



Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting

SAQA ID 48853 NQF level 7

🕒 Qualification duration

Minimum: 3 years
Maximum: 5 years
Full-time

📅 Qualification start date

Semester 1: February
Semester 2: None

★ Qualification accreditation

- Accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE).
- Registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).
- Fully accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) (UK).
- Fully accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

🕒 Part-time

This qualification will be offered on a part time basis as well, which will follow a 3 trimester model.

📖 Qualification description

Accounting is the language of business. The Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting prepares you for many careers in the challenging world of accounting and finance and is an excellent foundation for work in any area of business.

Our qualification is broad and comprehensive. It provides you with a sound understanding of, and skills in, the core areas of accounting, auditing, taxation and financial management, from both a local and an international perspective. You will cover specialised modules such as Financial Accounting, Financial Management, Auditing, Taxation and Corporate Governance. Within these subject areas, you will develop analytical and practical skills in accounting and management control systems. You will also cover subject areas such as Business English, Computer Skills, Accounting on Computers, Economics and Corporate Law. The emphasis throughout is on application and developing practical quantitative and financial skills.

Much of the success of our commerce degree is due to our unique blended approach to teaching and learning. We have smaller class sizes, interactive lectures by highly dedicated staff and a curriculum that is relevant and ahead of trends. In addition to the subject-specific knowledge you gain, our methods ensure that you acquire essential work skills such as critical and analytical thinking, effective problem solving, ethical decision-making, self-discipline, working in teams and communicating effectively.

This degree paves the way to further training as a professional accountant.

✅ Entry requirements

- You need a South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) with Bachelor degree entry or an equivalent foreign secondary qualification on an NSC level with Bachelor degree entry approved by Universities South Africa (USAF).

Or

- If you have an international school-leaving certificate, you need to provide a certificate of exemption issued by Universities South Africa (USAF).

Or

- You should have successfully completed the relevant Pearson Institute foundation programme. On successful completion of the foundation programme, students are required to apply to Universities South Africa (USAF) for a certificate of exemption in order to be admitted to a degree programme.

Or

- You should have successfully completed a relevant higher certificate qualification. On successful completion of the higher certificate, students are required to apply to Universities South Africa (USAF) for a certificate of exemption in order to be admitted to a degree programme.

And

- You need 25 or more Pearson Institute points.
- You need 50% or above for Grade 12 Mathematics.

🔗 Possible career options

Do you have a knack for numbers?

The career choices for you, as a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting graduate, are varied and employment options include:

- Accounting: Chartered, cost and management, financial
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Financial Management
- Tax consulting

📍 This programme is offered at the following campuses

- Selected Pearson Institute Campuses

📖 Qualification structure

Year 1

Students are introduced to the basic principles of accounting.

- Business English
- Business Law
- Business Management 1A
- Business Management 1B
- Computer Skills
- Economics 1A
- Economics 1B
- Financial Accounting 1A
- Financial Accounting 1B
- Quantitative Techniques

Year 2

Students develop an intermediate level of knowledge and skills in the field of accounting.

- Accounting on Computers
- Auditing 2A
- Auditing 2B
- Corporate Law
- Financial Accounting 2A
- Financial Accounting 2B
- Management Accounting 2A
- Management Accounting 2B
- Taxation 2A
- Taxation 2B

Students who passed the accounting on Computers exam with 75%+ will receive a SAGE Pastel certificate.

Year 3

Students develop an advance level of knowledge and skills in the field of accounting.

- Auditing 3
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Accounting 3
- Financial Management 3
- Taxation 3