

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

This booklet briefly describes the postgraduate courses of study available in the Faculty of Commerce.

It does not replace the official Commerce Faculty Handbook and in the event of any conflict between this booklet and the handbook, the handbook will prevail.

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DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT DETAILS

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POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

(1) Doctor of Philosophy

(2) Masters Degrees

By Coursework and Research project:

MBA

Economics

Financial Management

Actuarial Science

Information Systems

Organisational Psychology

Health Economics

By Dissertation only:

Fields of Research offered in the Faculty:

Accounting, Actuarial Science, Auditing, Economics, Financial Management, Information Systems, Marketing, Statistics and Operations Research, Taxation, Tourism

(3) BCom Honours Degrees

Accounting

Actuarial Science

Cost Management

Economics

Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management

Financial Management

Information Systems

Organisational Psychology

Statistics

Taxation

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

(4) Postgraduate Diplomas

Accounting

Actuarial Science

Management (Accounting Conversion)

Management (Actuarial Conversion)

Information Systems (Distributed Commercial Information Systems)

Management (Enterprise Management)

Management (Financial Accounting)

Management (Marketing)

Management (Management Practice)

Management (Sport Management)

Management (Tourism)

The Graduate School of Business also offers a wide range of short courses. For further information, please contact the GSB (details on page 3 of this booklet).

1 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy is a research degree, normally obtainable after admission to a master's degree. A candidate may proceed through any of the faculties of the University in accordance with the rules and those of the faculty concerned. It is not essential for a candidate to proceed through the faculty in which he/she obtained his/her bachelor's degree.

When considering an application for registration for the degree of PhD the Senate will be guided by the following as being appropriate admission requirements:

- (a) a recognised master's degree: or
- (b) a recognised honours bachelor's degree, or a recognised four-year bachelor's degree, plus at least one year's registration for an approved master's degree: or
- (c) a recognised three-year bachelor's degree plus at least two years registration for an approved master's degree: or
- (d) a recognised MBChB, LLB, BProc or BArch degree or any qualification recognised by the Senate as being equivalent: or
- (e) in special circumstances, at the discretion of the Senate, an approved bachelor's degree or qualification recognised by the Senate as equivalent.

A candidate for the PhD degree must be registered for at least 2 years for the degree.

Before a person may be registered for the degree his/her candidature must be approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the board of the faculty and the head of the department concerned. An applicant must give such evidence of his/her qualifications and attainments and complete such preliminary work as the Senate may require, and must satisfy the Senate as to the suitability of his/her subject and programme of research and as to the conditions under which the work will be carried out.

A person interested in applying to register as a PhD candidate in the Commerce Faculty should contact the relevant Head of Department to ascertain whether the Department would be prepared to support such application. The telephone numbers, fax number and email addresses of Heads of Departments are set out on page 2 of this brochure.

2 COLLABORATIVE PhD PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS

The Programme and Eligibility Requirements

The University of Cape Town offers a PhD economics programme that maximises both quality and relevance. Its distinguishing feature is the integration of theory, tools and African applications in the academic programme. The programme will include a high level of theory grounded in African empirical realities. The familiarity of the instructors with Africa's economic issues and data limitations allows the areas of specialisation to be built around the evolving research agenda in the region. The programme is offered in collaboration with other universities in sub Saharan Africa and supported by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) through donor funding. The following areas of specialisation are currently offered at UCT. Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Health Economics, International Economics, Industrial Organisation, Labour Economics, and Money and Banking. Other elective courses that can be taken at the Joint Facility for Electives are Agricultural Economics, and Public Finance.

Candidates who possess the following qualifications are eligible to apply. A minimum of either a second class (upper division) bachelors degree and a conforming Masters degree in Economics, or a minimum of a second class (lower division) and a conforming Masters degree in Economics with distinction. A conforming Masters degree in Economics is any such qualification obtained from a programme with both a course work component and an external review process for the course examinations. The general structure of such a programme will normally involve successfully completing a master's level course work in the three core courses, microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory and quantitative methods. Preferably, applicants will have also successfully completed a master's level course work in some area of specialisation in economics.

3 MASTERS DEGREES

The following Masters degrees are offered in the Faculty:

Master of Commerce

Master of Business Science

Master of Philosophy

Master of Business Administration

Admission requirements

Except by permission of the Senate a candidate must hold a four-year bachelors degree or be an Honours graduate of the University or a graduate of any University who holds a degree recognised by the Senate as being equivalent.

These requirements should be read in conjunction with the admission requirements listed for the various Masters degrees.

Fields of Research offered in the Faculty

Accounting, Actuarial Science, Auditing, Economics, Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Information Systems, Marketing, Organisational Psychology, Statistics and Operations Research, Taxation, Tourism.

