leaders, both on campus and later in the workplace.



During your time as an EMS student, there will be numerous opportunities for you to enhance your leadership and academic development skills, participate in community outreach projects and have social interactions that make student life worthwhile.

Sub-houses and eligible members

EMS students are encouraged to enhance their personal and academic development by taking part in the activities of their discipline-specific student society.

							
BAAdmin@Tuks: Public Administration students	FIN'EST: Financial Management Sciences, Information Systems and Investment Management students	House CA: Accounting Sciences students	House IA: Internal Auditing students	HR Tuks: Human Resource Management students	MC Experience: Business Management, Marketing Management and Supply Chain Management students	Tax@Tuks: Taxation students	Y.E.S@Tuks: Agribusiness Management, Econometrics, Economics, and Statistics and Data Science students

Law students form part of the student society in the Faculty of Law

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration programme is directed towards equipping students for a career in the public sector.

The degree provides in-depth knowledge of certain administrative and management practices in the South African and international public sectors. It focuses on the three spheres of government, namely the local, provincial and national levels.

Some of the key aspects studied are public financial and human resources management, international administration and management, policy and organisation studies, ethics, project management, intergovernmental relations and administrative justice.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental Academic information management modules and the module Academic literacy for EMS.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public administration Politics Economics Public resource management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public administration Political science or International relations Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public administration Political science or International relations

Elective modules

Note: Candidates who did not obtain at least a 4 (50–59%) in Mathematics in the final NSC/IEB examination, or did not pass Statistics (STK) 113 and 123 may not include Economics (EKN) 120, 234, 244, 310 and 320, and Statistics (STK) 110 and 120 in their curriculum. Refer to the online Yearbook at www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and organisational psychology or Economics Statistics French German Informatics Anthropology Criminology Sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and organisational psychology Economics Public law Public management Anthropology Criminology Sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and organisational psychology Economics Anthropology Criminology Sociology



Which companies employ our graduates?

Government departments, embassies, consulates, High Commissions, parastatals, non-governmental organisations, private sector companies that work extensively with government contracts.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidates should:

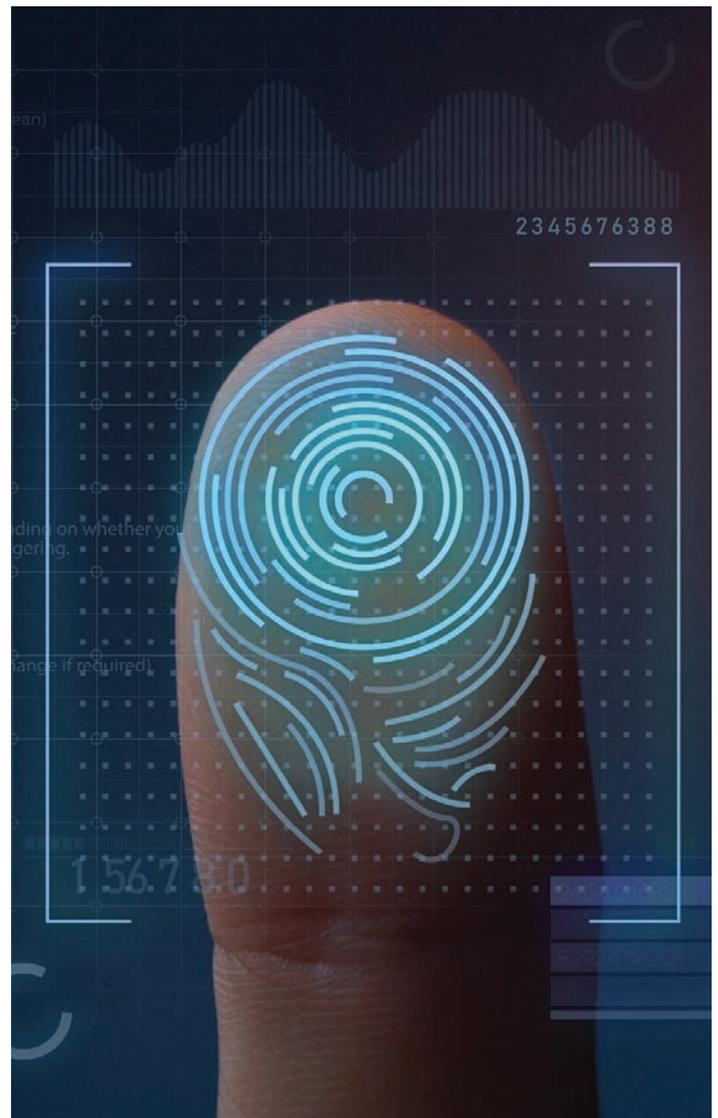
- Have the desire, commitment and dedication to serve their community, their city and/or their country
- Believe in and want to be part of the moral and legal obligation that the state has towards creating a better life for all



What makes this programme unique?

The Bachelor of Administration degree is the only programme in the Faculty of EMS that combines public sector management with specialisations such as politics and international relations.

The programme exposes students to the management environment in both the public and private sectors. It enhances students' understanding of what it means to be good and responsible citizens.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration



‘As a high school student, I was unsure about which degree to pursue. During the COVID-19 lockdown, when political and social unrest dominated social media, I came across a quote that resonated with me: ‘Death is powerless against you if you leave a legacy of good behind. Death is powerless against you if you do your job.’ This quote inspired me to pursue a degree in government administration and public service, leading me to choose public management.

Although this degree involves studying extensive literature and legislation, which I enjoy reading, the most rewarding aspect in my experience is the opportunity for productive discourse during classes with lecturers and classmates. I have enjoyed learning about the different theories and models within the study of public administration and relating them to the current state of South Africa’s government. These discussions have provided me with a profound understanding of government administration that goes beyond surface-level observations.

With the knowledge I have gained in public management and international relations, I hope to become a respected professional, whether in the private or public sector, and to make proactive, long-lasting changes to improve the lives of future generations.’

Thabang Masango – Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration [3 years]	5	Mathematics 3 or Mathematical Literacy 4	28

Careers: Diplomats, political analysts, managers in the public sector, local government and the private sector, non-governmental organisations, international organisations and embassies. Graduates are often employed in human resources sections and planning and general administrative divisions.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences degree is a three-year programme that is followed by the one-year Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (PGDAS), which is required in order for graduates to comply with the education requirements for the Chartered Accountant qualification, CA(SA). Successful completion of these two study programmes will provide access to the Initial Assessment of Competence (IAC), which is the first of two professional exams set by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

Thereafter, a three-year traineeship needs to be completed, during which time the applicable professional qualifying examinations must be passed to qualify a candidate to register as a CA(SA).



