

Master of Professional Accounting (297JA.4)

Please note these are the 2026 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	N/A
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School
UAC code	880161
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.5 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
View IELTS equivalences	

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.
View UC's academic entry requirements	

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About this course

Become an Australian Trained Accountant

The UC Master of Professional Accounting course is the perfect study pathway for those looking for any one of the following outcomes:

1. Those students who already hold an undergraduate degree in another field but considering exploring switching careers and becoming an accountant.
2. Internationally educated accountants, looking to meet the minimum entry requirements for working in Australia as established by the CPA (Certified Practicing Accountant) Australia, and CAANZ (Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand). The MPA program is also accredited by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Australia (CMA Australia) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA-UK).

This full-time 2-year course has been carefully designed in close consultation with industry experts to help you maximise the quality of your time here at UC. Offering friendly, supportive and more engaging classes, this course is uniquely developed to help equip you with the necessary professional and technical skills to enter the Australian accounting industry with confidence.

Covering a diverse range of subjects such as Government Finance Management, Micro-finance, entrepreneurship and more, this course will bring you up to speed with the latest accounting practices, and help you meet the legal and professional requirements as determined by the professional accounting bodies of Australia.

So, whether you're looking at becoming a practicing accountant, or going into business as an entrepreneur, or business consultant, this

course is the perfect course to help put you on the fast track to personal and professional success.

Study the Master of Professional Accounting at UC and you will:

- gain extensive technical, analytical and practical accounting skills
- learn the accepted industry ethics and integrity standards
- gain unprecedented access to industry contacts
- work on real world problems in practical environments
- explore professional accounting practices in industry, government and private practice.
- forge strong professional industry networks
- graduate with an internationally recognised qualification
- gain admission as an associate member of CPA Australia, or CAANZ

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL is a vital component of the UC Master of Professional Accounting journey as it allows students to gain extensive practical experience working on real-world research projects, case studies, industry briefs, all while working alongside highly skilled and experienced industry mentors.

In this highly focused, engaging and nurtured learning environment, UC students will be encouraged to develop work-ready technical accountancy skills and build their professional networks – thus building their confidence using a range of industry accounting packages, and ensuring graduates enter the workforce with a robust industry-based professional set connections already established.

Career opportunities

The UC Master of Professional Accounting Course is a globally recognise and respected qualification that will expose graduates to a wide range of industries and numerous job opportunities all over the world including, but not limited to:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Tax Manager
- Finance Director
- Cost Account Manager
- Senior Financial Analyst
- Compliance Manager
- Accounting Manager
- Forensic Accountant
- Personal Finance Advisor
- Entertainment Production Accountant
- Auditor
- Budget Analyst

Professional accreditation

The Master of Professional Accounting is accredited by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and CPA Australia.

Admission requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor degree or equivalent as approved by the University. There are no work experience requirements. Students who have undertaken an undergraduate degree with a major in accounting with an Australian institution are ineligible for entry to the degree.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	✓	✓
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	✓	✓
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	✓	✓

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

University Of Canberra College

[Graduate Certificate in Academic Foundations \(32386\)](#)

Course requirements

Master of Professional Accounting (297JA) | 48 credit points

Required - Must pass 39 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[Accounting Systems & Practices G \(6222\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Business Finance PG \(6224\) | 3 credit points – Level P](#)

[Business Law G \(6225\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

[Economics for Managers G \(6234\) | 3 credit points – Level G](#)

Management Accounting PG (6253) | 3 credit points – Level P

Research Methods PG (9505) | 3 credit points – Level P

Corporate Accounting PG (11403) | 3 credit points – Level P

Law of Business Associations PG (11404) | 3 credit points – Level P

Quantitative Methods in Commerce G (11405) | 3 credit points – Level G

Revenue Law PG (11406) | 3 credit points – Level P

Accounting and Decision Support Systems PG (11407) | 3 credit points – Level P

Auditing and Assurance PG (11786) | 3 credit points – Level P

Advanced Issues in Accounting PG (11788) | 3 credit points – Level P

Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows

Part B - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Managing Government Finance G (6260) | 3 credit points – Level G