MASTERS DEGREE STUDIES

(a) By coursework and research project

3.1 MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The MBA is offered either as a traditional full-time, part-time or modular programme, or in a modular format for senior managers (the Executive MBA).

The traditional MBA programme is designed to give students the resources they need to gain a competitive advantage – both locally and internationally. The curriculum is international in scope with a distinctive orientation to a (South) African context and a strong practical emphasis. Over and above the functional areas of business, the MBA is developing new streams of learning around communication, leadership and entrepreneurship. A relentless commitment to producing courses that meet market needs and international standards ensures that the content of the MBA is always relevant and challenging. The School offers this MBA course in three forms: full-time, part-time and modular. The part-time and modular programmes cover exactly the same curriculum as the full-time programme but are placed to suit the needs of students who want to continue working while they study. Except for two full-time blocks at the beginning and middle of the first year, part-time students attend lectures and group work in the evening and on Saturdays. Students on the modular programme attend three two-week blocks each year for two years at the Graduate School of Business and are set assignments to complete in the between-module periods.

The Executive MBA, the only programme of its kind in South Africa, is a modular programme over two years, targeted at senior and executive managers and leaders who want to move their careers and lives onto another level. The course uses sophisticated learning techniques that are far removed from classic pedagogic methods. Participants are taught to develop their critical thinking and decision-making abilities and their capacity to function in complex organisational and social environments.

Admissions Requirements

Typically applicants to both the MBA and the EMBA are graduates, chartered accountants and associate members or fellows of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Applicants without tertiary or equivalent qualifications are admitted if their abilities on the other criteria (see below) are outstanding. Additionally they have to write a case study.

The application form for both programmes is the same. Applicants must write nine short essays in which they examine and justify their decision to do an MBA. Two referees' reports are also required. All candidates must take the GMAT. All applicants also write Alternative Admissions Research project (AARP) test. Non-English-speakers must submit a TOEFL certificate. Applicants for the regular MBA must have an absolute minimum of three years' work experience and be older than 25. Those for the Executive MBA must have 10 – 15 years of work experience, of which a significant part must have been at senior level.

Making Application

Completed applications must be submitted to the Graduate School of Business before end-October. In exceptional cases late applications can sometimes be considered. Candidates who on paper meet the School's criteria are personally interviewed, by telephone if necessary.

Application forms may be obtained from the Central Admissions Office, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, Breakwater Campus, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700.

Enquiries: Pat Boulton Tel: + (0) 21 406 1338; Fax: + (0) 21 421 5693
email: pboulton@gsb.uct.ac.za.

3.2 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

The Masters programme in Actuarial Science offered by the School of Management Studies incorporates the courses taken for the Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science and a dissertation or long paper. The coursework covers material studied by candidates attempting some of the ST-subjects through the Faculty of Actuaries or the Institute of Actuaries.

Admission Requirements

As for the Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science.

Making Application

Before making formal application on the standard University application form, prospective applicants should discuss the matter with the Head of the Actuarial Science section of the School of Management Studies, Dr S. Kendal – Tel. 650 2479 or 650 2475.

Aims and Objectives

The Masters programme affords selected candidates the opportunity to prepare for and, in some subjects, gain exemption from the final parts of the examinations leading to the fellowships of the Institute of Actuaries or the Faculty of Actuaries whilst at the same time completing an advanced level postgraduate degree.

3.3 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS

The School of Economics offers a two-year taught Honours/Masters programme. **The first year is identical to the Economics Honours programme.** Students who apply for the two-year programme have the option of exiting with an Honours degree after the first year. The Masters programme can be taken in the following specialisations:

Computational and Behavioural Economics
Finance
Labour and Labour Market Policy
Trade and Regulatory Policy

Admission Requirements

- An average of at least 65% in an Honours degree in Economics.
- Applicants may be required to undertake a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test.
- Foreign students will need to provide assurance of their competence in the English language.
- Recommendation of acceptance is at the discretion of the Director of the School of Economics.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the School of Economics and the University Application forms and lodging them with the School before 31 October. Forms may be obtained from the School of Economics, see page 2.

Aims and Objectives

The Masters programme in Economics aims to offer worthy honours graduates advanced study in the field of Economics to prepare them for a career in Economics and for study at Doctoral level.

3.4 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN APPLIED ECONOMICS

The School of Economics offers a Masters in Applied Economics in recognition of the need for a flexible programme structure which allows students to focus on research while choosing a curriculum best suited to their abilities and interests. The programme comprises four compulsory courses and a dissertation. Candidates are normally expected to complete all coursework within one year; the following year is spent completing the dissertation. Each component counts 50% of the final result.

Admission Requirements

- An average of at least 65% in an Honours degree in Economics.
- An acceptable research proposal.
- Applicants may be required to undertake a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test.
- Foreign students will need to provide assurance of their competence in the English language.
- Recommendation of acceptance is at the discretion of the Graduate Committee.