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Professional ethics.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business acumen Financial decision-making Financial reporting Economics Informatics Informatics (accounting software) Business management Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business acumen Financial decision-making Financial reporting Governance and assurance (auditing) Human resource management Informatics Commercial law Taxation Applications in data science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business acumen Financial decision-making Financial reporting Governance and assurance (auditing) Informatics Design thinking and business innovation Taxation

Note: The specialisation modules for the first to the final year of study for a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences degree may be taken only by students who have been selected for this degree.



Who are the ideal candidates?

Students who excel in this programme are typically:

- Ethical
- Critical thinkers
- Detail oriented
- Interested in business
- Self-motivated



What makes this programme unique?

The Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences degree and the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences are endorsed by SAICA and form part of the requirements for training as a CA(SA), which is the highest professional designation in accounting in South Africa and enjoys international recognition. This programme also provides access to the SAICA Associate General Accountant [AGA(SA)] designation.

The undergraduate degree is also endorsed by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Over and above the prestigious CA(SA) qualification, the three-year Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences degree also provides access to the following BCom Honours degrees (subject to selection):

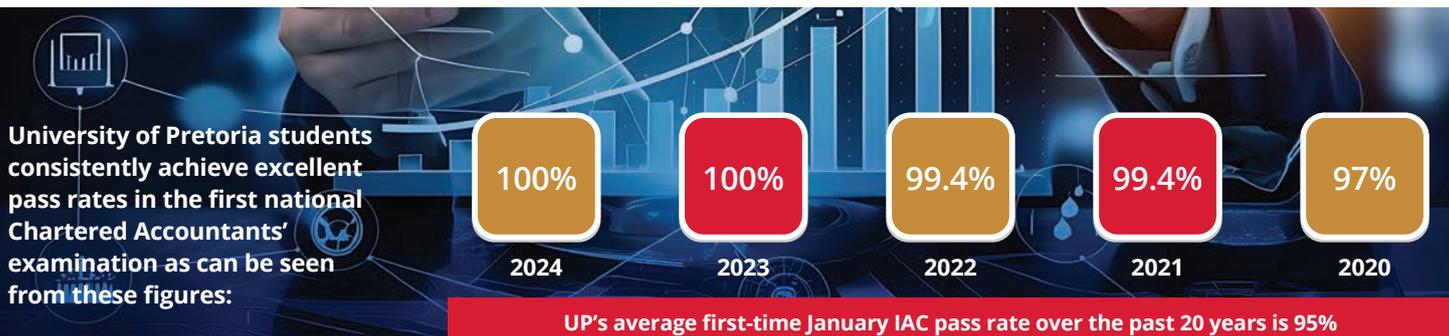
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Financial Management Sciences
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Internal Auditing
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Taxation



Career opportunities

Qualified CAs(SA) are able to fulfil business and finance roles in a variety of industries. They tend to specialise in financial reporting, auditing and assurance, tax, financial management, information technology, management accounting, forensic accounting and insolvency. Employment opportunities also exist in academia, the public or private sector and non-governmental organisations, to name but a few.

Those who have a CA(SA) qualification also succeed in CEO, CFO, vice-president, chairperson and finance manager roles, or can become entrepreneurs.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences *(continued)*

How do you become a Chartered Accountant in South Africa?

Academic component

Training component

Year 1 to 3

Year 4

Year 5 to 7

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences

Postgraduate Diploma*

Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences

Training Contract

To be completed in public practice, commerce and industry, financial services or the public sector.

Professional examination 1
Initial Assessment of Competence (IAC)

Professional examination 2
Assessment of Professional Competence (APC)

* Offers access to Master's studies like an Honours degree would



'Choosing a degree to study was a real challenge for me. It felt like I was deciding what to do for the rest of my life, a daunting responsibility for 18-year-old me. I always knew I wanted a business career—not a career as a scientist or doctor—and pursuing a career in commerce felt right. I decided to aim for the CA(SA) designation because of the opportunities it offers in the business world.

I opted to study accounting sciences at UP, and it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made! The workload was tough, but the learning experience was incredibly rewarding. The lecturing staff at UP were exceptional, guiding me through this challenging academic journey. The consistent success of UP students in the SAICA Initial Assessment of Competence is a testament to their dedication.

Looking back on my studies, I can confidently say that each year my understanding of business grew exponentially, and I developed personally, gaining emotional strength and essential soft skills. These tools will be crucial as I pursue my career as a CA(SA).

My time at UP was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the vibrant student life in Pretoria, witnessing the jacarandas in bloom and the bustling atmosphere of Hatfield. I also became part of the TUKS Athletics team, where I forged lifelong friendships.'

Nicola Knoetze – Bachelor of Commerce and Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences [3 years]	5	6	34

Careers: First step towards qualifying as chartered accountants, external auditors, taxation professionals and advisors, financial directors, managers or entrepreneurs.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management programme provides an overview of the global agricultural and food sector. It enlightens students on how business and science issues affect the functioning of the agricultural sector. The programme cultivates problem solvers who contribute to ensuring food security for the world's population.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Business management ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Marketing management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Financial management ▪ Agricultural economics ▪ Business law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Agricultural economics



Who are the ideal candidates?

This programme is the ideal choice for students who:

- Have a strong business acumen
- Love the outdoors
- Enjoy science



What makes this programme unique?

- The programme caters for students with diverse interests and proficiencies, ranging from business to science.
- It is presented in collaboration with the UP Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.



'I have always wanted a chance to enter a field that is out of the ordinary, and that is how I came across agribusiness management. The agricultural sphere is diverse and greatly interested me because the land and country we live in present many opportunities.'

Throughout my three years at UP, I have found that agricultural studies significantly affect our day-to-day lives. The biggest highlight for me was when I was introduced to my second-year agricultural economics lecturer, Deon Scheepers. He managed to make the theory 'real' by showing the practical implications in each lecture. He taught me how to think big and not to take the understanding of the work for granted because everything links to the real world.

My career aspiration is to obtain my honours degree in agricultural economics, broaden my knowledge of agricultural policies, and venture into the private sector by working with agribusinesses around the world. My personal life goal is to use the experience of being an agricultural economist to become a commercial farmer. To start my journey, I would love to take part in a graduate programme to gain all the necessary practical experience and work towards being a full-time agricultural economist.'

