



Commerce (Accounting)

careers

Educating Professionals
Creating and Applying Knowledge
Engaging our Communities



Fill the national shortfall of qualified accountants.

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) = your opportunity to enter an exciting international world that deals in the language of business.

Complete a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in accounting, at UniSA and you are on your way to a career where you can make a significant impact on business operations worldwide. This program gives you many career choices where your skills in analysing and planning the financial matters of organisations means you have an open door when seeking employment.

This qualification will give you flexibility to make broad choices about your career direction. The skills and knowledge this program of study helps you to develop are attributes that many employers worldwide are seeking.

You have an opportunity to enter an area that is dynamic and global. Increasing growth means that continuing employment options for graduates exist in an enormous range of areas – nationally and internationally.

Accounting graduates can enjoy the freedom of seeking work across many areas as most businesses and government departments require professionals skilled in accounting and financial management. By starting in a graduate entry position with this degree, you have the opportunity to progress towards specialist and management roles, offering you an upward career path that will be both challenging and rewarding.

Which Occupations?

This program gives students the education and skills necessary to be an accountant in public practice, commerce and industry and the public sector. Graduates of this degree can find employment as accountants; financial analysts; taxation agents; account keepers; auditors; management accountants; financial managers and forensic accountants.

Employment Snapshot

Accountants	
Job prospects:	GOOD
Employment predictions to 2014–15:	VERY STRONG
Occupation size:	VERY LARGE (173 200)
Ave weekly wage:	\$1403
% in FT work:	84%
Vacancy levels:	VERY HIGH
Employment Growth – 10 yrs:	53.6%
Finance Managers	
Job prospects:	AVERAGE
Employment predictions to 2014–15:	MODERATE
Occupation size:	VERY LARGE (45 300)
Ave weekly wage:	\$1910
% in FT work:	89.7%
Vacancy levels:	HIGH
Employment Growth – 10 yrs:	18.5%

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Graduates may also choose roles such as secretarial or administrative officers. The program also provides a sound qualification for careers in business and management.

Experiential Learning.

Commerce Work Practicum

The School of Commerce offers high achieving students the opportunity to apply the theories of their discipline in an actual business setting. The Practicum gives students the chance to:

- develop valuable workplace skills;
- gain greater insight into business;
- network and make invaluable industry contacts; and
- earn credit for an elective course towards their degree.

Professional Memberships

- The UniSA Commerce degree satisfies the requirements for graduates to qualify for Associate Membership with CPA Australia and for entry to the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia's professional program, the Chartered Accountants Program.

- Graduation from the Commerce degree has been recognised by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) as fulfilling the requirements for maximum exemption in the ACCA's professional program.

Career Focused Assessment

- Commerce degree students benefit from undertaking career focused assessment. Students apply their knowledge to assessment based on industry requirements, such as case studies, reports and presentations.
- Students study autonomously and in teams to develop skills highly regarded by industry.

Prizes/Awards and Scholarships

UniSA's valued industry partners offer a range of generous awards and scholarships:

- 15 Commerce specific individual prizes and awards;
- School of Commerce Honours Scholarship \$10,000 x 6 p/a.

More Information

Experiential learning in Commerce
www.unisa.edu.au/commerce/experientiallearning.asp

UniSA – helping you to make the most of your degree.

Career Services

Career Development Tool

This tool will give you step by step guidance to make the most of your degree. Graduate with a great degree – and also a degree of experience, a wallet full of contacts and a plan to succeed. Watch your emails for information on jobs, work experience, events and workshops.

www.unisa.edu.au/business/scd/experience.asp

Work Placement Scheme

The Work Placement Scheme offers support to students who wish to undertake placements in addition to their coursework. Placements are project based and flexible to allow you to coordinate study, work and life commitments. You receive support, insurance and a certificate upon successful completion of your placement.

www.unisa.edu.au/careers/employers/workplacementscheme.asp

MyCareerPlan

MyCareerPlan is UniSA's online database of employment opportunities, vacation internships and work experience, events and the Work Placement Scheme. Customise your own account, save your searches and build your resume.

<https://mycareerplan.unisa.edu.au>

Events

Career Services coordinate a range of events to connect students with industry. These include: the Careers and Employment Expo in March/April, Work Experience Fair mid-year and the International Careers Day held twice each year. Other smaller events in your study area are also offered to connect you with employers, work experience and career development.

www.unisa.edu.au/business/scd/default.asp

Workshops

From first to final year there are workshops on how to plan your study for career success, preparing for placements and work experience, communication in the business world and preparing for graduate applications and the selection process. Check out the schedule online on MyCareerPlan.

<https://mycareerplan.unisa.edu.au>

Global Experience

Gain a competitive edge and add value to your degree through Global Experience. This program is designed to expand your global knowledge, develop essential skills for your career and build your university experience. Global Experience will set you apart from the pack.

www.unisa.edu.au/globalexperience

Student Exchange

Gain a competitive advantage by going on an overseas exchange! Develop an international perspective, cultural awareness and broaden your career opportunities. Scholarships are available.

www.unisa.edu.au/exchange

Graduate Qualities

Graduate Qualities are personal attributes which are developed during your study. These qualities will distinguish you from other graduates.

www.unisa.edu.au/gradquals

Specific Student Groups

- Disability
- External Students
- Indigenous
- International
- Mature Age
- Research
- Rural
- Women in Non-Traditional

More information regarding Career Development for Specific Student Groups:

www-p.unisa.edu.au/careers/cdt/choices/groups.asp

Trent Justin

Year Graduated: 2006
Job Title: Senior Analyst
Employer: Deloitte Private

"I would strongly recommend that anyone looking for a career in accounting build their networks early. Attend the CA and CPA career expos early in your uni journey and I strongly recommend applying for vacation work. I had my first accounting job lined up a year before I graduated through attending these expos."

To read more Alumni Profiles please visit:

www.unisa.edu.au/business/scd/alumniadvice.asp



Further information

For more information about the programs, including fees, visit:
www.unisa.edu.au/programs
Program code: DBCC

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