Making Application

In addition to completing the University application form, students must complete a departmental application form and return it before 31 October to the Graduate Administrator, School of Economics. The programme commences in late January.

Aims and Objectives

The aim is to equip students with essential research skills (both quantitative and writing skills) and knowledge in their chosen area of specialisation. The 50% dissertation weighting allows students to qualify for NRF funding.

Each student will be assigned a supervisor, who will advise the student on the most suitable courses to take to assist their research. Students may be required to take a course in Dynamic Optimisation prior to the compulsory courses. In addition, students are strongly advised to take a pre-sessional course in survey data analysis run through the Centre for Social Science Research and taught by a team from Michigan University in late January.

3.5 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This two-year Honours/Masters programme incorporates coursework undertaken as part of the BCom (Hons) programme in Financial Management with candidates normally completing the thesis in the second year of study. Permission to convert the BCom (Hons) registration to a Masters programme is dependent of the level of performance in the first year of coursework.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates in commercial disciplines, from

Chartered Accountants and members of the CIMA. Graduates from other disciplines may be considered on the basis of commercial experience and subject to successfully completing an entrance examination.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the Department of Accounting (Financial Management section) application form. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Financial Management, Dept of Accounting, Tel (021) 650 3144 or email wphillip@commerce.uct.ac.za. Full details are available on the website at www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting/programs

Aims and Objectives

The broad aim of the programme is the preparation of participants for executive positions in financial management. Further, the programme plans to provide candidates with the ability to undertake independent and original research in a South African context.

The focus in the first year is to apply financial theory in a real world setting and the coursework is structured on the basis of case studies, which refer to actual companies. In addition, students undertake projects applying corporate finance theory to South African companies and financial markets. The focus in the second year is to complete a research thesis. Participants are expected to undertake independent and original research project in a South African context. Participants will be subject to supervision by a staff member and are expected to undertake the research project in the area of financial management.

3.6 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN HEALTH ECONOMICS

This two-year Honours/Masters programme aims to equip economists to apply forms of economic theory, principles and techniques to the health sector.

Admission Requirements

Application will be considered from graduates holding at least a second-class honours degree in Economics, or equivalent. Fluency in English is also required. As numbers are limited, selection will be based on academic merit. In addition, an attempt will be made to achieve a regional balance of students from different African countries.

Making Application

All entrance qualifications and conditions are identical to those described above for the general Economics programme. Application is made by completing the School of Economics & the University Application forms and lodging them with Okore Okorafor, Health Economics Unit, Department of Community Health, UCT, Anzio Road, Observatory, 7925 before 31 October (for South African students) or 30 September (International students) 30 November. Forms may be obtained from Health Economics

Unit, Dept of Community Health, University of Cape Town, Anzio Road, Observatory, 7925. Tel: (021) 406 6558; Fax: (021) 448 8152 or email: okorafor@cormack.uct.ac.za

Aims and Objectives

The Masters programme aims to equip economists to apply forms of economic evaluation to the health sector. The objectives of the health economics component of this course are:

- To provide an understanding of alternative systems of health service organisation and provision;
- To evaluate the reasons for, and the implications of, recent health sector restructuring initiatives;
- To develop skills in health sector planning with particular reference to the allocation of resources for health care provision;
- To provide an understanding of methods of financing and paying for health services, and to develop skills for analysing these alternatives within specific country contexts; and
- To develop skills in selecting and applying appropriate tools of economic analysis to evaluate the inputs, processes and outcomes of health services, projects and programmes.

These issues will be addressed with reference to developing countries, particularly within the African context.

3.7 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Department of Information Systems offers a full-time and part-time programme in the advanced study of business information systems. The first component consists of advanced coursework and the second comprises a dissertation. Full-time students may complete the required work within 12-18 months, while part-time students may take longer.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates with at least a second class honours degree in Information Systems or a related field. Reasonable fluency in English is also required. Numbers may be limited and academic merit, relevant experience and additional criteria may be taken into account in the selection process.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the Department of Information Systems and University application forms and lodging them with the Department not later than 15 October of the year preceding that for which entrance is desired. Forms may be

obtained from the Postgraduate Administrator, Department of Information Systems (Tel (021) 650 4028).

Aims and Objectives

The Masters programme aims to develop an in-depth knowledge of key management and technical issues in Information Systems based on understanding the underlying theory and discussing current research.

It aims also to critically evaluate key issues in the Information Systems area and to relate these to the work situation.

Candidates will carry out research in areas relevant to current information systems.

