

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Finance and Investment (07267205)

Department Financial Management

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

The PhD (Finance and Investment) 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 contributes 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

1. Relevant master's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% for the master's degree

Additional requirements

The module FBS 884 (Research methodology 884) is prescribed. However, under special circumstances, the Dean may give exemption from this module.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean has authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Academic Regulations or Faculty 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. The thesis should however be passed in accordance with the requirements as set out in G50-G54. The requirement of the faculty in respect of Ethical Clearance must also be adhered to.



Research information

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

Curriculum: Year 1

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.

Thesis: Finance and Investment 995 (FBS 995)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Finance and Investment 995 (FBS 995)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Financial Management
Period of presentation	Year

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.