Andile Rarane – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management *(continued)*

Career opportunities



Banks, finance and investment companies

Evaluation of financing, insurance and investment opportunities in the agricultural sector and food ecosystem



Farming enterprises and input companies

Development of marketing and sales strategies for agricultural inputs, such as seeds and fertiliser, or products such as fruit or meat



Producer and commodity organisations

Promotion of the interests of producer and commodity groups and their economic sustainability through service to members



Food processors and manufacturers

Development of marketing strategies and conducting business analysis as part of the business management division of large food manufacturers



Logistics and marketing division in companies

Trade and shipment of commodities such as maize and cotton



The public sector

Development and implementation of government policies and legislation for the agricultural and food sector

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management [3 years]	5	5	30

Careers: The degree offers diverse career choices. Opportunities exist in banking, finance and insurance; policy design and implementation; research and consultation; food processing and manufacturing; commodity trading on global and local stock markets; logistics and supply chain operations; and business management in agricultural companies, to name but a few.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management degree is for students who would like to become business leaders and be employed in an organisation, or even create their own employment. This programme provides a big-picture view of the organisation as a body with separate but interdependent parts and students are taught how all the parts function as a whole.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Financial management ▪ Business law ▪ Design thinking and business innovation ▪ Business creation ▪ Responsible management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ International business management ▪ Business analytics ▪ Responsible leadership ▪ Human resource management



Who are the ideal candidates?

Prospective students who hope to excel in this programme should be:

- Able to see the big picture
- Creative thinkers
- Analytical thinkers
- Self-starters
- Able to integrate ideas and concepts
- Systematic organisers and planners



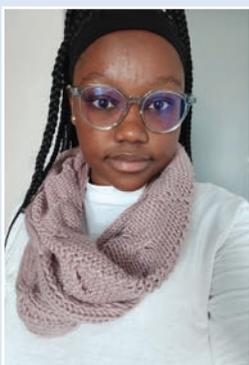
What makes this programme unique?

This degree programme empowers students to develop a passion for business through exposure to South African and international best practices. Students are equipped to solve real-life business problems, use management processes to make decisions to benefit the organisation and understand the importance of being innovative in a dynamic business environment.



Which companies employ our graduates?

The career prospects for graduates who complete this degree are vast. They could either join established businesses or start their own.



'My decision to study at UP was a leap of faith that turned out to be the best decision I've ever made. I have fallen in love with business management because it involves all aspects of the business and oversees different business functions that form the foundation of the company's structure and operation.'

Studying at UP has been a great adventure, from my first year being purely online due to COVID-19 to being a postgraduate student. I remember in the first year feeling like I was missing out on the traditional campus experience because of online classes, yet when we transitioned to on-campus learning in the second year, I felt like I was a first year all over again, overwhelmed by the new world I was about to explore. Throughout all these dynamic learning experiences, the university offered me different supporting measures like tutorials, academic success coaches, and student counselling units.

This road certainly hasn't been an easy one, and looking back at it now it's safe to say it's been a rollercoaster of emotions and experiences with a mixture of stress, joy, and challenges.'

Thandiswa Khumalo

– Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Business Management

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management *(continued)*



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management [3 years]	5	4	30

Careers: A wide variety of opportunities exist in the areas of administration, finance, marketing and human resources management, including employment as teachers, lecturers, general managers and management consultants.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

Website www.up.ac.za/business-management

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics



What does the programme entail?

A career in economics entails uncovering and forecasting economic trends and the effects of policy changes on our society and the global economy. This is supported by econometrics, which is the collection, measurement and analysis of economic and social phenomena.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidate should be:

- logical and analytical;
- curious and creative; and
- motivated and open-minded.



Which companies employ our graduates?

Economists and econometricians are employed by the government, the South African Reserve Bank, National Treasury, private and commercial banks, stock brokerage firms and consultancies, both locally and internationally.



Career opportunities

Fields of specialisation that graduates could work in are banking, public finance, international trade and investment, and economic development.

Possible positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders and academics.



Structure of the programme

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS.

Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematical statistics

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Business management ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Business law ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics



'My love for mathematics and my interest in economics led me to pursue a degree in econometrics. It still boggles my mind that not many people know about this degree; if you are interested in these two fields, I encourage you to give it a go. I found the concept of urban-rural migration in economics and multivariate statistics most interesting. This course teaches you both the problem-solving skills of mathematicians and the ways of thinking of economists. The rigorous coursework taught me critical thinking and problem-solving skills, preparing me for real-world challenges. I discovered a new world of thinking when I was introduced to proof writing and the statistical functions in different coding languages.'

The University of Pretoria perfectly balanced an enriching student life with an outstanding academic experience! There are various support systems, from the top-qualified tutors and lecturers to the kindest on-campus medical centre staff. The vibrant culture at UP is one that I will always long for.'

Rickard Swartz – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

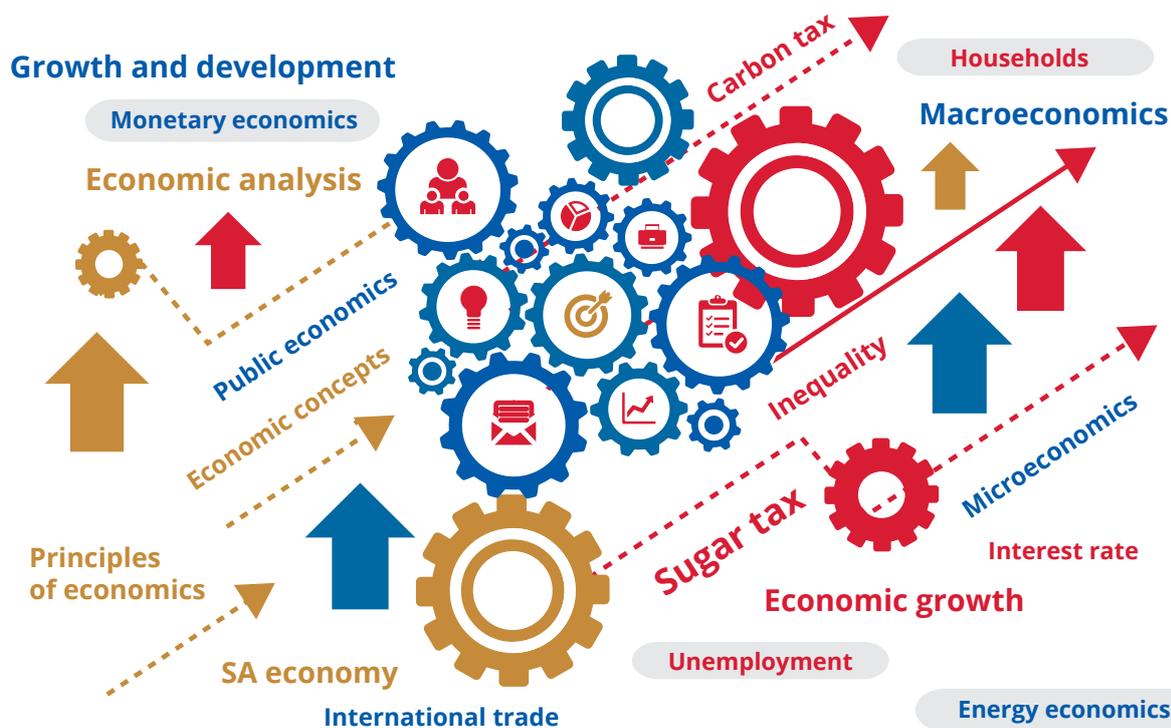
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics *(continued)*



