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# BCom Honours in Financial Management & PGDip in Financial Management

## 2025 APPLICATION INFORMATION

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School of Accounting  
Department of Accountancy

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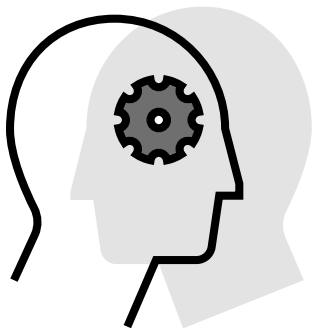
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gain an overall financial and business perspective, which will provide them with a competitive advantage for employment.

In addition, the student will be prepared for further studies in the field by developing research and reporting skills through the completion of a supervised research project in the field of financial management.\*

*\* Only applicable to the BCom Honours (Financial Management)*

Both qualifications are aligned with the competency framework and curriculum requirements of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Students that complete the BCom Honours (Financial Management) or PGDip (Financial Management) will be prepared to write the CIMA professional qualification exams that lead into an Associate Chartered Management Accountant / Chartered General Management Accountant (ACMA/CGMA) designation.

These programmes are UJ's leading provider of CIMA professionals and is geared towards preparing students to undertake the CIMA Management Case Study and Strategic Level examinations. Upon completion, the programmes afford students exemption from the Operational and Management level objective tests and the Operational Level Case Study exam. Students will commence their CIMA studies with the Management Level Case Study exam.

The BCom Honours and PGDip are situated in the Department of Accountancy and both qualifications are on NQF level 8. These are both full time programmes and all lectures and tests are during office hours. Both programmes do not accept working candidates nor are they offered part time.



## 1. RULES OF ACCESS

A student in possession of a BCom degree OR any related degree with a programme specific minimum revised NQF level 7 competency in Accounting and Financial Management (i.e. Accounting III and Finance III as well as Cost and Management Accounting III) may apply. Applicants will be required to write an entrance exam and all applications are subject to a selection process. No student can register for the BCom Honours or PGDip unless they have completed their undergraduate studies within the last 5 years. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the programme as all applicants will be subjected to a selection process as determined by the Department of Accountancy.

To apply for the PGDip programme, a student will require a minimum average of 55% for their third year Accounting and Financial Management modules, with neither of the modules being below 55%. To be considered for the BCom Honours degree, a student will require a minimum average of 65% for their third year Accounting and Financial Management modules, with neither of the modules being below 65%.

## 2. ENTRANCE EXAM

As part of the selection process for acceptance into the BCom Honours and PGDip programme, a compulsory entrance exam will be scheduled for all applicants that apply and meet the minimum requirements. Applicants that do not write the entrance exam may not be considered for acceptance.

The entrance exam will consist of multiple choice questions based on a standard undergraduate accounting and finance syllabus. The test is designed to assess your current level of skill. Topics that are covered in the test include:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Managerial accounting (Costing)
- Tax (General principles and calculation)

Applicants do not need to study specifically for the entrance exam as it will assess embedded knowledge of the above topics at an undergraduate level. If applicants would like to prepare for the entrance exam, they can revise the fundamental aspects of the above topics covered in the undergraduate syllabus. The assessment is written in English.

Applicants must write the entrance exam for both their first and second choice (i.e. any other degree applied for) in case they are not successful in either one application.

The details of the entrance exam will be made available at a later stage.

## 3. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications is the 31st of October at 12:00 annually for foreign (i.e. non-South African resident) applicants and for South African resident applicants for study in the following academic year. All foreign applicants (i.e. international applicants) applying should consult with the International Admissions Office at the University of Johannesburg on 011 559 4517 or visit: <https://www.uj.ac.za/internationalstudents/>

## 4. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Only online applications will be considered and you may apply at [www.uj.ac.za](http://www.uj.ac.za).

Failure to submit all the required documentation or submitting your application late will result in your application not being considered. All prospective applicants will be subjected to a selection process. The selection process includes the entrance exam which will take place during the year (dates to be communicated). The date, time and mode of the entrance exam will be confirmed with short-listed applicants via the e-mail address provided on their application (please ensure that you provide the correct email address when submitting your application). Prospective applicants must please note that there will only be one round of entrance exam opportunities.