3.8 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ORGANISATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The School of Management Studies offers a one-year full-time Masters programme in Organisational Psychology. The programme will consist of advanced coursework and the completion of a research dissertation.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates holding a BCom Honours degree or the BBusSc degree in the field of Organisational Psychology or its equivalent. Honours graduates in Organisational Psychology from other faculties are encouraged to register for an MCom degree in the Faculty of Commerce. Relevant work experience, academic performance and the University's Employment Equity Policy will be taken into account in the selection process.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the School of Management Studies application form. Forms must be lodged with the University and the School not later than 15 November of the year prior to commencing the course. Management Studies forms can be obtained from <http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/managementstudies/>

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the programme is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to take up the role of a strategic people manager. The coursework consists of three compulsory and three elective modules which will cover various aspects of strategic people management.

After completion of the programme, candidates may register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as an intern Industrial Psychologist. Securing an internship is the responsibility of the student.

3.9 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN TAXATION

This two-year Honours/Masters programme incorporates coursework undertaken as part of the BCom Hons programme in Taxation. Permission to convert the BCom Hons registration to a Masters programme is dependent on the level of performance in the coursework.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from candidates who have a CA(SA), LLB or equivalent. An entrance examination will be held after a preliminary course and a pass in this examination is a prerequisite for admission.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the Department of Accounting (Taxation section) and University application forms.

Tel (021) 650 2258 or email emarais@commerce.uct.ac.za

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the programme is to offer persons involved in various areas of taxation advanced study in this field for use in their careers and/or for possible further study. Participants will be subject to supervision and are expected to undertake the research project in the area of taxation.

MASTERS DEGREE STUDIES

(b) By dissertation only

The Faculty affords suitably qualified persons the opportunity to conduct research at an advanced level in any one of the disciplines set out on page 4 of this brochure by completing a dissertation under supervision for the degree of master.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates who hold an honours degree or equivalent. Applicants must be suitably qualified in the discipline in which they wish to conduct research and must have had previous research experience.

Making Application

Before lodging formal application forms, prospective applicants must contact the Head of the relevant department to discuss their research and to ascertain whether the Department would be prepared to support a formal application. In many cases, a research proposal may be required.

Such enquiries should be addressed to the Head of the relevant department (see page 2).

4 BCOM (HONOURS) DEGREES

The Faculty of Commerce offers the BCom (Honours) degree in the following fields of study:

Accounting, Actuarial Science, Economics, Financial Analysis & Portfolio Management, Financial Management, Information Systems, Organisational Psychology, I.Statistics, Taxation.

Admission Requirements:

Any one of the following may be admitted by the Senate as a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Commerce (Honours):

- 1.1 A Bachelor of Commerce or a Bachelor of Business Science (special field Business Finance for selected courses) of this University, or
- 1.2 A Bachelor of Commerce of any other University recognised by the Senate for such purpose, or
- 1.3 A person who has passed the final professional chartered accountancy examination of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board of South Africa or an examination which in the opinion of the PAAB and of the Senate is of an equivalent standard.
- 1.4 An Associate or Fellow of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants.
- 1.5 A person who has by means of such test as may be prescribed by the Senate, satisfied the Senate that:
 - 15.1 he/she has attained a level of competence which in the Senate's opinion is adequate for the purposes of the programme; or
 - 15.2 his/her qualifications are of a standard equivalent to any of those enumerated in 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 above

These requirements should be read in conjunction with the admission requirements listed for the various fields of study.

4.1 HONOURS IN ACCOUNTING (Department of Accounting)

BCom(Hons) in Accounting offered as a full-time course of study normally over one academic year includes the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting as part of the BCom(Hons) in Accounting curriculum.

Students selected are required to register for the PGDA concurrently and upon successful completion of the requirements for the Honours in Accounting and the PGDA both the BCom(Hons) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting will be awarded to the student.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Accounting Honours programme an applicant

must hold a BBusSc or BCom degree of this University or another university which meets the entrance requirements of the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting. Selection will be based upon the applicant's academic record.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard University Application form and should be lodged with the University before 31 October. In addition the Department of Accounting will require the applicant to complete a questionnaire before selection. The questionnaire can be obtained directly from the Mrs B. Van Leeuwen, Tel: 650 4030, email: bvleeuwe@commerce.uct.ac.za

Aims and Objectives

The broad aim of the Accounting Honours programme is to provide advanced Accounting study for a select group of students at the same time as such candidates complete the requirements for the PGDA. The course comprises a blend of accounting theory with current practical issues and requires a research report of publishable quality.

4.2 HONOURS IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE (School of Management Studies)

The BCom(Hons) in Actuarial Science is offered either as a one-year full-time programme or as a two-year part-time programme.

Admission Requirements

A Bachelors degree of this University or another university approved by the Senate. Persons who do not have second year mathematics and first year statistics in their undergraduate degree will not be considered for the Actuarial programme.

