



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
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Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe
Lefapha la Disaense tša Ekonomi le Taolo

Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law



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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

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



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





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‘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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Minimum requirements for applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa)



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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									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	Achievement level				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.			AS Level	A Level	IB			
		CIE	UK		GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UJACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences	English Mathematics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69% 70-79%	B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Investment Management		B	6	2	B	D	5	4		B+
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Econometrics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Financial Management Sciences	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Economics										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Statistics and Data Science		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Agribusiness Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Information Systems										
Bachelor of Commerce [3-year programme]	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Business Management										
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Supply Chain Management		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Marketing Management		D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
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.