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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



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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)

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.

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)

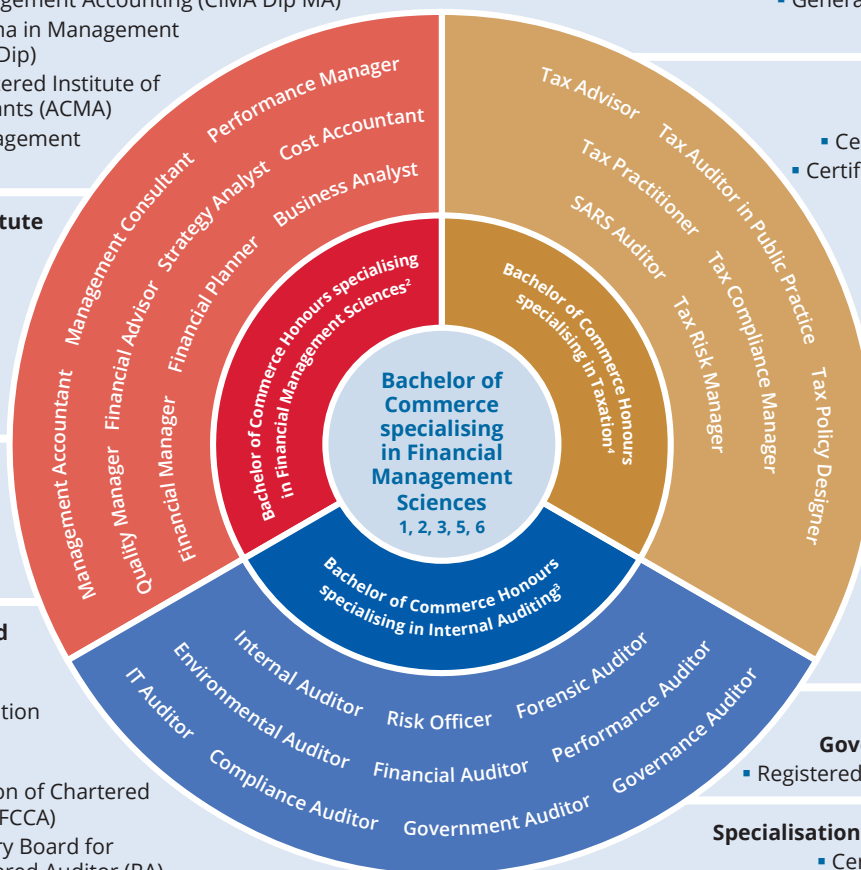
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

South African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)

- Registered Government Auditor (RGA)

Specialisation in forensic investigations

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



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 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.

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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or click here for more information.

- 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.

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/or registration.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
		CIE	UK							
IGCSE LGCSE BGCSE EGCSE O Level NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE		England Wales Northern Ireland Pearson Edexcel GCSE								
Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences	English Mathematics	C B	4 6	3 2	C B	E D	4 5	3 4	60-69% 70-79%	B B+
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences	English Mathematics	C C	4 4	3 3	C C	E E	4 4	3 3	60-69% 60-69%	B B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems										
Bachelor of Commerce [3-year programme]	English Mathematics	C D	4 3	3 3	C D	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 50-59%	B C+
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Human Resource Management										
Bachelor of Administration specialising in Public Administration	English Mathematics	C E	4 2	3 4	C E	E E	4 2	3 2	60-69% 40-49%	B C
Bachelor of Commerce [4-year programme]	English Mathematics	D E	3 2	3 4	D E	E E	2 2	2 2	60-69% 40-49%	C+ C

Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be used for final admission.