

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PGDip in Accounting Sciences (07220136)

Department Accounting

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 160

NQF level 08

Programme information

This full-time diploma is the specialised qualification for candidates who are preparing for the relevant qualifying examinations of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors. Entrance requirements for the various modules are detailed in the departmental brochure.

Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Sciences or relevant SAICA accredited degree
2. A weighted average of 57% for Auditing, Financial Accounting, Financial Management and Taxation at final-year level
3. An average of at least 53% each for Auditing, Financial Accounting, Financial Management and Taxation at final-year level

Plan-specific admissions requirements:

All final-year modules must have been passed in the same year, directly preceding the postgraduate enrolment year

Additional requirements

Please note that the Department of Accounting reserves the right to limit the number of students admitted to the PGDip and CTA programmes, taking cognisance of available capacity in respect of teaching infrastructure and human resources.

Only selected candidates will be allowed to register for the PGDip.

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 will not acknowledge any modules that form part of the degree already conferred.

Examinations and pass requirements

In calculating marks, General Academic Regulation G26.3 applies.

Subject to the provisions of G26, a head of a department determines, in consultation with the Dean when the

PGDip examinations in his/her department will take place, provided that:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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. Refer to G18.3

NB: Full details are published in each department's postgraduate information brochure, which is available on the departmental website.

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

Students are required to pass all four modules during the examination or supplementary examination periods in one academic year to be awarded the PGDip in Accounting Sciences.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

[Taxation 705](#) (BEL 705) - Credits: 40.00

[Financial management 705](#) (FBS 705) - Credits: 40.00

[Financial accounting 705](#) (FRK 705) - Credits: 40.00

[Auditing 705](#) (ODT 705) - Credits: 40.00

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.

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 (HEQSF) 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.