



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FINANCE, BANKING AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

The School of Accounting, Economics and Finance at the University of Kwazulu-Natal now offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Finance, Banking and Investment Management that has been designed to provide students from commerce and non-commerce backgrounds with the necessary theoretical knowledge to follow a career in Finance or Banking.

For students holding any degree who have a basic numerate ability, this diploma will enable them to gain a focused, financial grounding which will complement their under-graduate degree. The knowledge of finance and banking gained will create new career opportunities in both the public and private sectors.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities include corporate and investment banking, stock broking, asset management, currency and commodity broking, derivatives trading and corporate finance.

This is what some of our past students have to say about the Programme:

"I have been meaning to write to you tell you how useful I have found the FBI course I did with you last year. Coming from a largely legal and economic background the FBI drew me into the disciplines of finance and bank / investment management very comprehensively and thoroughly. The constituent elements of the FBI fit together beautifully to provide the ideal foundation for entrance into most banking and other financial fields. If I consider all the people I know who have done the course, we are all on the road to success and a significant part of that has been contributed by our postgraduate studies. As for myself, I am training to become a foreign exchange dealer at SCMB, a far cry from what I would be doing had I not done your course." - Greig Ritson B.A. & FBIM Graduate

"I would like to say thank you for how much you actually managed to teach us during that one year, I think you only realise how great a diploma it was, or is, when you start working. I will not deny that the course has provided myself, together with the rest of the group that fought it out last year, with an awesome grounding in the financial industry, which I have learnt is extremely tough." - Bruce Campbell B.Soc.Sci & FBIM Graduate, M³ Capital

CORE MODULES

Financial Management A

This module aims to give students an appreciation of accounting concepts and their use by management and to introduce them to the basics of financial decision making.

Financial Management B

This module develops students' knowledge of financial management with regards to the acquisition and management of the firm's resources and to equip them to develop a financial business plan.

Investments

Aim: To introduce forms of investment within the South African economy, including the most significant financial instruments, and to give an understanding of how financial markets facilitate investment, and the principles which govern these markets.

Risk & Portfolio Management

Aim: To provide an understanding of a range of risk factors relevant to modern corporations and to provide a theoretical understanding of each risk, the appropriate techniques for measuring such risks, and an appreciation of the various strategies available for managing such risks.

Bank Management

Aim: To introduce the fundamental principles of banking, the function of banks within the economy including different types of banks and how they operate and internal aspects of bank management.

Business Management & Strategy

Aim: to give students an appreciation of the nature of the business organisation and its environment and the concept of management

ELECTIVES

Students must choose two elective modules from the following:

Marketing Management A
Supply Chain Management A
Taxation
Business Statistics
Business Law
Supply Chain Management B
Marketing Management B
Marketing Management C
Special Topics in Management (Currently Project Management)
Elements of Entrepreneurship
Research Report
Research Paper

The range of electives may change depending on demand and lecturer availability.

Duration

The programme can be completed in one year of full-time study or two years of part-time study. Part-time students can start in the middle of the year.

Lectures are held from Mondays to Thursdays between 17h30 and 20h30 on the Westville and Pietermaritzburg campuses.

Entrance Requirements

To be considered for the programme, the applicant should have a recognized undergraduate degree or a three-year tertiary qualification from a recognised institution or equivalent.

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Application forms can be obtained on the UKZN website:
<http://www.ukzn.ac.za>

Closing date for applications is 30 November.



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