Persons with less than 2 years statistics in their undergraduate degree should consider applying to do the BCom (Hons) in Actuarial Science over two years.

Making Application

Prospective applicants should before making formal application contact the Head of the Actuarial Science section of the School of Management Studies to discuss his/her application (Dr S. Kendal - Tel (021) 650 2475). Formal applications must be lodged with the University before 30 November.

Aims and Objectives

In order to practice as an actuary in the Republic of South Africa it is necessary to be a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (London) or the Faculty of Actuaries (Edinburgh) or the Actuarial Society of America. Moreover, several Acts of Parliament specify that certain statutory duties may be performed only by qualified actuaries, defined as holders of the abovementioned fellowships.

The BCom(Hons) degree in Actuarial Science is designed for students holding an undergraduate degree who wish to enter the actuarial profession and ultimately to qualify as actuaries. Exemption arrangements with the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries mean that persons who pass the BCom Hons in Actuarial Science curriculum (subject to certain standards being achieved) will reduce the total time necessary to complete all parts of the examination for the Fellowship of these two bodies significantly.

4.3 HONOURS IN COST MANAGEMENT (Department of Accounting)

The BCom(Hons) programme in Cost Management is offered as a three semester part-time programme. The programme commences in January each year.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates, from Chartered Accountants and members of the CIMA. In exceptional circumstances applicants who do not meet these requirements may be admitted on the basis of commercial/Government experience subject to successfully completing the entrance examination.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the Department of Accounting (Financial Management section) application form.

Application forms must be lodged with the Dept of Accounting not later than 15 October of the year preceding that for which entrance is desired.

Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Financial Management, Dept of Accounting, Ph: 650 3144 or email wphillip@commerce.uct.ac.za

Aims and Objectives

The broad aim of the programme is to enable participants in non-financial positions to understand the cost implications of executive decisions. The approach is interdisciplinary with the emphasis on the development of conceptual knowledge and problem solving ability, particularly in issues regarding Cost Management, Management Planning and Control.

4.4 HONOURS IN ECONOMICS (School of Economics)

The BCom Honours in Economics is offered as a full-time one-year course of study.

Admission Requirements

- A Bachelors degree or equivalent qualification with a major in Economics. Applicants must achieve an average of at least 65% in their final undergraduate economics courses.

- Students completing Economics-based programmes at UCT (starting 1999) will require at least ECO320F (Advanced Macroeconomics and Microeconomics), ECO312S (Quantitative Methods in Economics) and another third level economics course to be considered for a place in the Honours programme.
- Prospective Economics Honours students from outside UCT are normally required to have taken at least first-year level half courses in mathematics and statistics courses to gain admission to the Honours programme.
- Foreign students will need to provide assurance of their competence in the English language.
- Recommendation of acceptance is at the discretion of the Director of the School of Economics.

Making Application

In addition to completing the University application form, students must complete a departmental application form and submit these before 31 October to the Graduate Administrator, School of Economics (see page 2). The programme commences in late January.

Aims and Objectives

The Economics Honours programme aims to offer worthy Economics graduates further study in the field of Economics at a postgraduate level to prepare them for a career in Economics and for possible further study at Masters or higher level.

4.5 HONOURS IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (Department of Accounting)

The BCom(Hons) programme in Financial Management is offered as a three semester part-time programme. The programme commences in January each year.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates in Commercial disciplines, from Chartered Accountants and members of the CIMA. In exceptional circumstances applicants who do not meet these requirements may be admitted on the basis of commercial experience subject to successfully completing the entrance examination.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the Department of Accounting (Financial Management section) application form.

Application forms must be lodged with the Dept of Accounting not later than 31 October of the year preceding that for which entrance is desired.

Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Financial Management, Dept of Accounting, Tel (021) 650 3144 or email wphillip@commerce.uct.ac.za

Full details at www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting/programs

Aims and Objectives

The broad aim of the programme is the preparation of participants for executive positions in financial management. The approach is inter-disciplinary with the emphasis on the development of conceptual knowledge and problem solving ability, particularly in issues regarding Financial Management, Management Planning and Control. The focus of the programme is to apply financial theory in a real world setting and the coursework is structured on the basis of case studies, which refer to actual companies. In addition, students undertake projects applying corporate finance theory to South African companies and financial markets.

4.6 HONOURS IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT (School of Economics)

This one-year Honours programme aims to prepare students to participate as highly competent professionals in the financial sector of the economy. The programme runs from January to mid December, and classes are held on Tuesday evenings and on Saturdays.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from persons holding a Bachelor's degree or from a person who has satisfied the Senate that he/she has attained a level of competence which in the Senate's opinion is adequate for the purposes of the programme.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard university application form. In addition, a full CV must be submitted to the course convenor, Professor H Abraham, School of Economics. No application will be considered unless a CV is submitted.