## 5. FEES

All details regarding application status, registration details and fees can be directed to the Faculty Officer at 011 559 2362. More information about fees can be obtained on <https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/Student-Finance>.

## 6. COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES

Lectures for both the BCom Honours and PGDip students commence one week earlier than the official academic year. Details regarding the Induction Programme will be forwarded to successful applicants via e-mail before it is scheduled to take place.

## 7. CURRICULUM

The BCom Honours and PGDip programmes are presented on a full-time basis over one year only. All classes are during the day from Monday to Thursday. There is no part-time option available. Students have to pass all four modules independently to graduate. Fundamentally there is no difference between the BCom Honours (Financial Management) and the PGDip (Financial Management) other than the PGDip programme does not have a Research module. The PGDip programme caters for candidates that want to pursue a professional registration with CIMA, while

the BCom Honours caters for students that have an interest in research and are considering completing their Master's degree. Subjects in the programme are as follows (\*):

<b>Management Accounting Strategy</b>	MAA8X00
<b>Financial Strategy</b>	FIS8X00
<b>Performance and Risk Strategy</b>	PER8X00
<b>Management Accounting Case Study</b>	MAC8X00
<b>Research Methodology **</b>	RPM8X00

\* More detail regarding the subjects are available in the Faculty Handbook, available on <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/cbe/Documents/CBE-PG-Yearbook.pdf>.

\*\* Research Methodology is only on the BCom Honours programme.

## 8. LANGUAGE MEDIUM

Lectures and examinations will only be presented in English.

## 9. LECTURES AND PROGRAMME

Lectures will be presented by fulltime academics and occasional guest lecturers. Accepted applicants are expected to attend lectures regularly and an attendance register may be taken at each class. The programme is not suitable for distance learning or correspondence applicants. The programme is only available on a full-time basis. In addition to lectures, there will also be tutorial classes to assist students with the material covered in the lecture. Details of the tutorial classes will be communicated by the lecturer at the start of each module.

## 10. PRESCRIBED MATERIAL

More information regarding the prescribed textbooks will be made available during Induction. The latest editions of the textbooks are recommended.

## 11. ASSESSMENTS

Students will complete a number of assessments throughout the duration of each module. Assessments may take the form of written assessment opportunities (i.e. tests), as well as class assessments, assignments and/or projects. A last assessment opportunity in the form of an examination will be completed at the end of each module.

## 12. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The final selection process will take place during December 2024 and students will be advised of the outcome during January 2025. No late applications will be considered. Each student needs to submit a completed application form via the UJ online application portal available at: <http://www.uj.ac.za>. During the online application process, all applicants will be advised of the documents that are required to be submitted.

ALL STUDENTS MUST APPLY FOR THE PGDIP PROGRAMME USING **COURSE CODE E3FM8Q**. FROM THIS POOL OF APPLICANTS, BCOM HONOURS STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE HONOURS PROGRAMME AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

## 13. DIPLOMA, ADVANCED DIPLOMA, BRIDGING AND BTECH

All Diploma, BTech, External Advanced Diploma and students that do not meet the pre-requisites but have a relevant BCom degree must first complete the Bridging Programme in Financial Management before applying. Advanced Diploma students from UJ may apply to this programme.

Completion of the Bridging Programme in Financial Management does not guarantee acceptance into the PGDip in Financial Management and the usual selection process will apply.

## 14. ENQUIRIES

For details on all Post Graduate programmes on offer at the College of Business and Economics please refer to the faculty information site on <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/cbe/Pages/Postgraduate.aspx>.

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Programme Coordinator for Honours/PGDip (Financial Management): Mrs C Krüll, [caitlynk@uj.ac.za](mailto:caitlynk@uj.ac.za).

**NB** – All application and enrolment issues need to be directed to the Student Enrolment Centre on 011 559 4555.