

# Accountancy@UJ

## BCom Honours in Accountancy FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### What is a BCom Honours?

The BComHons degree is a postgraduate specialisation qualification, characterised by the fact that it prepares students for research-based postgraduate study. This qualification typically follows a BCom degree, and serves to consolidate and deepen the student's expertise in the accounting discipline (internal auditing or taxation), and to develop research capacity in the methodology and techniques.

This qualification demands a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence with specialised fields in the accounting discipline (internal auditing or taxation). The BComHons gives student the opportunities to further their careers at the following professional bodies depending on the specialisation chosen.



The BComHons programme includes conducting and reporting research under supervision, 30 credits, in the form of a discrete research component that is appropriate to the discipline or field of study (Applied Research).

### What are the requirements for the BCom Honours (BComHons) programmes?

A potential student must be in possession of a BCom or an Advanced Diploma and should have appropriate knowledge of Accounting, Taxation and Organisational Governance (New NQF LEVEL: 7/ Old NQF LEVEL: 6). The minimum requirement for the BComHons is a 60% average in the third year for Accounting, Taxation and Auditing. For the BComHons in Taxation a students must also have a minimum mark of 60% for tax. For the BComHons in Internal auditing a student must also have a minimum mark of 60% for auditing.

**Please note: The above is application criteria only. Space is limited and is based on academic performance and the students with the best academic performance will be selected.**

### What options are available to a student on the BCom Honours and what subjects will a student have?

There are two options available:

#### Internal Auditing

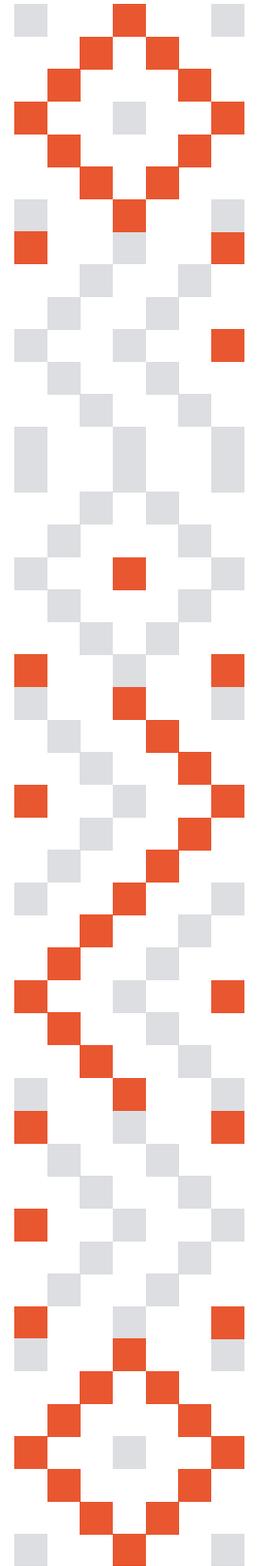
- Advanced Accounting
- Advanced Organisational Governance and Risk Management
- Information Technology Auditing
- Internal Auditing
- Research Methodology
- Applied Research in Internal Auditing

#### Taxation

- Advanced Accounting
- Advanced Organisational Governance and Risk Management
- Global Taxation
- South African Taxation
- Research Methodology
- Applied Research in Taxation

### Once I have successfully completed the BCom Honours, can I pursue further post graduate studies?

A student who has successfully completed the BComHons can pursue their studies for a relevant Master's degree (provided they meet the minimum requirements of the Master's programme) as the BComHons has the correct NQF level and research component to give access to a Master's degree.



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### How does the BCom Honours prepare me to the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR)?

The BComHons programme has a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) project (Project X) that introduces students to new technologies and prepares students to think critically about the implementation of new technologies in the wake of the 4th Industrial Revolution and re-skill themselves for the future of the accounting profession.

### Will a student be able to register with any professional bodies?

A student will be able to register with ACCA and SAIPA as a strategic/professional accountant. If a student studied Internal Auditing, they will be able to write the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exams after the successful completion of the B.Com Hons in Internal Auditing and register with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

Students who studied taxation will be eligible to register with The South Africa Institute of Tax Practitioners (SAIT) and write their professional exams.

### Will a student have to serve any articles as a trainee?

Articles for trainee internal auditors, accountants and tax practitioners will be determined by the professional body that a student registers with.

### Does this mean that if a student completes the BCom Honours they can become a Chartered Accountant (CA)?

**No**, the BComHons does not make you eligible to write the board exams to become a CA (SA). Please contact Mrs Nicolene du Plooy at [nicolenedp@uj.ac.za](mailto:nicolenedp@uj.ac.za) for further information regarding the Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Science (PGDAS).

### If a student completed a degree several years ago, can they apply for the BCom Honours?

A student with a degree older than three (3) years would need to first complete a bridging programme. Please contact Ms Belinda Schutte [belindas@uj.ac.za](mailto:belindas@uj.ac.za) for more information regarding the bridging programme.

