



Business
Masters

Master of Professional Accounting

240 points; 18 months

Likely roles include:

- Auditor
- Tax specialist
- Business adviser
- Systems accountant
- Management accountant

The Master of Professional Accounting is an 18-month coursework masters degree programme designed to prepare graduates for a career in accounting. You will acquire knowledge and skills in business, accounting, finance, commercial law and taxation.

Career prospects

With a Master of Professional Accounting you will have the skills and knowledge required to launch a career as an accountant with a chartered accountancy practice, industry or the public sector.

The 18-month Master of Professional Accounting is recognised as providing the academic preparation for graduates seeking to qualify as chartered accountants or certified practising accountants.

The programme is recognised as a pathway to becoming a chartered accountant through the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and a certified practising accountant through CPA Australia.

In addition, the programme is recognised by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and students who have completed the Master of Professional Accounting qualify for the maximum nine

exemptions. Graduates of this programme are also offered a fast track to Chartered Institute of Management Accountant (CIMA) membership through the Masters Gateway Assessment.

For more information about the additional practical experience and study module requirements for becoming a Chartered Accountant, please refer to the membership body websites.

Degree structure

The Master of Professional Accounting is an 18 month, 240-point programme studied over six quarters.

You will study core business courses before continuing on to study a set of specialised Accounting courses. You will also complete four professional development modules.

These are an important component of your degree, and will equip you with the professional skills that you will need to enhance your employability and success in the business world.

Core 1	Core 2	Specialisation in Accounting 3	Specialisation in Accounting 4	Advanced Specialisation in Accounting 5	Advanced Specialisation in Accounting 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing People and Organisations • Economics for Managers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reporting and Control • Business Analytics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reporting and Accounting • Business Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysing Financial Statements • Cost Accounting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Management Accounting • Accounting Information Systems • Commercial and Corporate Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation for Business • Auditing for Business • Capstone for MProfAcctg
Professional Development					

See overleaf for more detailed course descriptions



Course descriptions

Core	BUSMGT 711 Managing People and Organisations 15 points	Focuses on the foundations of organisational behaviour and managing within the workplace. Examines the challenges that managers and leaders face in managing people and organisations.
	BUSMGT 712 Business Analytics 15 points	Focuses on fact-based and data-driven decision making in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world. Examines decision biases and tools to overcome decision making under VUCA.
	BUSMGT 713 Financial Reporting and Control 15 points	Focuses on essential accounting knowledge for effective resource allocation and for quantifying, assessing, and communicating information about the health of the enterprise.
	BUSMGT 714 Economics for Managers 15 points	Examines attributes and behaviours of consumers, firms, markets and institutions and their impacts on the macroeconomy. Focuses on the micro and macroeconomic aspects of market actors from a managerial perspective.

Specialisation	BUSMGT 731 Financial Reporting and Accounting 15 points	Provides an overview of financial accounting principles within New Zealand and the understanding and application of New Zealand Financial Reporting Standards. Focuses on the role financial statements play in investment, analysis and contracting decisions.
	BUSMGT 732 Business Finance 15 points	Examines the functions of the markets for real and financial assets, and their valuation. Focuses on the various techniques that financial managers can create wealth for shareholders and stakeholders.
	BUSMGT 733 Analysing Financial Statement 15 points	Focuses on the analysis of financial statements and the assessments of an organisation's performance. Develops an understanding of appropriate tools and techniques used to measure and assess risk and value.
	BUSMGT 735 Cost Accounting 15 points	Design and management of revenue and cost management system. Analysis of budgets and standards, costing system, cost systems for decision-making and control, performance appraisal, and contemporary related issues.

Advanced specialisation	BUSMGT 734 Strategic Management Accounting 15 points	Critically analyses the role of strategic management accounting in facilitating strategic decision making and sustainable value creation. Evaluates strategic cost management tools and techniques, budgetary control systems and performance measurement through an applied research project.
	BUSACT 701 Commercial and Corporate Law 15 points	Examines the impact of the law on decision making and management of an organisation. Develops the ability to identify legal requirements, issues and mechanisms critical to managing the risk/reward profile of the firm and achieving its strategic objectives.
	BUSACT 702 Accounting Information Systems 15 points	Examines the process of development and distribution of accounting information for decision making. Emphases will be on the role of accounting information, business processes, system mapping and documentation through data flow diagrams and flowcharts, transaction cycles, and control of risk.
	BUSACT 703 Taxation for Business 15 points	Provides an overview of the Income Tax Act and the Goods and Services Tax Act and how they are relevant to taxpayers. Topics covered include the nature of income, taxation of common types of income, the deduction and prohibition of various types of expenses, tax accounting issues, provisional tax, rebates, PAYE system, tax returns, and an introduction to GST.
	BUSACT 704 Auditing for Business 15 points	Provides an understanding of the audit of financial statements that lends support to their credibility. Emphases will be on the audit process, including the planning stage to the issuing of the audit opinion.
	BUSACT 705 Capstone Project for MProfAcctg 15 points	Provides opportunities to extend and integrate the understanding of theoretical and practical issues in accounting through a 'real-world' business case. Involves the assessment of risk, cost of capital, financial analysis of performance, forecasting, and the development of recommendations for change and/or improvement.

Professional development	BUSMGT 701 - 7.5 points Module 1	Establishes an understanding of the complexity of organisational contexts and the challenges and issues which confront managers. Provides opportunities for the development of applied communication skills and personal career planning strategies to become an agile, reflective professional.
	BUSMGT 702 - 7.5 points Module 2	Develops key interpersonal strategies and skills to manage self and function effectively and cooperatively as a professional in a range of business environments. Creates understanding of an entrepreneurial mindset and emphasises techniques for identifying and evaluating business opportunities and presentation of self to the marketplace.
	BUSMGT 703 - 7.5 points Module 3	Engages the emerging manager in developing skills and capabilities that will enhance the ability to work effectively and manage others including cross-border contexts. Focuses on the application of tools and models through role plays and case studies.
	BUSMGT 704 - 7.5 points Module 4	Focuses on the development of advanced professional attributes which are essential to leadership including influencing others and managing change. Develops skills and competencies including advanced communication through the critical analysis of applied scenarios, cases and simulations.