

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

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

Department Financial Management

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Admission requirements

1. Relevant Bachelor of Commerce Honours degree
or
Relevant postgraduate diploma (PGDip)
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree or postgraduate diploma

Additional requirements

- A candidate may be refused admission to a master's degree by the relevant head of the department/Postgraduate Committee if he/she does not comply with the standard of competence in the subject as determined by the department – with the proviso that a candidate who does not comply with the required level of competence, may be admitted, provided that he/she completes additional study assignments and/or examinations.
- The relevant head of department/Postgraduate Committee may set additional admission requirements.
- Specific departments have specific requirements for admission.
- The number of students will be determined in line with the growth strategy of the University of Pretoria as approved by the Executive.
- Allowance will be made for the diversity profile of students.
- A pass mark in the following modules is considered to be adequate knowledge. Anyone not meeting this expectation will only be considered for admission in exceptional circumstances: Financial accounting 1 (FRK 111 and FRK 121/122); Economics 1 (EKN 110 and EKN 120); Statistics 1 (STK 110 and STK 120) and one of the following: Business management 1 (OBS 114 and OBS 124); or Marketing management 1 (BEM 110 and BEM 122); or Public administration 1 (PAD 112 and PAD 122); or Industrial and organisational psychology (BDO 110 and BDO 120) or equivalent modules passed at another institution as approved by the relevant head of the department in consultation with the Dean.

Other programme-specific information

The mini-dissertation contributes 50% toward the total requirements for the degree.

Financial management 884 is a prerequisite for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

The pass mark for both a dissertation and a mini-dissertation is 50%. The provisions regarding pass requirements for dissertations, contained in General Academic Regulation G36, apply with the necessary changes to mini-dissertations.

A pass mark of at least 50% is required in the examination of each module.

Research information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G37, G38 and G39.

The degree programme requires that a mini-dissertation is submitted in a field of study selected from the fields covered in the honours degree.

Information on modules, credits and syllabi is available, on request, from the relevant head of department/Postgraduate Committee.

A module in Research Methodology is compulsory for all programmes. The Dean may, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department/Postgraduate Committee, waive the prerequisites of certain modules.

Article for publication

Refer to General Academic Regulation G39.13.

Submission of mini-dissertation

A mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Faculty Postgraduate Office, before the closing date for the various graduation ceremonies as announced annually, after permission is granted by the supervisor.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Research methodology 884 (FBS 884)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
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.

Mini-dissertation: Financial management 895 (FBS 895)

Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	FBS 884
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Strategic management accounting 884 (FNB 884)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module goes beyond textbook accounting, equipping students with the strategic use of management accounting principles in businesses. The course highlights how strategic management accounting helps leadership in accomplishing a company's strategic goals through practical applications and current scholarly research.

Strategic risk management 885 (FNB 885)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module expands on textbook risk management, equipping students with the leading international risk management standards and practices used by top JSE-listed companies. Through real-world applications and recent research, the course emphasizes how strategic risk management supports leadership in achieving a company's goals, aligning with frameworks like the King Code for Corporate Governance.

Corporate financial management 886 (FNB 886)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module builds on fundamental concepts in corporate financial management and makes use of the latest research that allows students to get a more advanced level of knowledge of corporate finance topics. Students who complete the course will be prepared to make strategic financial decisions that lead to company success by applying the most recent insights to real-world circumstances.

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.