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Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences



Department of Financial Management

INFORMATION BROCHURE

**Financial Management Sciences
MCom Course Work (07250206)**

Applications for the 2025 academic year
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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Financial Management Sciences has developed a coursework Master's Degree in Financial Management Sciences aimed at educating and empowering candidates to make correct financial decisions in a fast-changing and technologically complex business environment.

The department also offers an MPhil in Financial Management Sciences (Finance and Investment) degree. This is the preferred degree to complete for advancement PhD studies. Further information regarding this degree is provided on the University of Pretoria's website at the following link:

<http://www.up.ac.za/en/financial-management/article/2077065/postgraduate>

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Applicants in possession of a BCom Honours Financial Management Sciences degree or any other BCom Honours degree with financial content deemed to be adequate by the Department of Financial Management may apply to be admitted to the degree. **As a prerequisite, an average of 65% for the Honours degree applies.**
2. All applications will be subject to a selection process as determined by the Department of Financial Management. This process takes into account, amongst others, past academic performance, previous research experience, writing skills, and work experience.
3. Intake is limited, numbers vary each year.
4. Additional admission requirements may be set by the Head of the Department of Financial Management.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CLOSING DATES

Applications open in March of the year preceding the year of study. You may apply electronically at www.up.ac.za or you may use the application form, which should either be submitted at the Student Service Centre or mailed to the Student Service Centre, University of Pretoria, Private bag X20, Hatfield 0028.

Application closing dates for the 2025 academic year intake are as follows:

- 30 September 2024 South African students
- 31 August 2024 International students

LANGUAGE MEDIUM

The medium of instruction will be English and assignments should be completed in English. Students may communicate with lecturers in either English or Afrikaans.

COST OF THE COURSE

Information about fees and funding is available at: <http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All prospective students with international qualifications must acquire SAQA evaluation of their degree certificates before applying to the University of Pretoria. For further information please refer to the "International Students" link on the University of Pretoria website and <http://www.saqa.org.za/>.

All prospective international students must also pass an English Language Proficiency test before applying to the University of Pretoria. You may either write the TOEFL test or the IELTS test. See <http://www.toefl.org> (tel. +27 11 713 0600) or <http://www.ielts.org>.

COURSE PROCEDURE

The course is presented on a modular basis over a period of 18 to 24 months. Students must re-register at the beginning of every year of study before 28 February. Lecturers will be presented through Technology-Based Distance Education. There are thus no exams and assessments take place through assignments submitted online.

It is possible and students are allowed to complete the programme in one year if they so wish.

Coursework modules account for 50% of the degree and the mini-dissertation 50%. A final mark of 50% for all coursework and assignments and 50% for the mini-dissertation are necessary to obtain the MCom in Financial Management.