'I have truly found where I belong with economics. Not having a clue about what to do after high school and changing degrees taught me that I had to follow what I was passionate about. I always loved mathematics and enjoyed learning about supply and demand. Economics combines statistics and economics as core modules, and I found my passion in statistics and now hope to further my career as a statistician.'

The University of Pretoria has equipped me with the necessary skills to enter the workforce by teaching me to use statistical software and helping me understand the economy we live in. As a final-year student, I am prepared for any challenges that I may face because I am confident I am qualified for the career I want.'

Daniella Yav – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics [3 years]	5	6	32
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics [3 years]	5	5	32

Careers: Econometricians are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, leading stockbrokers and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders or brokers, and academics. The work mostly entails statistical analysis (forecasting, structural and policy analysis) of economic and financial markets and interrelationships.

Careers: Economists may specialise in banking, public finance, international trade and investment or economic development. They are employed by the government, the central bank, private and commercial banks, stock brokerage firms and consultancies, both locally and internationally. Positions include analysts, consultants, researchers, traders and academics.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

Contact information | Website www.up.ac.za/economics

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences degree combines the disciplines of business accounting, financial management, internal auditing and taxation in a single degree with the aim of providing students with more options for further study. The introduction to these disciplines empowers students to choose their field of specialisation at the honours level.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Financial Management ▪ Informatics ▪ Statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business accounting ▪ Financial Management ▪ Internal auditing ▪ Taxation ▪ Financial management ▪ Informatics ▪ Business law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business accounting* ▪ Financial management* ▪ Internal auditing* ▪ Taxation*

* Final-year students may choose any three majors.



Who are the ideal candidates?

To be successful in this degree, students need to be:

- Passionate about numbers
- Attentive to details
- Innovative in solving problems
- Analytical
- Able to communicate well
- Good at interpersonal engagements



What makes this programme unique?

This undergraduate degree enables graduates to select one of three specialisations at the honours level. Each of the postgraduate degrees is endorsed by the relevant national or international professional bodies in the field, providing confirmation that graduates will have received the best quality education as required by industry. This paves the way for graduates to pursue various advanced professional qualifications.

Endorsement

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences degree is endorsed through:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
- South African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)
- South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) – Associate General Accountant [AGA(SA)] designation

The University of Pretoria is one of only 13 universities in the world recognised as a Centre for Internal Audit Excellence—the highest designation awarded to universities by the International Institute of Internal Auditors.



‘Pursuing my studies in financial management sciences has been a transformative journey, enriching both my academic and professional aspirations. The rigorous coursework continues to hone my analytical skills and deepen my understanding of financial principles, equipping me with the expertise to navigate complex financial landscapes.’

Engaging with dedicated faculty and like-minded peers has fostered a collaborative learning environment, encouraging innovative thinking and practical problem solving. This experience has not only solidified my passion for finance but also prepared me to excel in a dynamic and evolving industry. I am grateful for the knowledge and opportunities this programme has provided thus far and look forward to applying these insights in my future career.’

Tariq Vawda

– Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Financial Management Sciences

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences *(continued)*

Career opportunities**

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

- CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting (CIMA Cert BA)
- CIMA Diploma in Management Accounting (CIMA Dip MA)
- CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting (CIMA Adv Dip)
- Associates of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (ACMA)
- Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)

South African Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT)

- Master Tax Practitioner (MTP (SA))
- General Tax Practitioner (GTP (SA))
- Tax Technician (TT (SA))

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Global

- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)
- Certified Process Safety Auditor (CPSA)
- Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA)
- Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL)

IIA South Africa

- Internal Audit Manager (IAM)

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

South African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)

- Registered Government Auditor (RGA)

Specialisation in forensic investigations

- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Commercial Forensic Practitioner (CFP)

Financial Planning Institute of Southern Africa (FPI)

- Registered Financial Planner™ (RFP)™
- Associate Financial Planner™ (AFP)™
- Certified Financial Planner® (CFP)®

South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA)

- Professional Accountant (SA)

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

- Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA)
- Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA): Registered Auditor (RA)

South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)

- Associate General Accountant (AGA(SA))

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences degree and the associated honours programmes are endorsed by the:

1 – Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) 2 – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

3 – Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) 4 – South African Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT)

5 – South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) 6 – South African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)

** Subject to the education, experience, examination and ethics requirements of the various institutes.

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences [3 years]	5	5	32

- Careers with a focus on:**
- **Business accounting:** Financial accountants, credit controllers, SAIPA (South African Institute of Professional Accountants) and ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)
 - **Financial management:** Management accountants, management consultants, financial advisors, cost accountants and financial managers
 - **Taxation:** Tax advisors, tax auditors in public practice, tax policy designers, tax professionals, tax compliance managers, SARS auditors and tax risk managers
 - **Internal auditing:** Internal auditors, risk officers, forensic auditors, IT auditors, performance auditors, environmental auditors, compliance officers, government auditors and governance auditors

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

Contact information | Email financial.sciences@up.ac.za | Website www.up.ac.za/financial-management

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management degree introduces students to the key disciplines of:

- **Industrial and organisational psychology:** Using knowledge of the psychology of human behaviour to ensure that people work more efficiently in the workplace
- **Human resource management:** Managing people using workplace policies and procedures to ensure that they are effective and productive
- **Labour relations management:** Implementing Labour Relations programmes and acting as mediators through advising and counselling in the workplace



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take an introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Business management ▪ Economics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Statistics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Business management ▪ Business law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Business management ▪ Labour law ▪ Labour relations



Who are the ideal candidates?