Aims and Objectives

The programme is structured such that the graduate should be able to analyse financial situations at an executive level; to manage financial portfolios; to utilise advanced quantitative methods to make financial decisions based on financial forecasts; and to interact between different professions (in particular, accountants and legal experts) to develop financial strategies.

4.7 HONOURS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS (Part-Time) (Department of Information Systems)

BCom(Hons) in Information Systems is offered as a part-time one-year programme to students who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Commercial Distributed Commercial Information Systems). This programme commences in January each year.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from people who have satisfied the requirements of the Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Distributed Commercial Information Systems), typically with at least a second class pass.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the Dept of Information Systems application form. Application forms must be lodged with the Dept of Information Systems not later than 30 November of the year preceding that for which entrance is desired. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Dept of Information Systems (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

The course aims to provide in-depth understanding of the management issues relevant to Commercial Information Systems. Technological issues are examined in sufficient depth to allow management decisions to be taken. This year adds a research component to the course.

4.8 HONOURS IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS (Full-time) (Department of Information Systems)

In addition to the part-time Honours in Information Systems programme, the Department of Information Systems offers a one-year full-time honours programme.

The full-time programme caters mainly for recent graduates with an Information Systems major who do not necessarily have any commercial experience.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates who have majored in Information Systems. They should typically have averaged at least 65% for their final IS courses, and be reasonably fluent in English.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the Dept of Information Systems application form (see page 2).

Application forms must be lodged with the Dept of Information Systems not later than 31 October of the year preceding that for which entrance is desired.

Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Information Systems.

Aims and Objectives

The programme will cover major issues and research contributions in the field of IS applications and management. It will involve students in the research process and will increase their practical experience and knowledge of IS. This year adds a research component to the course.

4.9 HONOURS IN ORGANISATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (School of Management Studies)

The BCom Honours in Organisation Psychology is offered as a one-year full-time programme. The programme will consist of coursework and the completion of a research paper.

Admission Requirements

Applications will be considered from graduates holding a BCom degree with Organisational Psychology or its equivalent as a major subject. Students from other faculties holding a Bachelors degree with Organisational Psychology or its equivalent are encouraged to register for a BCom Honours degree in the Faculty of Commerce. Academic performance and the University's Employment Equity Policy will be taken into account in the selection process.

Making Application

Application is made by completing the standard University application form and the School of Management Studies application form. Forms must be lodged with the University and the School not later than 15 November of the year prior to commencing the course. Management Studies forms can be obtained from <http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/managementstudies/>

Aims and Objectives

The programme focuses on the topic of organisational change. At the end of the programme, students emerge with the necessary knowledge and skills to take up the role of change agents within organisations. The coursework consists of three compulsory and three elective modules which will cover various aspects of organisational change.

After completion of the programme, and with required work experience, candidates may register with the South African Board of Personnel Practice as a human resource practitioner. Getting the necessary work experience is the responsibility of the student.

4.10 HONOURS IN STATISTICS (Department of Statistical Sciences)

The BCom (Honours) in Statistics is offered as a one-year full-time programme although in certain instances an applicant may be accepted on condition that he/she completes the programme over two academic years. In such cases the Dept of Statistical Sciences may require the candidate to complete additional courses as part of the Honours programme.

Admission Requirements

A Bachelors degree of this University or another university approved by the Senate which includes at least 3 years study in Statistics. Selection will be based upon the

applicant's academic record.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard University application form and should be lodged with the University before 30 November. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Dept of Statistical Sciences (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

The broad aim of the Honours in Statistics programme is to offer selected Statistics graduates further study in various statistical or other quantitative management fields at a postgraduate level to prepare them for a career in such fields and for possible further study at Masters degree or higher level.

4.11 HONOURS IN TAXATION (Department of Accounting)

BCom Honours in Taxation is offered as a three-semester part-time programme. The programme is offered every second year. The next course will commence in January 2007.

Admission Requirements

Applicants will be considered from candidates who have a CA(SA), LLB or equivalent. An entrance examination will be held after a preliminary course and a pass in this examination is a prerequisite for admission to the Honours programme.

Making Application

Application must be made by completing the standard University application form and the Dept of Accounting (Taxation Section) application form before 20 November 2006. Tel (021) 650 2258.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the programme is to offer persons involved in various areas of taxation advanced study in this field for use in their careers and/or for possible further study at Masters or higher level.