Risk Management PG (8426) | 3 credit points – Level P

Entrepreneurship PG (9691) | 3 credit points – Level P

Advanced Revenue Law PG (11787) | 3 credit points – Level P

Law of Financial Services PG (11789) | 3 credit points – Level P

Public Sector Performance Management PG (12085) | 3 credit points – Level P

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

BGL Research Project PG (9504) | 3 credit points – Level P

BGL Industry Project PG (11397) | 3 credit points – Level P

BGL Internship A PG (12086) | 3 credit points – Level P

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Accounting Systems & Practices G (6222)

Business Law G (6225)

Economics for Managers G (6234)

Quantitative Methods in Commerce G (11405)

Semester 2

Corporate Accounting PG (11403)

Law of Business Associations PG (11404)

Management Accounting PG (6253)

Research Methods PG (9505)

Year 2**Semester 1**

Accounting and Decision Support Systems PG (11407)

Restricted choice elective

Advanced Issues in Accounting PG (11788)

Revenue Law PG (11406)

Semester 2

Two restricted choice electives

Auditing and Assurance PG (11786)

Business Finance PG (6224)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1**Semester 2**

Accounting Systems & Practices G (6222)

Business Law G (6225)

Economics for Managers G (6234)

Management Accounting PG (6253)

Year 2**Semester 1**

[Corporate Accounting PG \(11403\)](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce G \(11405\)](#)

[Research Methods PG \(9505\)](#)

[Revenue Law PG \(11406\)](#)

Semester 2

[Auditing and Assurance PG \(11786\)](#)

[Business Finance PG \(6224\)](#)

[Law of Business Associations PG \(11404\)](#)

Restricted choice elective

Year 3

Semester 1

[Accounting and Decision Support Systems PG \(11407\)](#)

[Advanced Issues in Accounting PG \(11788\)](#)

Two restricted choice electives

Standard Part Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Accounting Systems & Practices G \(6222\)](#)

[Business Law G \(6225\)](#)

Semester 2

[Economics for Managers G \(6234\)](#)

[Management Accounting PG \(6253\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Corporate Accounting PG \(11403\)](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce G \(11405\)](#)

Semester 2

[Business Finance PG \(6224\)](#)

[Law of Business Associations PG \(11404\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Accounting and Decision Support Systems PG \(11407\)](#)

[Revenue Law PG \(11406\)](#)

Semester 2

[Auditing and Assurance PG \(11786\)](#)

[Research Methods PG \(9505\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Advanced Issues in Accounting PG \(11788\)](#)

Restricted choice elective

Semester 2

Two restricted choice electives

Standard Part Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

[Accounting Systems & Practices G \(6222\)](#)

[Economics for Managers G \(6234\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Business Law G \(6225\)](#)

[Corporate Accounting PG \(11403\)](#)

Semester 2

[Management Accounting PG \(6253\)](#)

[Research Methods PG \(9505\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Accounting and Decision Support Systems PG \(11407\)](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce G \(11405\)](#)

Semester 2

[Business Finance PG \(6224\)](#)

[Law of Business Associations PG \(11404\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Advanced Issues in Accounting PG \(11788\)](#)

[Revenue Law PG \(11406\)](#)

Semester 2

Restricted choice elective

[Auditing and Assurance PG \(11786\)](#)

Year 5

Semester 1

Two restricted choice electives

Course information

Course duration

Standard 2 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 6 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Develop an advanced and integrated understanding of accounting and related disciplines required to practice as an accountant;	UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas;
Exercise initiative and professional judgement to produce well	UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively; use

developed advice and arguments in solving financial problems;

creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload;

UC graduates are global citizens: adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries;

UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas;

Display professional communication skills and the ability to transmit knowledge, skills and ideas using a variety of communication styles, as would be expected by audiences from technical or non-technical backgrounds.

UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

UC graduates are global citizens: communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;

Argue and justify ethical, socially responsible and sustainable business decisions in a complex business environment demonstrating high levels of personal autonomy and accountability;

UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

UC graduates are global citizens: behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

Evaluate and explain accounting and financial transactions to a broad range of stakeholders, including managers, clients, regulators, etc, and navigate in an increasingly complex financial, legal, economic and global business environment including recent developments in these fields;

UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively;

UC graduates are global citizens: think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings;

Critically analyse, interpret and synthesise complex financial and related information, problems, concepts or theories;

UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems;

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Professional Accounting	M ProfAcc

Alternative exits

Alternative Exits:

MGG001 Graduate Diploma in Accounting - On completion of 24 credit points.

MGC001 Graduate Certificate in Accounting - On completion of 12 credit points.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.