Students who excel in this programme are able to:

- Communicate effectively
- Solve problems
- Comfortably make difficult decisions
- Multi-task
- Show kindness and understanding
- Maintain strong ethical principles



What makes this programme unique?

A special benefit of this programme is that, in addition to learning about the core human resource content, students also gain a wider knowledge of business by studying Bachelor of Commerce modules, which will improve their marketability for any number of job opportunities in businesses.

The undergraduate degree provides the necessary foundation for students to later specialise in Industrial and Organisational Psychology, Human Resource Management and Labour Relations Management at the postgraduate level.

Endorsement

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management degree is endorsed by the South African Board for People Practitioners (SABPP).



Which companies employ our graduates?

Most companies have a human resource (HR) division and opportunities exist for graduates with experience to start their own companies providing services based on their specific specialisations.



'My experience as an undergraduate student in the Faculty of EMS has honestly been an incredible journey. The lecturers are super knowledgeable and genuinely invested in our success. Culture flows from the top down, and the awesome culture that the Department of Human Resource Management has created among its staff results in an engaging environment for the students as well. Lectures cover a broad range of topics, which has been fantastic for gaining a solid foundation in economic and management sciences. Plus, the practical applications and case studies we get to work on make the learning process so much more interesting and relevant.'

Another highlight has been the supportive community. My classmates and I have formed a tight-knit group, always helping each other out. The student societies also organise various events and networking opportunities, which have been great for

meeting industry professionals and getting a taste of the real world. Overall, my time at the Faculty of EMS has been enriching and rewarding. If you're considering studying here, I'd highly recommend it! It's a challenging but incredibly fulfilling experience.'

Jason Schickerling – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management *(continued)*



Minimum admission requirements

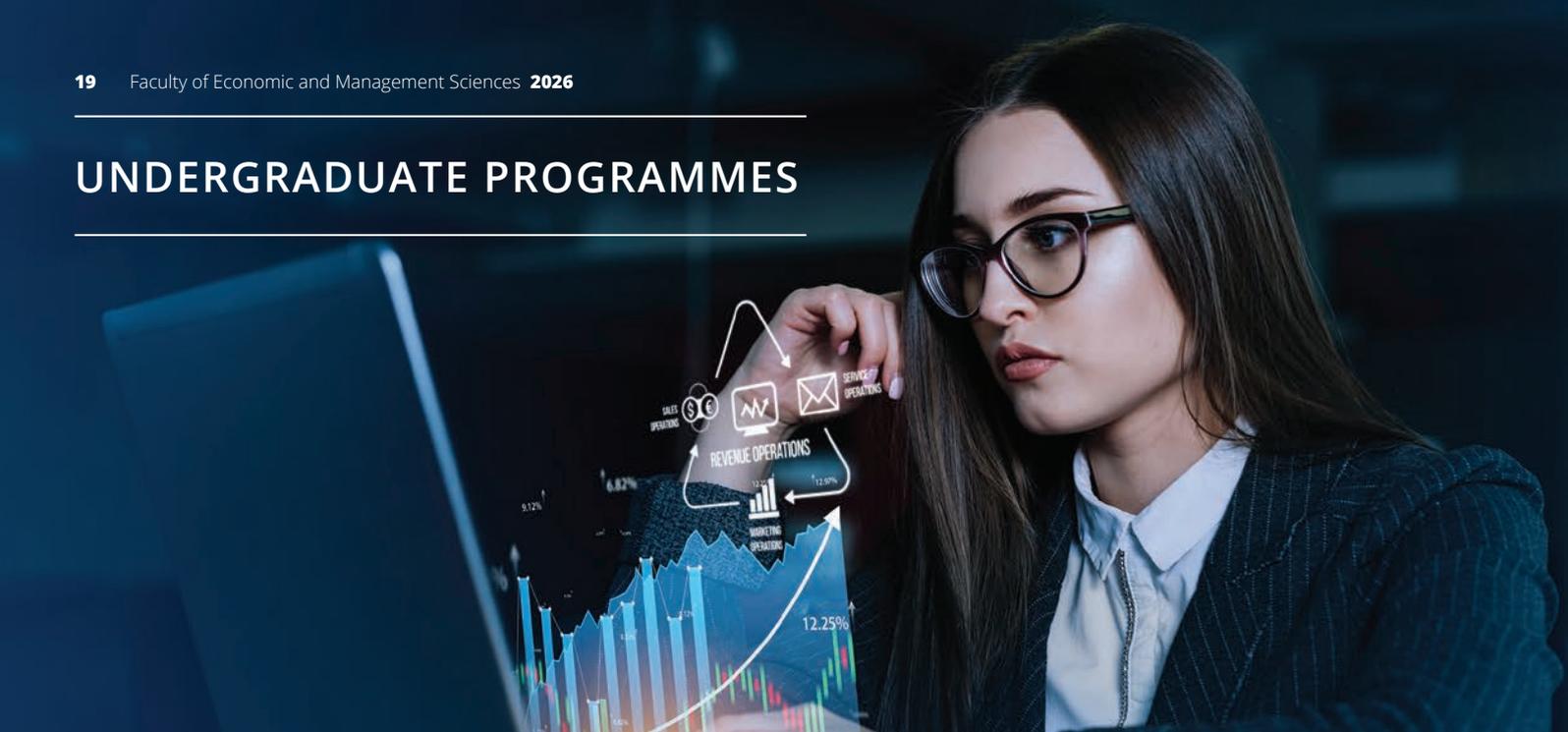
Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management [3 years]	5	4	30

Careers: Human resources practitioners, human resources consultants, mediators, labour relations specialists, human resources managers, personnel managers, training officers, liaison officers, psychometrists and industrial psychologists. In their capacity as human resources practitioners, graduates will be responsible for matters such as developing human resource strategies and policies, human resource planning, recruitment and selection of employees, training and development of staff, labour relations and personnel administration.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES



Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems



What does the programme entail?

Students enrolled for the Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems degree study the application and use of the computer and information systems in an organisation.

The broad background in economic and management sciences gained through this programme is combined with information technology (IT) to teach students how to design and implement systems for storing and manipulating data in such a way that people can understand, use, interpret and make decisions based on that information.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for IT.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informatics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Economics ▪ Business management ▪ Statistics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informatics ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Business law ▪ Community-based project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informatics

Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marketing management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marketing management ▪ Business management ▪ Internal auditing ▪ Statistics ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marketing management ▪ Business management ▪ Internal auditing ▪ Statistics ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation



Who are the ideal candidates?

