

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Research methodology 884 (FBS 884)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences](#)

Module credits 0.00

NQF Level 09

Programmes [MCom specialising in Financial Management Sciences \(Coursework\)](#)

[MPhil specialising in Finance and Investment](#)

[PhD specialising in Finance and Investment](#)

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.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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

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