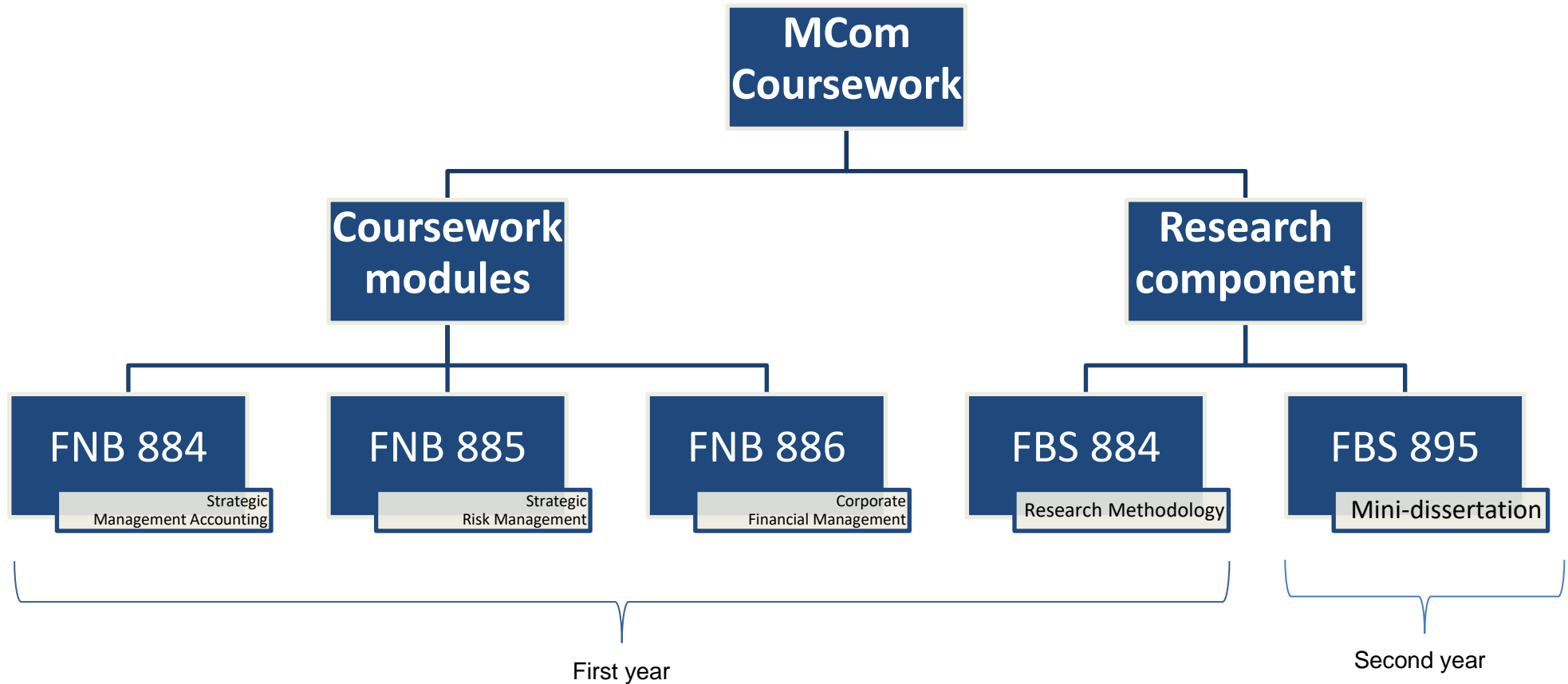
Modules for MCom: Financial Management Sciences (Course work) and the credits for this course are calculated as follows:

MODULES	CREDITS	SUBMINIMUM
FNB 884	50%	50%
FNB 885		50%
FNB 886		50%
FBS 884	Does not carry any credits Prerequisite for taking FBS895	
FBS 895* Mini-dissertation	50%	50%

- * The student enrolls for FBS895 in the second year of study and finishes the mini-dissertation under the guidance of an allocated supervisor. The student must apply for ethical clearance from the Research Committee of the department before any empirical study is carried out.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum can be explained using the following diagram:



The coursework modules (FNB 884, FNB 885 and FNB 886) are presented in the first year of study in separate periods of 3 months each, starting on the first Monday in February. The coursework modules are thus completed in 9 months.

The research methodology module (FBS 884) is presented from February to September, but one can complete the assignments and deliverables in a shorter time if preferred. The outcome of the module is a research proposal. **Even though it does not carry any credits, FBS 884 is a compulsory subject for the MCom Coursework in Financial Management.**

The mini-dissertation (FBS 895) can be started only after the research proposal has been accepted. Topics are provided. The mini-dissertation is typically a 25,000-word (80-page) individual report of independent research under the guidance of a supervisor. The purpose of the mini-dissertation is to demonstrate that:

- The student can plan and execute research
- The student can interpret practical context in terms of the theory presented in the courses and come to appropriate conclusions
- The student can interpret and present his/her research findings

PROGRAMME CONTACTS

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APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

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Student Services Centre: the University of Pretoria (application forms, closing dates, fees, etc.)

Website: <http://www.up.ac.za/student-services>
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