

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

BComHons (Financial Management Sciences) (07240207)

Department Financial Management

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Admission requirements

1. Relevant BCom degree
2. Weighted average of at least 65% for Financial Management and Financial Accounting at final-year level

Additional requirements

Registration for a second field of study

With reference to General Academic Regulation G23, a student who has already completed a bachelor of honours degree at this or another university, may, with the permission of the Dean, register for another degree, subject to the regulations applicable to the field of study in question and to any other stipulations the Dean may prescribe on the condition that there shall be no overlap in the course content of the first degree and the second degree. Such a concession may be withdrawn by the dean/deans if the student does not perform satisfactorily.

Recognition of modules

1. Subject to the stipulations of General Academic Regulation G23 and the Joint Statute, a dean may acknowledge modules passed at another tertiary institution or at this university in a department other than that in which the honours study is undertaken for the honours degree – provided that at least half of the required modules for the degree in question are attended and passed at this university.
2. If there is overlap in the course content of the degree for which the student wishes to enrol or is enrolled and a degree already conferred, the Dean may not acknowledge any modules that form part of the degree already conferred.

Other programme-specific information

The FIN modules are only for BComHons (Financial Management Sciences) students.

Examinations and pass requirements

Subject to the provisions of General Academic Regulation G26, a head of department determines, in consultation with the Dean when the honours examinations in his/her department will take place, provided that:

- honours examinations which do not take place before the end of the academic year must take place before the closing date of the special exam period in the beginning of the following academic year, and all examination results must be submitted to Student Administration before the closing date of submission of marks; and
- honours examinations which do not take place before the end of the first semester may take place no later than the closing date of the exam period, and all examination results must be submitted to Student Administration on or before the closing date of submission of marks.

The head of the department determines:

- whether a candidate will be admitted to a supplementary examination, provided that a supplementary examination is granted, only once in a maximum of two prescribed semester modules or once in one year module.
- the manner in which research reports are prepared and examined in his/her department.

Supplementary examinations (if granted) cover the same subject matter as was the case for the examinations. A student may not enrol for the same module more than once, unless the dean has approved a second enrolment based on an application supported by a valid reason or motivation. Also refer to General Academic Regulation G18.3.

NB: Full details are published in each department's postgraduate information brochure, which is available from the relevant head of department. The minimum pass mark for a research report is 50%.

Subject to the provisions of G26, the subminimum required in subdivisions of modules is published in the study guides, which are available from the relevant head of department.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Advanced corporate finance 701 (FIN 701)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	FBS 320 or FBS 300 and FRK 311, FRK 321 or FRK 300
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Only for BComHons: Financial Management Sciences and Investment Management students.
Objectives of financial management; Risk and return; Required rate of return and the cost of capital; Capital structure theory; Valuation; Capital investment decisions; Leasing; Dividend decision and long-term financing; Economic value added; Sustainable growth; Convertible bonds; Financial analysis; Financial planning and control; Mergers and acquisitions; Working capital management; Foreign trade and foreign exchange; International investments and International treasury; Aspects of behavioural corporate finance.

Strategic management accounting 702 (FIN 702)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Only for BComHons: Financial Management Sciences students.
Setting objectives; Appraising the environment; Position appraisal and analysis; Evaluating strategic options; Implementing and controlling plans.

Corporate performance and risk management 703 (FIN 703)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08



Prerequisites	FBS 310, FBS 320 or FBS 300 and FRK 311, FRK 321 or FRK 300
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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Control systems for organisational activities and resources; Types of risk facing an organisation; Risk management strategies and internal controls; Governance and ethical issues facing an organisation; Importance of management review of controls; Process and purposes of audit in the context of internal control systems; Corporate governance and ethical issues facing an organisation; Financial risks facing an organisation; Alternative risk management tools; Benefits and risks associated with information related systems; International risk management.

Research report 704 (FIN 704)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	FBS 310, FBS 320 or FBS 300 and FRK 311, FRK 321 or FRK 300
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

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Application of research skills and knowledge in the form of a research report completed under supervision.

Regulations and rules

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of

the aforementioned regulations.

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