### Can a student who has completed a degree at an institution outside South Africa apply for the BCom Honours?

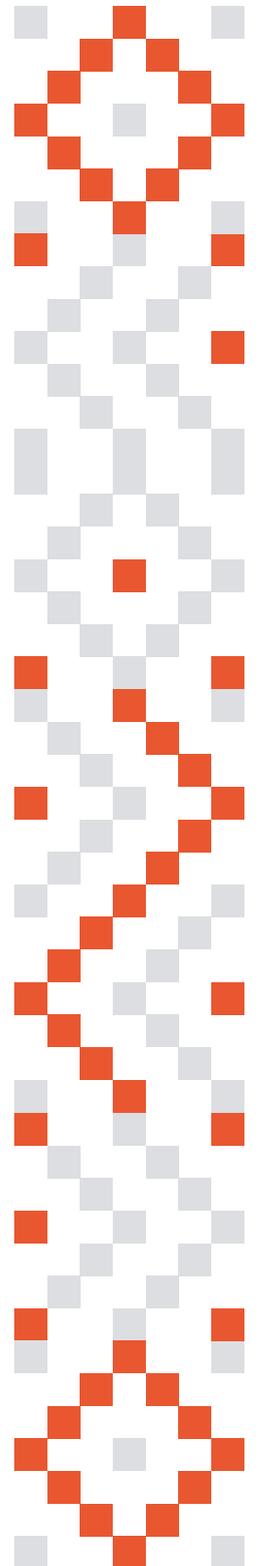
Students from tertiary institutions outside South Africa are advised to first complete a bridging programme before they can be considered for the BComHons. Please contact Ms Belinda Schutte on [belindas@uj.ac.za](mailto:belindas@uj.ac.za) for more information regarding the bridging programme.

**International students or students with an international qualification** must contact the International Office at the University before applying at the Department – contact telephone number 011 559 4517.

Applications for International students open on 1 June and close 11 August 2021.

### What are the options if a student wishes to become a CA?

Students can apply for the PGDAS. If a student does not meet the minimum entry requirements and has successfully completed a BCom degree a student may apply for a bridging certificate in the theory of accounting (BCTA), which is a one year course. Please contact Mrs Gugu Khumalo at [gkhumalo@uj.ac.za](mailto:gkhumalo@uj.ac.za) for further information about BCTA. Upon successful completion of the BCTA and if a student meets the minimum academic entry requirements for the PGDAS, they may apply for the PGDAS.



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### When do the applications for the BCom Honours programmes open?

The applications are open on-line from April 2021 via the UJ website at;  
<https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec/Pages/Academic%20Application.aspx>

Students currently studying at UJ can apply via the student portal (this is the recommended process for UJ students).

Please search for the following:

- **BCom Honours in Internal Auditing** – Qualification code: **H3I17Q**
- **BCom Honours in Taxation** – Qualification code: **H3T17Q**

If you are experiencing any problems please call the call centre 011 559 4555, send an email to [mylife@uj.ac.za](mailto:mylife@uj.ac.za) or visit the Enrolment Centre opposite the Library on APK between 8am and 4pm.

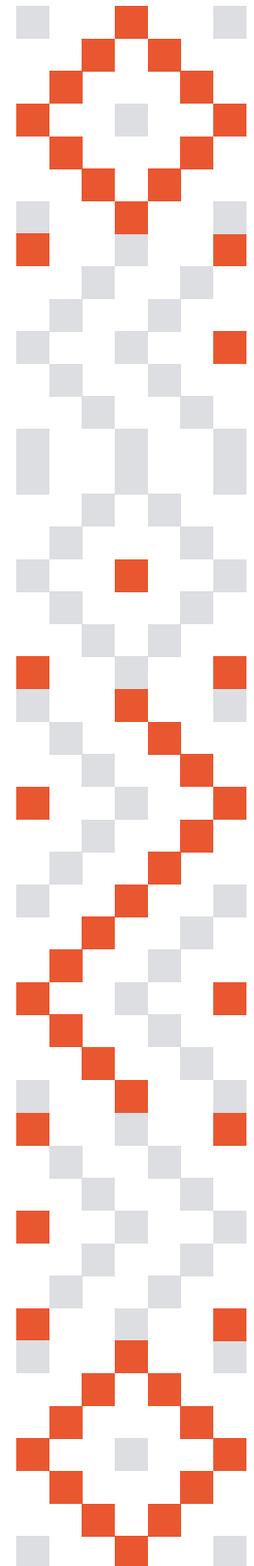
### What is the cost of the course?

There is a registration fee payable at registration, together with an ITC levy and a portion of the class fees. These fees will be detailed in the acceptance letter. The cost of the course is determined by the University of Johannesburg. The class fees are R 40 200 (excluding textbooks and registration fees). This is only an estimate for 2022 and could be adjusted with university price increases.

### When is the closing date?

The closing date is 31 October 2021.

**Please note that space on the programme is very limited and will be allocated based on academic performance. No late applications will be considered.**



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