Characteristics of students who excel in this programme are:

- Problem solvers with analytical minds
- Creative thinkers
- Good communicators
- Good at working in a team
- Good at working with people
- Able to deal with ambiguity



What makes this programme unique?

- The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems programme at UP is the only degree in South Africa that is internationally endorsed by the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) of the USA.
- Developments in IT enhance the business environment by enabling companies to do more in less time and provide management information faster and more accurately.
- IT is the gateway to the international business world and makes it possible to complete business transactions within seconds.
- It is presented in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology.



Which companies employ our graduates?

Our graduates are employed in all commercial sectors, including:

- Finance and insurance
- Telecommunication
- Mining
- Software development
- Consulting organisations
- Education
- Retail

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems *(continued)*



‘As a high school student, I had already acknowledged that my strengths lay in IT and business. When representatives from the University of Pretoria came to my high school and presented the different programmes they offered, the informatics degree immediately sparked my interest.

Looking back on my journey as a Bachelor of Commerce student specialising in Information Systems, I realise that it has been one of the best choices I have made. This degree not only aligns with my strengths but also covers a wide range of expertise. I was able to learn how to apply and use information systems in organisations and incorporate commerce into the IT industry.

This degree offers a wide variety of career opportunities, meaning I will not be limited to certain career options. I am confident that I have chosen the right degree.’

Amy Trawin – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems [3 years]	5	5	30

Careers: Managers in the information technology environment, computer software or hardware support services, computer systems analysts, financial information systems analysts, business analysts, information facilitators, IT training officers, systems developers, business systems analysts

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

Contact information | Website www.up.ac.za/informatics

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management programme focuses on the global investment environment and includes topics covering all facets of investment management.

The degree prepares you for career opportunities in the dynamic world of investments by offering access to money markets, fixed-income markets, equity markets, derivatives markets and portfolio management.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Informatics ▪ Business management ▪ Commercial law ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business accounting ▪ Economics ▪ Investment management ▪ Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business accounting ▪ Economics* ▪ Investment management ▪ Financial management ▪ Mathematical statistics ▪ Statistics*

* One statistics module is compulsory for final-year students, who choose between Economics or one of the additional statistics modules as a third major.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidate should have:

- Strong mathematical skills
- Diligence
- Analytical skills
- The ability to think independently
- Problem-solving skills
- An inquiring mind
- Integrity
- Attention to detail



What makes this programme unique?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management degree at UP is an Affiliated Program with the CFA Institute®. Academic institutions that include a significant portion of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK)—including the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct—in their curricula may be eligible for participation in the University Affiliation Program.

An affiliated university signals to its students and to employers that the curriculum is closely aligned with the practice of investment management and is helpful to students preparing for the CFA® Program exams.

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Which companies employ our graduates?

Investment Management graduates are able to pursue professional qualifications such as:

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA)
- Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement (CIPM)
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)

They can be employed by asset management companies, investment banks, private equity firms and wealth management companies.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management *(continued)*



‘Completing my undergraduate studies in investment management was a truly rewarding journey. The programme presented many challenges, but it was always engaging and insightful. The coursework was demanding and required significant effort and dedication. However, every moment of hard work was worth it.

The lecturers were exceptionally passionate, knowledgeable, and deeply invested in our success. Their expertise and enthusiasm for the subject matter made learning both enjoyable and impactful. They were always available to provide guidance and support, ensuring that we fully grasped the complex concepts and practical applications of investment management.

The degree aligns with real-world investment management practices. The curriculum was designed to closely mirror the demands and expectations of the industry, making it excellent preparation for those aiming to write the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Programme exams. The skills and knowledge I gained through the degree have been instrumental in shaping my understanding of investment management, equipping me with a solid foundation for my future career.’

Aliya de Sousa – Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Investment Management



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management [3 years]	5	6	34

Careers: Portfolio/fund manager, investment analyst, risk manager/analyst, quantitative analyst, financial advisor/planner, wealth manager, investment strategist.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law



What does the programme entail?

- The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law degree is a three-year programme that focuses on core economic and management sciences subjects, but also includes some law modules.
- It provides a broader perspective on issues such as taxation and commercial law for those who wish to practise law in these fields.
- It offers an alternate route to the eventual attainment of an LLB degree, which is the minimum requirement for entering the organised legal profession.
- Graduates may also specialise in a field in the economic and management sciences instead of law, in which case they would register for an honours degree in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.



Who are the ideal candidates?

To excel in this programme, prospective students should possess the aptitude, passion and skills required for commercial, economic, numeracy and mathematical disciplines.

The ideal candidate should have:

- Good listening and interpersonal skills
- Logical reasoning, persuasiveness and sound judgement
- Honesty and integrity
- Ability to digest and convert large volumes of information, scientific data and paperwork generated by cases
- The emotional intelligence needed to view a challenge objectively and address it proactively
- Attention to detail
- Ability to prioritise tasks and manage time effectively



What makes this programme unique?

- It caters for students who have a dual interest in business and law.
- It offers a combination of commerce and law subjects to prepare students for the law profession, but with a broad commercial academic background.
- It enables a graduate to acquire Bachelor of Laws [also referred to as LLB] within two years after completion of the Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law degree.
- It enables students to pursue other options upon completion, depending on their specific career goals and legal fields.
- It is presented in collaboration with the UP Faculty of Law.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management, jurisprudence and English.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Economics ▪ Business management ▪ Statistics ▪ Roman law ▪ Law of persons ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consumer protection ▪ Law of contract ▪ Law of succession ▪ Specific contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Insolvency law ▪ Law of things ▪ Law of delict ▪ Entrepreneurial law ▪ Payment methods

Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Economics ▪ Financial management ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation ▪ Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Economics ▪ Financial management ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation ▪ Statistics

Career opportunities



Officers of the court

- Attorneys
- Advocates



Court administration

- Registrars of the High Court
- Clerks of the Magistrates Court



Judiciary

- Magistrates
- Judges



Other officials in the administration of justice

- Masters of the High Court (administration of estates)
- Registrars of deeds, companies, patents and trademarks



Legal aid and advice

- Legal Aid Board
- Legal Resource Centre/Justice Centres



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law *(continued)*



‘With its incredible sporting facilities and world-renowned Faculty of EMS, choosing to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law at the University of Pretoria was an easy decision. My experience during the three years of my undergraduate degree superseded my already high expectations of this prestigious university.’