5 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

5.1 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING (PGDA)

The PGDA is a one-year full-time course of study, the successful completion of which permits students to present themselves for Part I of the Qualifying Examination (QE) of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). Full details on www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting/pgda

Admission Requirements

Only applicants holding a bachelors degree from a University accredited by the SAICA and which is deemed equivalent to the UCT BCom Chartered Accountant stream will be considered. To be accepted applicants must achieve a mark of at least 55% for Financial Accounting III, and an average mark of at least 55% for the following courses: Auditing 1, Financial Accounting III, Taxation & Estate Duty I and Management Accounting II and Financial Management (or Finance Honours). Financial Accounting III must be completed in the year preceding the PGDA (Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting) and the other courses within the preceding two years. Students from other universities who have completed the required undergraduate courses will be required to write an entrance examination.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard University application form and must be lodged with the University before 30 November. Forms may be obtained from the Commerce Faculty Office, telephone 650 4769. Students transferring from other universities, should apply earlier as entrance examinations are held in early December or late November.

Aims and Objectives

The PGDA covers the material needed by candidates wishing to present themselves for Part I of the Qualifying Examination(QE) of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). Candidates who complete the diploma programme may present themselves for Part I of the QE. Qualification as a Chartered Accountant (SA) requires a pass in Part I and Part 2 of the QE and the completion of a registered traineeship contract. Students with a strong undergraduate academic record may consider doing an Honours in Accounting simultaneously with the PGDA.

5.2 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

The Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science extends over a minimum of one year of full time study or two years of part-time study and covers material studied by candidates attempting some of the examinations in the ST-subjects set jointly by the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must be graduates who have passed or have been exempted from subjects CT 1-8 and CA1 of the joint examinations set by the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries.

Making Application

Before making formal application on the standard University application form, prospective applicants should discuss the matter with the Head of the Actuarial Science section of the School of Management Studies, Dr S. Kendal (Tel (021) 650 2475).

Aims and Objectives

The PgDip in Actuarial Science provides lectures to prepare for and, in some subjects, gain exemption from the examinations leading to the Fellowships of the Institute of Actuaries or the Faculty of Actuaries.

These final examinations demand a considerable degree of practical experience and therefore candidates registered for the Pg Diploma will generally be in employment and thus registered for the part-time PgDip.

5.3 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Accounting Conversion Course)

The Accountants Conversion Course is an accelerated programme of study which enables selected graduates from any discipline, other than Accounting, to meet the entrance requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting within one year. The programme consists of one year of intensive study in BCom Accounting programme subjects over an extended academic year commencing in January. Full details on: <http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting/programs>

Admission Requirements

Persons holding a bachelors degree of this university or another university may be considered for admission. In exceptional cases persons who are not graduates may be considered provided they satisfy the university that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purpose.

Making Application

Persons interested in making application for admission must contact Miss J Taylor, Conversion Course Convenor, Department of Accounting, or the Secretary, email: fsingh@commerce.uct.ac.za, tel: 650 2292. Application must be made by 31 October of the preceding year.

Aims and Objectives

This one-year programme of intensive full-time study is designed to prepare graduates in fields other than accountancy for entry directly into the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA).

5.4 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Actuarial Conversion Course)

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a Bachelor's degree of this University or another university recognised for this purpose will be considered for admission and in exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy Senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purposes of study for these diplomas. Persons who do not have second year mathematics and first year statistics in their undergraduate degree will not be considered for this Actuarial programme.

Making Application

Application for admission as a candidate for the Diploma must be lodged in writing on the standard University application form not later than 31 October preceding the year in which the applicant wishes to register for the diploma.

Aims and Objectives

This diploma is an accelerated programme of study which enables selected graduates from any discipline other than Actuarial Science to gain exemption from the CT-subjects of the professional fellowship examinations, if sufficient standard is achieved.

5.5 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Enterprise Management)

This is a one-year full-time programme offered by the School of Management Studies.

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a bachelors degree (except a degree in Business Science) of this or another University will be considered for admission. In exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy the Senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purpose of study for the diploma.

Making Application

Application for admission as a candidate must be submitted on the standard University and also on the Departmental application form before 30 November of the preceding year. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, School of Management Studies (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

This diploma programme aims to provide generally educated graduates with an intensive, one-year introduction to management theory and practice. The course is designed to equip students for entry into a broad range of organisational settings, and

teaches entrepreneurship as a guiding principle in organisations of all sizes. Understanding and using technology is a key competency in an increasingly competitive and global business environment, and the course uses technology and action learning in order to familiarise students with current workplace issues and systems.

5.6 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Financial Accounting)

This is a one-year full time programme offered by the Department of Accounting. Full details are available on: www.commerce.uct.ac.za/accounting/programs

Admission Requirements

Applicants should hold a Bachelors degree with an Accounting major from a university recognised for the purpose. Applicants who are admitted as candidates for this diploma and who have not completed adequate courses of study in mathematics, statistics, economics, commercial and company law will not be eligible to proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting. Such candidates may apply to complete any of the above courses concurrently with their registration for the Postgraduate Diploma in Management (Financial Accounting).

