

4.1.5 MCom (Financial Accounting)

Admission requirements

- A BComHons degree in Financial Accounting or Management Accounting from Stellenbosch University, or an equivalent qualification from another university;
- Any additional preparatory work approved by Senate for this purpose.

Further requirements

- At least 60% for Financial Accounting as subject during your previous under- and postgraduate studies.
- Registration as Chartered Management Accountant with CIMA (or an equivalent, appropriate professional registration).
- You must have knowledge of research methodology to be admitted to the master's programme, including, where applicable, quantitative empirical research methods. The programme leader may require you to complete appropriate methodology modules before you start the programme.

Selection

There is no limit on the number of students that is admitted to the programme, but additional selection criteria apply. The prospective student must submit an initial mini-research proposal to the programme leader and Deputy Director: Research of the School of Accountancy. The programme leader and Deputy Director: Research will then evaluate whether the proposed topic falls with the School's discipline domain and also whether staff with the required expertise and experience will be available to supervise the student. If the programme leader and Deputy Director: Research are of the opinion that the topic falls within the School's discipline domain, a willing and able supervisor is available, the planned study is feasible and could possibly represent a valuable contribution to the existing body of knowledge of the field of study, a provisional supervisor is appointed and the student is requested to start working with the supervisor on an official research proposal.

Finally, the candidate presents the proposal to an admissions committee of the School of Accountancy. Should the proposal be approved by the committee, the committee assigns a supervisor, and the supervisor sends the completed Master's admission form to the faculty administrator for a recommendation to the Faculty Board that the student be admitted to the Master's programme. The prospective student may also be requested to complete additional modules (e.g., a research methodology or econometrics modules).

Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

Duration: One year, full-time.

Starting date: With the other classes at the University.

Programme's mode of delivery

Fully contact (face-to-face).

Enquiries

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Programme structure

You must complete a research project according to the requirements set by the School of Accountancy. This project consists of a thesis and a related article publishable in an accredited journal. You must also attend a writing skills workshop about the writing of research proposals, presented by the Language Centre.

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn a total of at least 180 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
26883	879	180	MCom Financial Accounting	Both

This module is compulsory.

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66567	828	180	Thesis: Financial Accounting	Both

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