Studying for this degree has been more rewarding and fulfilling than I ever could have imagined. The degree is unique because it has allowed me to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of fields, namely law, finance, and accounting. It provides a perfect balance between challenging and enjoyable content and has equipped me both academically and socially for the working world.

I highly recommend not only the degree but also the overall university experience at UP, which has been incredible. The memories and friendships made on the Hatfield and Hillcrest campuses are ones to cherish for a lifetime. The nurturing and happy environment and the support of the UP staff, coupled with a degree I love, provided the solid foundation I needed to reach my potential, not only in my studies but also as a person.’

Aimee Caplan – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law [3 years]	5	5	32

Careers: First step towards becoming attorneys, legal advisors, advocates, prosecutors, presiding officers (magistrates or judges) and academics in the legal field

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management degree provides a theoretical foundation of marketing principles complemented by practical projects over three years of study.

The programme equips students with the ability to develop, plan and implement integrated marketing communication strategies. Students are trained to communicate a marketing vision and marketing ideas for products and services in various industries.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Responsible management.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing management Business management Financial accounting Statistics Economics Informatics (accounting software) Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer behaviour Integrated brand communications Market offering Business management Financial management Business law Design thinking and business innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing management Marketing research Personal selling and account management Integrated practical marketing project International business management Business analytics



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidates for this programme are:

- People-oriented
- Able to think out of the box
- Love brands
- Engaged in technology
- Versatile
- Go-getters
- Optimistic



What makes this programme unique?

Industry partners provide real challenges for which students find solutions, which are presented to the industry partner. These challenges may include:

- Integrated marketing communication campaigns
- Sales or in-store promotions
- Social media marketing campaigns
- Market and consumer analyses



Which companies employ our graduates?

- Small to large businesses
- Advertising agencies
- Fast-moving consumer goods companies (e.g. Unilever, Coca-Cola)
- Public relations agencies
- Service companies in the finance, motor, travel and insurance industries (eg Bridgestone, Discovery)
- Marketing research companies



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management *(continued)*



'I often describe studying marketing as studying the nexus between psychology and business, which are two of my greatest passions. Through this degree, I have been afforded the opportunity to focus my creativity and explore the human psyche, and have learnt how to combine those factors to drive a business. Studying marketing management at UP has equipped me with practical, real-life experience not only in my field of study but also in the workplace as a whole. Being able to work with industry professionals and apply the theory in such a practical way is something I think no other university offers at an undergraduate level.'

Something that I believe has made my time studying marketing management at UP truly special is the people. The Department of Marketing Management is filled with some of the most passionate and spirited individuals—from the students to the lecturers. The lecturers care deeply about what they teach, and your peers will push you to great heights in ways you never imagined possible.

Lastly, at UP, I have grown as a leader both in the classroom and in the larger university space. I have been afforded opportunities to grow holistically due to UP's vibrant student life and have done so alongside peers, colleagues, teachers, and friends whom I will always hold dear.'

Micaela Wathen – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management



Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management [3 years]	5	4	30

Careers: Product management, customer service management, customer relationship management, strategic marketing, sales management, brand management, advertising management, media planning, marketing research management and promotions management

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science



What does the programme entail?

The three-year Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science degree programme trains students in the science of extracting information from data. This qualification equips statisticians for employment in data science environments and increases the scope of possible jobs they could consider in practically any industry. It lays the foundation for scientifically accountable conclusions, planning and estimation.



Who are the ideal candidates?

Characteristics of students who excel in this programme:

- Strong numerical skills
- Interest in computers and computer programming
- Logical reasoning abilities
- Passion for planning and problem analysis
- Good language and communication skills
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Inquisitive and innovative
- Ability to work well in a team
- Critical thinking skills
- Quick and agile thinking
- Adaptability to change



What makes this programme unique?

UP Statistics and Mathematical Statistics students can obtain Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) certification from SAS, an international statistical software developer (www.sas.com), for:

- Introduction to statistical learning
- Statistical learning
- Introduction to big data analytics
- Big data analytics

This programme also enhances students' understanding of statistics, which is a vital part of modern life and business and is used daily to make sense of the world around us. For example, it helps them to understand how social media platforms personalise content and suggestions for different people.

This programme is presented in collaboration with the UP Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistics or Mathematical statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistics or Mathematical statistics ▪ Communication management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistics or Mathematical statistics

Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics ▪ Financial management ▪ Economics ▪ Computer science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics ▪ Investment management ▪ Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Informatics ▪ Investment management ▪ Economics



'I have always had a passion for numbers and technology in high school. I am glad I discovered the Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science when things did not go as planned in the degree I registered for initially, which was the Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Statistics. This Bachelor of Commerce degree combines numbers, technology, and statistics, which was perfect for me as I had already grown fond of statistics during the first year of my previously mentioned degree.

This degree branches into the latest career fields that are growing fast and require scarce skills like data science, data analysis, and data engineering. I believe this degree has prepared me for these career fields, and I intend to pursue the Bachelor of Commerce

Honours specialising in Statistics and Data Science to broaden my knowledge.

The degree change was one of the best decisions I could have made, and I encourage anyone with a passion for numbers and technology to consider this degree as it sets you up for a successful future.'

Musa Maleka – Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science *(continued)*

Career opportunities



Insurance

- Determining a fair premium based on the risk an insured person poses to the insurance company and predicting claims
- Analysing client profiles in order to identify the need for new products



Consumer science

- Understanding consumers' behaviour and preferences
- Predicting demand for a product
- Identifying profitable locations for new outlets



Banking and finance

- Fraud detection
- Analysing and forecasting trends
- Pricing strategies



Spatial statistics

- Advising the mining industry on sampling strategies to provide information about the characteristics of natural deposits and monetary gains to be made
- Analysing patterns where crimes are committed



Government

- Advising decision makers on matters concerning the environment, economic and social development, health, education and infrastructure

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science [3 years]	5	5	32

Careers: Data scientists, statistical analysts in several industries, researchers, consultants and lecturers

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management



What does the programme entail?

Supply chain management is a systems approach to managing the entire flow of materials, information, services and finance from the suppliers of raw materials to factories, warehouses and ultimately to the end users.

The Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management degree equips students with the ability to participate in functional management in an integrated supply chain.

- The programme includes the following disciplines:
- Supply management
- Production and operations management
- Warehousing
- Transport management
- Supply chain strategy



Who are the ideal candidates?

