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Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences



Department of Financial Management

INFORMATION BROCHURE

**MCom Coursework specialising in
Financial Management Sciences
(07250206)**

**Applications for the 2026 academic year
(last edited 6 November 2024)**



INTRODUCTION

The Department of Financial Management Sciences has developed a Master's Degree program specialising in Financial Management Sciences that aims to educate and empower candidates to make correct financial decisions in a fast-changing and technologically complex business environment.

The department also offers an MPhil specialising in Finance and Investment. 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 possessing a BCom Honours Financial Management Sciences degree or any other BCom Honours degree with financial content deemed adequate by the Department of Financial Management may apply to be admitted to the degree. **An average of 65% for the Honours degree applies as a prerequisite.**
2. All applications will be subject to a selection process determined by the Department of Financial Management. This process takes into account, among other things, past academic performance, previous research experience, writing skills, and work experience.
3. Intake is limited, numbers vary each year.
4. The Head of the Department of Financial Management may set additional admission requirements.

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 use the application form, which should 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 2026 academic year intake are as follows:

- 30 September 2025 South African students
- 31 August 2025 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

Requirements Specific to International Applicants

- For foreign qualification holders; one of the requirements to be considered for postgraduate studies at the University of Pretoria is a Certificate of Evaluation issued by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The purpose of the SAQA evaluation is the recognition of foreign qualifications in terms of the South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF).
 - Postgraduate applicants may complete their UP online application without their SAQA certificate, however, we strongly encourage applicants to begin the process of applying for the SAQA certificate as soon as possible.
 - Postgraduate applications may be considered for conditional admission while an applicant is awaiting their SAQA certificate to be issued.
 - For postgraduate applicants who receive final admission and are registered, a SAQA certificate will be required during the first year of registration.
 - Please contact the South African Qualifications Authority directly for further information on the foreign qualification evaluation process. The University of Pretoria is not involved in the application process for SAQA Evaluation Certificates. Detailed information is available on the website at <https://www.saqqa.org.za/services/evaluation-of-foreign-qualifications/>
- For international applicants whose previous qualification was conducted and completed in a language other than English; completed English Proficiency test results may be required.
 - English Proficiency tests that are acceptable are; TOEFL or IELTS or Pearson Test of English Academic or the Oxford Test of English.
 - Applicants may complete the UP online application without the English Proficiency test; the faculty will communicate with you should the English Proficiency test results be required.
- Please contact the Postgraduate International Enrolment office at pginternational@up.ac.za or +27 (0)12 420 8369.
- The Departmental Postgraduate Selection Committee concerned, reserves the right to set additional admission requirements.
- International students who receive final admission should start the VISA Application process and gather all relevant documentation well in advance, to avoid any VISA approval delays. Visa approval delays can affect your place in the Honours program.
- For the immigration hold to be lifted during registration, please upload a copy of your passport, study visa for UP and the 12 months SA medical aid cover for 2024, onto your student portal.
- If you have applied for a visa and you have the SA VFS RECEIPT, then you can upload the receipt. (WE UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT ACCEPT VISA APPLICATION RECEIPTS FROM OUTSIDE SA)
- Please contact the International Cooperation Division at jenny.lambinon@up.ac.za or +27 (0)12 420 4024

COURSE PROCEDURE

The course is presented on a modular basis over 18 to 24 months. Students must re-register before 28 February at the beginning of every year of study. Lecturers will be presented through Technology-Based Distance Education. Thus, there are 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 for 50%. A final mark of 50% for all coursework and assignments and 50% for the mini-dissertation is necessary to obtain the MCom specialising in Financial Management Sciences.

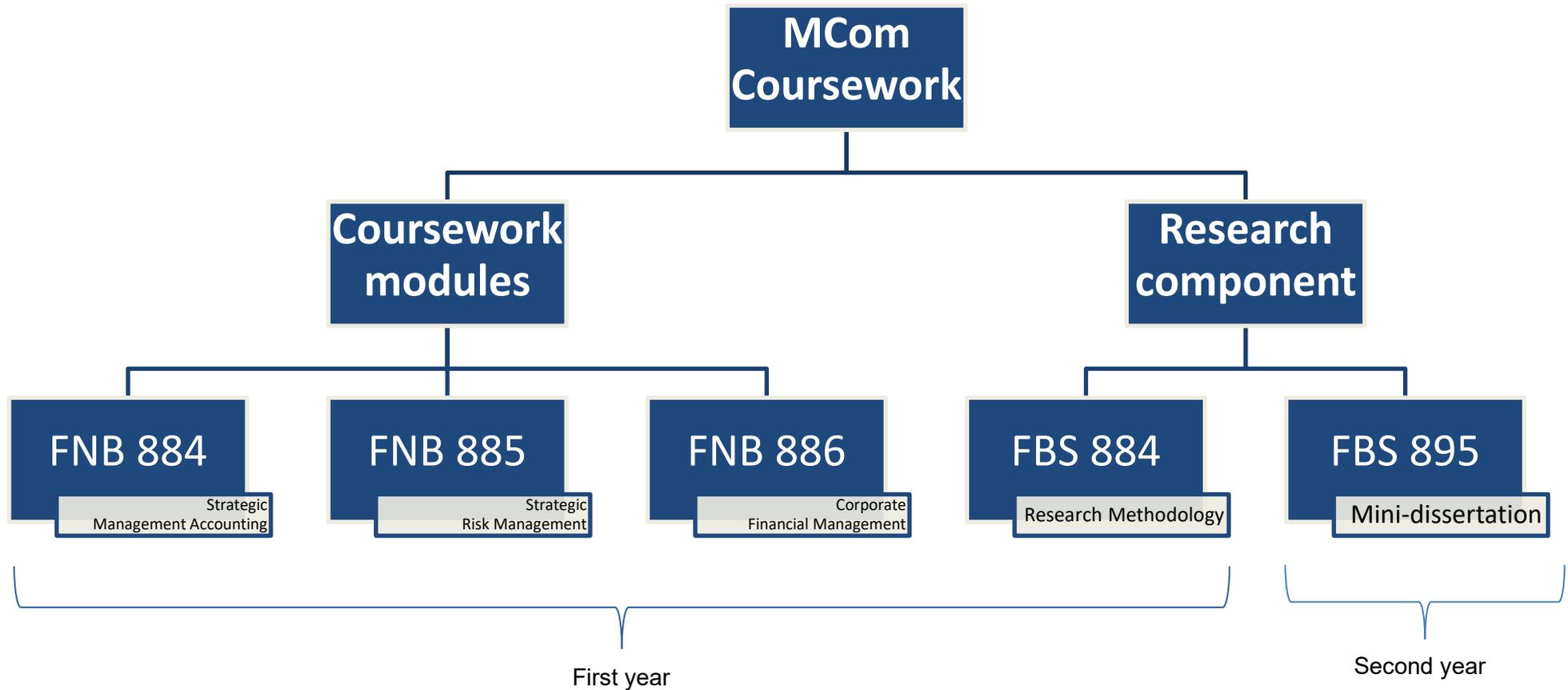
Modules for the programme and the credits for this course are calculated as follows:

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

- * The student enrolls in 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 department's research committee before any empirical analysis.

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. Thus, the coursework modules are completed in 9 months.

The research methodology module (FBS 884) is presented from February to September, but if preferred, one can complete the assignments and deliverables in a shorter time. The module's outcome 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 their 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>
Telephone: 012 420 3111
E-mail: ssc@up.ac.za