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## Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

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## BCom (Financial Sciences)



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### What does the programme entail?

The BCom (Financial Sciences) degree combines the disciplines of 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"> <li>Financial accounting</li> <li>Informatics</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Business management</li> <li>Informatics (accounting software)</li> <li>Communication management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business accounting</li> <li>Internal auditing</li> <li>Taxation</li> <li>Financial management</li> <li>Informatics</li> <li>Business law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business accounting*</li> <li>Internal auditing*</li> <li>Taxation*</li> <li>Financial management*</li> </ul>

\* 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 accredited 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.

#### Accreditation

The BCom (Financial Sciences) degree is accredited at:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)

**The University of Pretoria is one of only 12 universities in the world accredited as a Center for Internal Audit Excellence—the highest level of accreditation awarded by the International Institute of Internal Auditors.**



‘Financial transactions are a major part of our day-to-day lives and for someone who is as passionate about number crunching as I am, enrolling for a BCom (Financial Management) degree at the University of Pretoria was the obvious thing to do. In my opinion, this is one of the best programmes available for students who wish to pursue a career in finance.

The undergraduate modules I have so far been exposed to include financial accounting, financial management, auditing and taxation, which have really given me solid foundational knowledge and the ultimate head start should I decide to specialise in any of these fields. During my studies, I have developed the ability to analyse information and make informed decisions, which has ensured that I will be able to advise on strategy and

drive sustainable business success when I eventually enter the world of work. This degree teaches you the skills needed in today’s fast-changing and complex business world and gives you that extra advantage of good decision-making.’

**Mikhail Weitz** – BCom (Financial 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)

### 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)\*\*

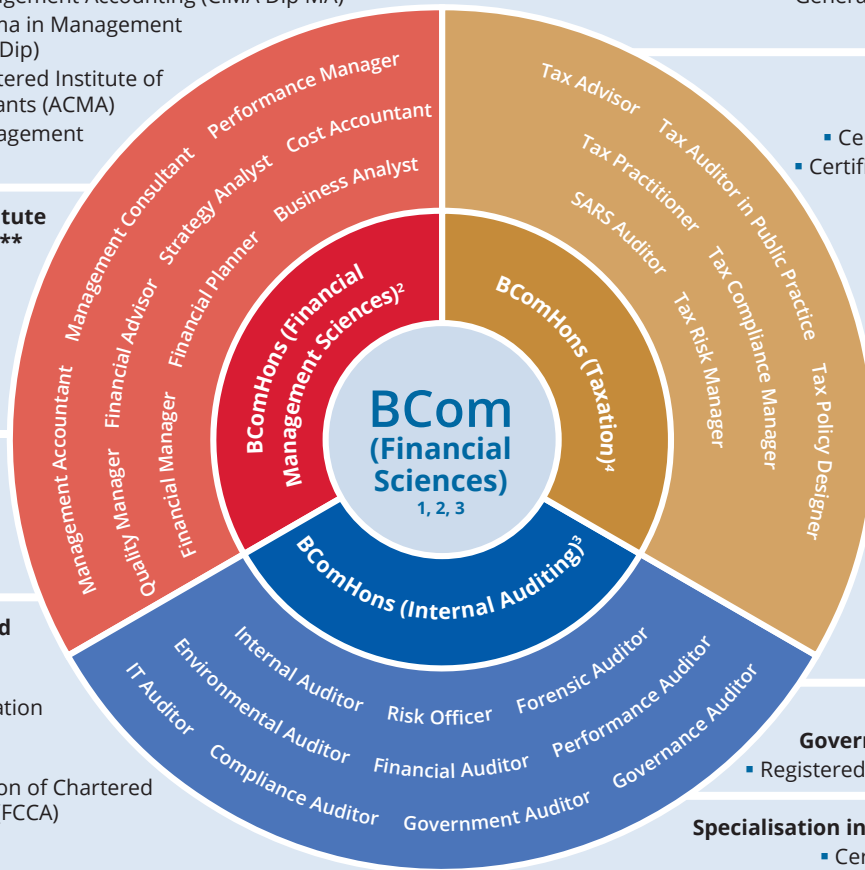
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

### South African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA)\*\*

- Registered Government Auditor (RGA)

### Specialisation in forensic investigations\*\*

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



The BCom (Financial Sciences) degree and the associated honours programmes are accredited 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)

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

## Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2024		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
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### 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 BCom and BAdmin programmes.

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