

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

PhD Financial Management Sciences (07267204)

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

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Programme information

The PhD Financial Management Sciences is a research degree requiring supervised and independent research resulting in a unique scientific contribution to existing knowledge and culminating in a thesis and peer-reviewed publication. The research component weighs 100% towards the degree requirements.

All postgraduate programmes are not offered every year due to capacity and other constraints. Applicants are encouraged to contact the programme coordinator to determine the status of this programme for a specific year.

Admission requirements

- A relevant Master's degree **with an average of at least 65%**.
- A **Research Outline** of about 1 000 words must be submitted to the course coordinator in order to be evaluated by the departmental Research Committee.
- The planned research must be aligned with the departmental research focus areas.
- Applications are subjected to a selection process taking into account, amongst others an applicant's previous academic performance, work and research experience and the submitted research outline.
- Approval of an application by the departmental Research Committee is crucial before a student may register.
- Once the research outline is officially approved the candidate may register and a supervisor will be appointed. The candidate will work under the guidance of the supervisor until the research is completed according to the rules and regulations of the university.
- Candidates with international degrees need to submit an accreditation certificate from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) with their application. SAQA can be contacted at [click here](#)

Additional requirements

The module FBS 884 (Financial Management 884) in Research Methodology is prescribed. However, under special circumstances, the Dean may give exemption from this module. Overall, the Head of Department may prescribe additional seminars for a candidate.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean has authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations. The Dean may also, during any academic year and at the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee, cancel the registration of any student whose academic progress is not satisfactory.

Examinations and pass requirements

No written examinations or coursework are required. However, the thesis should be passed in accordance with the stipulations of Regulations G.52 and G.60.2.2. The faculty's requirements for PhDs, for instance with respect to Ethical Clearance, also have to be adhered to.

Research information

These research components contribute 100% of the total requirements for the degree.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Research methodology 884 (FBS 884)

Module credits 0.00

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Year

Module content

An overview of the research process to be followed and the outcomes required of postgraduate students; Foundational research skills for postgraduate students; What is research?; What is a research theory and how can I ensure that my study makes a clear theoretical contribution?; An overview of the structure of a research proposal; Identifying and evaluating possible research topics; Delineating the scope of a study; Writing a literature review; Choosing an appropriate inquiry strategy (research approach) for a study; Writing the research design and methods section of a research proposal.

Thesis: Financial management 995 (FBS 995)

Module credits 360.00

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Financial management 995 (FBS 995)

Module credits 360.00

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Financial Management

Period of presentation Year

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