Accounting
A degree specific or second major

Information for enrolling students

Why study Accounting? Example study plans
What do accountants really do?

You may be required to:

- Formulate budgetary and accounting policies
- Prepare financial statements
- Undertake audits
- Advise on matters such as the purchase and sale of businesses, mergers, financing, and taxation
- Examine income and expenditure
- Assess cash flow and financial risk of investment projects

What jobs can you get?

- Auditor
- Finance manager
- Investment analyst
- Tax agent
- And lots more!
Accounting – a great career choice

• Accounting is essential to effective decision making within an organisation

• Choose focused study in either financial accounting or management accounting

• The Accounting major is fully accredited by the three professional accounting bodies:
  • Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
    www.charteredaccountants.com.au
  • CPA Australia
    www.cpaaustralia.com.au
  • Institute of Public Accountants
    www.publicaccountants.org.au
How do I major in Accounting?

• As a degree specific major within the Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

OR

• As a second major within any of UWA’s five undergraduate degrees

Accounting is often combined with the following majors:
• Business Law
• Economics (single major)
• Finance
• Management
• Natural Resource Management

Remember – you can choose to combine Accounting with almost any other UWA major!
“Upon graduation, I moved to Sydney where I have been working as a management consultant at Port Jackson Partners.

I work with high profile corporate clients to identify and improve the performance of their businesses. We do this through conducting a diagnostic on the internal and external pressures facing the business and tailoring a solution that is both sustainable and operationally achievable by the organisation.”

- Catherine Mah
Accounting as a degree-specific major

A typical full-time first enrolment would be eight (8) units for the year (four units per semester); those students wishing to undertake Accounting as a degree-specific major within the Bachelor of Commerce; will need to undertake two (2) core level one units:

- ACCT1101 Financial Accounting
- FINA1221 Introduction to Finance

in addition to four (4) complementary units:

- ECON1101 Microeconomics: Prices & Markets
- MGMT1135 Organisational Behaviour
- MKTG1203 Marketing Management
- STAT1520 Economic and Business Statistics

The remaining two (2) units in your first enrolment as a full time student could be broadening units taken from outside the Bachelor of Commerce degree course

http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/majors/bp002/mjdacctg
First-year Study Plan: FSP002-1

Degree: BP002 Bachelor of Commerce
This plan leads to a choice of:
Degree-specific major: Accounting, Economics (double major)†, Economics (single major), Finance
Second major: Accounting, Economics (single major), Finance
Broadening units: LAWS1120 (Cat. B)

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* This unit is available in semester 1, semester 2.
† This double major can only be taken on its own.
^ ECON1111 Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics is to be taken by students who have completed Mathematics 2C/2D or equivalent, prior to undertaking STAT1520

This study plan is an example of a full-time load of four units per semester.

The standard minimum completion time for a bachelor’s degree is three years. The maximum completion time is 10 years.

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handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/studyplans
If you choose to undertake a second major from outside the Bachelor of Commerce, the units you complete in a second major chosen from Arts; Science; or Design would satisfy the Category B broadening unit requirement of your degree and possibly the Category A requirement depending upon unit selection.

If you choose to undertake a second major offered within the Bachelor of Commerce you must complete four (4) broadening units chosen from any discipline outside the Bachelor of Commerce degree course, including at least one Category A broadening unit. You can view a full list of broadening units including Category A broadening units online via UWA undergraduate handbooks.

- handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/about/broadening
- handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/courses/bp002/com_major
# Three-year study plan

## Course Study Plan: CSP002-ACCTG-1

**Degree:** BP002 Bachelor of Commerce  
**Degree-specific major:** MJD-ACCTG Accounting (two Level 1 units + two Level 2 units + four Level 3 units)

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**Key:**  
- Degree-specific major unit  
- Broadening unit: Category A or B  
- Complementary unit  
- Elective

* This unit is available in semester 1, semester 2.  
**Note:** If you take the Accounting major and are seeking professional accreditation by entering the Chartered Accountants Program, you will need to take the following electives: LAW81104 or LAW81120 and LAW82301.

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What if I want to be accredited?

To ensure your Accounting major is accredited by the professional Accounting bodies, you may need to study additional units to those required by UWA for the Accounting major. The following units are approved by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and will also meet UWA’s requirements for the Accounting major. To meet CAANZ accreditation guidelines, you must graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce with passes in all subjects accredited by CAANZ and pass the CAANZ program.

**First Year**
- ACCT1101 Financial Accounting
- FINA1221 Introduction to Finance
- ECON1101 Microeconomics, Prices and Markets
- LAWS1104 Introduction to Law OR
- LAWS1120 Australian Legal Principles and Institutions
- STAT1520 Economic and Business Statistics

**Second/Third Year**
- ACCT2112 Management Accounting
- ACCT2201 Corporate Accounting
- ACCT2331 Taxation
- ACCT3321 Financial Accounting: Theory and Practice
- ACCT3322 Auditing
- ACCT3302 Financial Statement Analysis OR
- FINA2207 Business Analysis & Valuation
- LAWS2301 Company Law
The Society has two levels of membership status: Associate and CPA. Membership is open to graduates holding a Bachelor of Commerce that includes specified subjects. The sequence of units below has been approved by CPA Australia and includes UWA’s requirements for the Accounting major.

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Students may elect to omit ACCT3322 Auditing and/or ACCT2331 Taxation; however equivalent CPA Australia modules must then be completed as part of the CPA programme.
Accounting as a second major

Accounting can be taken as a second major in the following degree courses:

- BP001 Bachelor of Arts
- BP002 Bachelor of Commerce
- BP003 Bachelor of Design
- BP004 Bachelor of Science
- BH005 Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

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# Accounting as a second major: Study plan

**Course Study Plan: CSPGeneric-DSMGeneric-ACCTG-1**

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The UWA Business School has a range of student groups. These will allow you to attend professional development events, take on leadership positions and make new friends!

Student groups include:
- ECOMS (Economics and Commerce Student Society)
- FAWA (Finance Association of Western Australia)
- SMIF (Student Managed Investment Fund)
- MARKAM (The Marketing and Management Association of UWA)
- UWACS (UWA Consulting Society)
- Enactus
- Bloom
- AIESEC

Learn more at business.uwa.edu.au/students/faculty-groups-and-societies
Other great ideas

There are lots of wonderful opportunities available to you as a Business School student. For example:

**Peer Assisted Study Sessions** (To assist first year Business students)
business.uwa.edu.au/students/pass

**International Exchange and Study Abroad**
business.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange

**Volunteering**
volunteering.guild.uwa.edu.au

**Guild Clubs**
guild.uwa.edu.au/welcome/clubs
If you have completed some study at tertiary level and you are applying for, or have been granted, advanced standing (credit for prior study); or if you have any queries regarding studying in the UWA Business School you can contact an advisor in the Student Centre to assist in determining your first enrolment.

We look forward to speaking with you!

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