

### Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe Lefapha la Disaense tša Ekonomi le Taolo

## BCom (Investment Management)





#### What does the programme entail?

The BCom (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, fixedincome 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> <li>Financial accounting</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Informatics</li> <li>Business management</li> <li>Commercial law</li> <li>Informatics (accounting software)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business accounting</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Investment management</li> <li>Statistics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business accounting</li> <li>Economics*</li> <li>Investment management</li> <li>Financial management</li> <li>Mathematical statistics</li> <li>Statistics*</li> </ul>

<sup>r</sup> 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 BCom (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.



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Make today matter



'For someone like me who enjoys Monopoly and maths, BCom (Investment Management) seemed to be the obvious choice. After all, who doesn't want to buy hotels in Clifton and bankrupt all their friends? In my second year, I truly experienced the magic of that passion. University can be tough, but knowing that you are working towards realising your dreams for the future will motivate you.

Success doesn't just come naturally, but requires dedication, and as other Investment Management students will confirm, this degree needs dedication, especially if—like most of us—you want to continue to complete your CFA charter.

This degree opens doors to most asset management fields. So if you dream of working for Allan Gray or Absa, my advice to you is to study Investment Management.'

Charné Scholtz - BCom (Investment Management)



#### **Minimum admission requirements**

Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2024			
Achievement level			
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	APS	
5	6	34	
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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 BCom and BAdmin programmes.

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