Making Application

Application for admission as a candidate for the Diploma must be lodged in writing on the standard University form together with the Departmental Application form no later than 30 November of the year preceding the one in which the applicant proposes to register for the diploma. Forms may be obtained from Ms F Singh: email fsingh@commerce.uct.ac.za or tel (021) 650 2292

Aims and Objectives

This diploma programme aims to provide specialised vocationally directed studies in financial accounting with its allied disciplines, aimed particularly at students who have previously studied toward a Bachelor of Commerce (or equivalent accounting qualification) and who wish to proceed to membership of a professional body.

5.7 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Distributed Commercial Information Systems)

This is a one-year Diploma offered by the Department of Information Systems

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a bachelor's degree of this or another university will be considered for admission. In exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy the Senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purposes of study for the diploma. All applicants are required to have at least two years of relevant work experience.

Making Application

Application for admission as a candidate for the Diploma must be lodged in writing, before 31 October of the preceding year, on the standard University and Departmental application form, which can be obtained from the Department of Information Systems (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

The objective of the Diploma is to provide best practice knowledge in systems development, technology, project management and strategic use of information technology as applied to distributed commercial information systems. To develop critical reading and writing skills and to prepare the student for study towards higher degrees.

5.8 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Marketing)

This is a one-year full-time programme offered by the School of Management Studies.

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a bachelors degree (excepting Business Science) of this or another university will be considered for admission and in exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy the Senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purposes of study for these diplomas.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard University application form and also on the School of Management Studies departmental application form before 30 November of the preceding year. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, School of Management Studies (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

This diploma programme aims to provide specialised academic and professional studies for candidates holding qualifications other than the Bachelor of Business Science degree, in the marketing of goods, services and ideas in the industrial, commercial and public sectors of the South African economy.

5.9 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Management Practice)

The Postgraduate Diploma in Management in Management Practice (PGDMMP) has been developed to meet the changing needs in the South African marketplace and equips individuals with the right skills and knowledge to manage and lead effectively. The typical PGDMMP student is moving into or through middle management and considering enriching his/her current career through further study.

Admission Requirements

Must be a graduate of this or a recognised university or satisfy the Senate by means of a prescribed test/tests that he or she has attained a level of competence to study. Applicants must be at least 25 years of age and have a minimum of 3 years relevant work experience.

Making Application

Completed applications must be submitted to the Graduate School of Business before end-October. In exceptional cases late applications can sometimes be considered. Candidates who on paper meet the School's criteria are personally interviewed, by telephone if necessary.

Application forms may be obtained from the Central Admissions Office, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, Breakwater Campus, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700. **Enquiries:** Pat Boulton Tel: + (0) 21 406 1338; Fax: + (0) 21 421 5693; email: pboulton@gsb.uct.ac.za.

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the programme is to develop an understanding of the meaning of organisational viability and sustainable growth within the context of a rapidly globalising and increasingly complex business environment, to develop an appreciation of the managerial capabilities required to establish and maintain the conditions for viability and sustainability within this context; and to provide learning opportunities designed to develop the ability to manage future learning and self-development.

5.10 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Sport Management)

This is a one-year full time programme offered by the School of Management Studies

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a bachelor's degree (excepting BBusSc) of this or another university or equivalent who have a passion for sport will be considered for admission. In exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy the senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purposes of study for this diploma.

Making application

Application must be made on the standard University application form and also on the departmental application form before 30 November of the preceding year. All supporting documentation must be submitted, as described on the Departmental application form. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, School of Management Studies (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

The objective of this diploma is to provide generally educated graduates with a strong theoretical and practical grounding in the major management disciplines, as well as sport management, sports medicine and exercise physiology. The diploma will place particular emphasis on the application of management theory and concepts to sport management in both the academic coursework and through a six-week-long internship programme.

5.11 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (Tourism)

This is a one-year full-time programme offered by the School of Management Studies.

Admission Requirements

Applicants holding a bachelors degree, other than a BBusSc, of this or another University will be considered for admission and in exceptional cases persons other than graduates may be considered if they are able to satisfy the Senate that they have attained an equivalent level of competence adequate for the purposes of study for these diplomas.

Making Application

Application must be made on the standard University application form and also on the departmental application form before 30 November of the preceding year. All supporting documentation must be submitted, as described on the Departmental application form. Forms may be obtained from the Secretary, School of Management Studies (see page 2).

Aims and Objectives

The objective of this diploma is to provide generally educated graduates with a combination of general management skills and specialised knowledge of the tourism industry. The diploma will place particular emphasis on the application of management theory and concepts to the tourism industry in the academic coursework and through a six-week-long internship programme.