Overview

Accounting is concerned with the provision of information for the management of economic resources and activities by means of measurement, communication and interpretation of financial data; with the development of information systems; and with the financial accountability and governance of enterprises. By economic resources, we mean both tangible and intangible resources. Accounting information is increasingly used to manage intangible resources such as an organisation's knowledge base, its supplier/customer relationships, its brands, etc.

Accounting concepts lie at the heart of economic exchange, whether conducted in physical or electronic markets. It enables students to comprehend many of the fundamental principles, processes and outcomes of business, thereby equipping students for a wide range of careers (from chartered accounting, management consulting, provision of financial services to general management). Students of Accounting end up not just as accountants but as entrepreneurs, entertainment promoters, treasurers, chief financial officers, etc.
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Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this major is available

Bachelor of Commerce - BCom
3502 Commerce
Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years
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Bachelor of Economics - BEc
3543 Economics
Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years
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Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) - BCom(Co-op)
3554 Commerce (Co-op)
Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years
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Bachelor of Commerce (International) - BCom(International)
3558 Commerce (International)
Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years
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Bachelor of Actuarial Studies - BActSt
3586 Actuarial Studies
Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 144
Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Co-op) - BActSt (Co-op)

3587 Actuarial Studies (Co op)

Faculty: UNSW Business School
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 48 UOC.

Core Courses

Students must take 30 UOC of the following courses.

**ACCT1501** | 6 UOC  
Accounting and Financial Management 1A

**ACCT1511** | 6 UOC  
Accounting and Financial Management 1B

**ACCT2522** | 6 UOC  
Management Accounting 1

**ACCT2542** | 6 UOC  
Corporate Financial Reporting and Analysis

**ACCT3563** | 6 UOC  
Issues in Financial Reporting and Analysis

Prescribed Electives

Students must take 18 UOC of the following courses with at least 12 UOC being at Level 3 (i.e. ACCT3XXX).

Please Note:
- Students with a major in Accounting and Finance may count FINS3626 towards the Accounting major AND the Finance major.
- Students enrolled in 4733 Commerce/Law cannot take TABL2741 from the below elective list.
- Students may count ONE (6 UOC) of COMM2222, COMM2233, COMM3020, COMM3030, COMM3101, COMM3202 or TABL3033 towards their Accounting major.
- Students planning on studying Honours in Accounting should complete ACCT2507 Introduction to Accounting Research.

**ACCT2507** | 6 UOC
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Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Additional Information

HONOURS

Honours level study is available in Accounting.

Students interested in studying at Honours Level should refer to the relevant Honours plan record for entry requirements.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

CPA Australia

Associate membership of CPA Australia may be obtained with a UNSW undergraduate degree that incorporates a major in Accounting and completion of the other accredited courses to satisfy its core knowledge requirements. A list of the required courses can be accessed through www.cpaaustralia.com.au or the Professional Recognition of Programs for Undergraduate Students in the Online Handbook.

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (formerly the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia)

Graduates who have completed the required accredited courses in a UNSW undergraduate degree are eligible to enter the Chartered Accountants Program leading to membership. A list of the required courses can be accessed through www.charteredaccountants.com.au or the Professional Recognition of Programs for Undergraduate Students in the Online Handbook.

Institute of Public Accountants

The Institute of Public Accountants has approved UNSW for the purpose of its membership qualifications. Further information is available from Professional Recognition of Programs for Undergraduate Students in the Online Handbook.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please note that these requirements may be subject to change.

Students are advised to follow requirements according to the year they commenced. Please refer to previous editions of the Online Handbook for pre-2019 program requirements.

Contact the UNSW Business School Student Centre for advice.

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location: Level 1, room 1028, Quadrangle Building
Forms, policies and procedures
Frequently asked questions
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Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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