The ideal candidates have the following characteristics:

- Global orientation
- Analytical skills
- Cross-cultural literacy
- Systems thinking
- Natural leader
- Technical savvy
- Superior business skills
- Problem solver
- Innovative
- Creative thinking
- Team player
- Communication skills
- Willingness to learn



What makes this programme unique?

The Department of Business Management at UP is the only European Logistics Association (ELA) National Certification Centre (NCC) in Sub-Saharan Africa. This degree is endorsed at Level 4: Candidate European Junior Logician (cEJLog), which is based on the European Logistics Association Qualifications Framework Standards agreed by industry.

ELA candidates are awarded a certificate that is a global mark of competence and promotes mobility in an international marketplace. This qualification offers graduates a smooth path to full ELA certification once the relevant experience has been gained.



Which companies employ our graduates?

- Transportation companies
- Retail companies that sell items such as clothing, food and technology products directly to customers
- Manufacturing companies
- Purchasing departments of various organisations



Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Informatics ▪ Statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Supply chain management ▪ Financial management ▪ Communication management ▪ Business law ▪ Responsible management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Supply chain management ▪ International business management ▪ Business analytics ▪ Labour relations



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management *(continued)*



‘When I was a little girl, I was always fascinated by how stores all over the world rarely ran out of items and how we often seemed to have everything we needed upon request (and vice versa during economic recessions). This curiosity, fuelled by my passion for business, drove me to pursue this degree.

The dynamic curriculum equipped me with essential theoretical knowledge and practical experiences such as simulations. One of the highlights of my academic journey was my supply chain internship in the rail industry. This experience allowed me to apply my newly acquired skills to various supply chain challenges. Throughout my internship, I often used to think to myself, ‘Oh, I remember doing this in class’.

The supportive faculty members have been instrumental in my academic growth, always encouraging me to push my boundaries. As Tim Sanders said, ‘your network is your net worth’, and I believe that the friendships and networks I’ve built here are invaluable and will continue to benefit me in my future endeavours. One of our lecturers still shares job vacancy adverts with us. How cool is that?

UP has truly prepared me for the world of supply chain management. I hope my story inspires you to #ChooseUP and embark on your unique and rewarding journey.’

Danai Madzikanda

– Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce Honours specialising in Supply Chain Management

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management [3 years]	5	4	30

Careers: The purpose of this programme is to equip students with the ability to participate in functional management within an integrated supply chain. This includes supply management, production and operations management, warehousing, transport management and supply chain strategy.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce [3 years]



What does the programme entail?

This three-year Bachelor of Commerce programme is aimed at training students in the economic and management sciences, and provides them with a broad understanding of the various functions in the areas of economic, financial and management sciences. It enables students to compile their own curricula with a view to work opportunities available in various sectors.



Who are the ideal candidates?

This programme caters for the needs of students who:

- Are interested in obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce degree
- Are competent and interested in diverse study areas
- Are undecided about which major to select
- Require flexibility in selecting modules
- Do not want to specialise too early in their studies



What makes this programme unique?

This programme is suitable for students with broad academic interests that are not met by the fixed curricula of other Bachelor of Commerce degrees. Students are offered the opportunity to determine their own career outcomes, within limits, as it enables an in-depth exploration of various elective modules during undergraduate studies.



Career opportunities

Depending on curriculum composition, students can choose to specialise in a specific field by pursuing postgraduate studies in:

- Economic sciences
- Financial sciences
- Management sciences

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce [3 years]	5	4	30

Careers: Although the degree does not lead to a specific vocational outcome it does, to some extent, offer students opportunities to determine their own career paths as it allows them to compile their own curricula with a view to future work opportunities in all sectors.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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Structure of the programme

Core modules (compulsory)

Note: All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules on academic information management and academic literacy for EMS, and all second-year students take the module titled Introduction to moral and political philosophy.

1st year	2nd year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics ▪ Financial accounting ▪ Commercial law (first-year level) or Business law (second-year level) ▪ Communication management ▪ Statistics ▪ Business management ▪ Informatics (accounting software) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business law

Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	Final year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marketing management ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Informatics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Internal auditing ▪ Statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation ▪ Financial management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business management ▪ Marketing management ▪ Industrial and organisational psychology ▪ Internal auditing ▪ Statistics ▪ Economics ▪ Business accounting ▪ Taxation ▪ Labour relations ▪ Labour law

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Commerce [4 years]



What does the programme entail?

The Bachelor of Commerce four-year programme has lower entrance requirements than the Bachelor of Commerce three-year programme, but has an initial foundation year added to the curriculum; followed by the three mainstream years. It provides students with the opportunity to pursue a career in commerce by following an extended curriculum. The four-year Bachelor of Commerce programme is presented at the Hatfield Campus.



Structure of the programme

Phase 1: Foundation year

- Content is delivered at a reduced pace using a variety of methods to remedy possible gaps in foundational knowledge.
- Smaller tutorial groups allow for more individual attention and dedicated support to students.
- Students are assisted to develop critical thinking and practical skills, which are crucial to long-term academic success.
- Focused attention is placed on developing students' language skills since good reading and communication skills are essential in the study and work environment.

Phase 2: Mainstream years

- Students must pass all their modules during Phase 1 to continue to Phase 2.

Core modules (compulsory)

Foundation year	Mainstream years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic information management Language, life and study skills Business mathematics Financial accounting Statistics Business management 	Refer to the Bachelor of Commerce [3 years] programme



Who are the ideal candidates?

This programme caters for students whose National Senior Certificate (NSC) results do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for the mainstream Bachelor of Commerce [3 years] programme.



Career opportunities

Depending on curriculum composition, students can choose to specialise in a specific field by pursuing postgraduate studies in:

- Economic sciences
- Financial sciences
- Management sciences



What makes this programme unique?

The Bachelor of Commerce four-year programme is designed to accommodate students who did not initially meet the minimum admission requirements for the Bachelor of Commerce [3 years programme]. Such students need more academic support and a stronger foundational basis, but if they are willing to work hard they will achieve success, earn their degree and realise their goals.

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
Bachelor of Commerce [4-years]	4	3	26

Note: Selection criteria apply and will be communicated by the Faculty to applicants.

Careers: Although the degree does not lead to a specific vocational outcome it does, to some extent, offer students opportunities to determine their own career paths as it allows them to compile their own curricula with a view to future work opportunities in all sectors.

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Administration programmes.

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