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**Bridging Programme in
Financial Management**

Accountancy@UJ

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The programme emphasises application, analysis and evaluation within each topic area as well as the application of integrity and ethics in a professional environment.

The Bridging Programme in Financial Management (BPFM) is a one-year programme that is designed to aid BCom (Accounting) graduates improve their performance in order to be eligible for the BCom Honours in Financial Management and PGDip in Financial Management. In addition to allowing students to transition into their Postgraduate studies, the programme also empowers them to be competent in managing the finance function in a digital world, should they seek employment post-completion.

The programme also enables students to apply integrated knowledge and advanced conceptual thinking skills to innovatively solve complex problems in Financial Management. In addition, the students also gain competency in application, analysis and evaluation within each topic area as well as the application of integrity and ethics in a professional environment.

The programme has a case study component that allows students to gain an integrated overview of all the finance functions while also exploring how technology has contributed to the evolution of finance professionals. It is no secret that technology has shifted the mandate of finance professionals from assembling and generating financial data to a more advisory and a business partnering role. The BPFM programme cultivates a mindset that allows students to adapt efficiently to these changes.

Even though the programme is accredited with Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA®), students don't receive additional credits as they would have been awarded with a total of eight credits for their BCom (Accounting) degree, towards the internationally recognised finance qualification – Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). The CGMA designation is powered by two of the world's leading accounting organizations namely, the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA®) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA®).

RULES OF ACCESS/ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirement is a BCom (Accounting), BCom (Finance) or BCom (Economics) (NQF Level 7) with the University of Johannesburg (UJ). It is also possible to gain entry to the programme if you have completed a similar degree or BTech from another accredited University but CIMA exemptions may differ so students are urged to check their institutions statuses directly with CIMA using this link: <https://www.cimaglobal.com/Starting-CIMA/Starting-CIMA/Exemptions/Exemption-Search/>

Due to the progression rules to Postgraduate studies, the following additional requirements must also be met to be considered:

- Students must have completed Financial Accounting 3AB, Cost and Management Accounting 3A and Financial Management 3B.

A strict selection process is followed and meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the programme as numerous applications are received annually that exceed the minimum requirements. All applicants will be subjected to a selection process as determined by the Department of Accountancy.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

The closing date is the **last Friday 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/>

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Only online applications will be considered and you may apply via the UJ online application portal available at www.uj.ac.za.

Failure to submit all the required documentation or submitting your application late will result in your application not being considered. During the online application process, all applicants will be advised of the documents that are required to be submitted. All prospective applicants will be subjected to a selection process.

The final selection process will take place in November and students will be advised of the outcome in December, before the University closes. **No late application will be considered.**

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 from https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/Student-Finance/Documents/2019_UJ%20FEE%20BOOK.pdf

COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES

Lectures for Bridging Programme in Financial Management students commence within the first week of February or as determined by the University annually.

CURRICULUM – POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

The Bridging Programme in Financial Management is an NQF Level 7 programme that is presented on a full-time basis over one year.

Students must complete the programme in one year in order to be eligible for the BCom Honours in Financial Management and PGDip in Financial Management programme and they must pass all six modules independently. There are additional admission requirements for the BCom Honours in Financial Management and PGDip in Financial Management programme and students must ensure that they do their research in advance in order to plan appropriately for their Post graduate studies.

CURRICULUM – STUDYING DIRECTLY WITH CIMA

Students who complete the programme will retain the eight (8) exemptions towards the CIMA professional qualification (i.e. previously received from their undergraduate BCom (Accounting) degree) and can proceed to study and write the remaining eight (8) exams directly with CIMA.

Further details can be obtained from <https://www.cimaglobal.com/Studying/>

MODULE CODE SEMESTER

| FIRST SEMESTER | | SECOND SEMESTER | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| CODE | SUBJECT | CODE | SUBJECT |
| S3PFMQ3 | Performance Operations (P1) | S3PFMQ6 | Performance Management (P2) |
| S3PFMQ1 | Financial Operations (F1) | S3PFMQ4 | Financial Management (F2) |
| S3PFMQ7 | Enterprise Operations (E1) | S3PFMQ8 | Enterprise Management (E2) |

Faculty Handbook: <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/cbe/Documents/CBE-UG-Yearbook.pdf3>

LANGUAGE MEDIUM

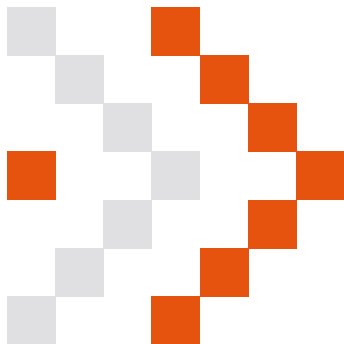
Lectures and examinations will only be presented in English.

LECTURES AND PROGRAMME

Lectures will be presented by full time academics and occasional guest lecturers through a blended learning model. 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 fulltime basis.

ASSESSMENTS

Students will complete several 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.



FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Information regarding all programs can be found on
<https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/cbe/soa/accounting/Pages/Courses-and-Programmes.aspx>

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