

ACCOUNTING

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA AND HONOURS IN ACCOUNTING

The School of Accounting, Economics and Finance offers a Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA) and a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Accountancy on its Pietermaritzburg and Westville Campuses.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

The objective of the Programme is for students to obtain a PGDA together with a Certificate in the Theory of Accounting or CTA which will entitle them to write the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Part 1 (board) exam, or alternatively for students to pass all four modules in two years in order to obtain a PGDA.

Programme structure

The PGDA is designed to prepare students for the SAICA Part 1 exam. This objective is met if students pass all four modules in one sitting. By one sitting is meant the year-end exam and if necessary one supplementary exam for one module.

Students can alternatively obtain a PGDA by passing all four modules over two years, i.e. some in the first year and the balance in the second year.

Programme teaching method

Lectures are held on four days of the week. On each of these four days, one module per day is taught in three lecture periods followed by a double tutorial.

Programme modules

The following four modules are presented in the programme:

- Advanced Accounting
- Advanced Auditing
- Advanced Managerial Accounting and Finance
- Advanced Taxation

Eligibility

Only students who hold a BCom (Accounting) or an equivalent degree and who have obtained a minimum mark of 55% in Accounting 300 and a minimum aggregate of 55% across the four third year modules of the BCom (Accounting) or its equivalent, are eligible for the PGDA.

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HONOURS IN ACCOUNTING

The objective of the Programme is for students to obtain a BCom Honours Accounting degree together with a Certificate in the Theory of Accounting (CTA) which will entitle them to write the SAICA Part 1 (board) exam, or alternatively for students to obtain a BCom Honours in Accounting only.

Programme structure

The BCom Honours in Accounting is designed to prepare students for the SAICA Part 1 exam. This objective is met if students pass all four modules in one sitting and submit a research project which achieves a pass mark. By one sitting is meant the year-end exam and if necessary one supplementary exam for one of the four modules.

Students can alternatively obtain the BCom Honours in Accounting by passing Advanced Accounting, achieving a pass mark for the research project and passing two of the three remaining modules in one year.

Programme teaching method

Lectures are held on four days of the week. On each of these four days, one module per day is taught in three lecture periods followed by a double tutorial. Students work on their research project in their spare time.

Programme modules

The following four modules are presented in the programme:

- Advanced Accounting
- Advanced Auditing
- Advanced Managerial Accounting and Finance and
- Advanced Tax. Students must in addition do a research project on an approved topic.

Each of these four core modules comprises 32 credits.

Programme teachers

The Programme will be taught by staff from the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance – Accounting Discipline and occasionally by invited experts and practitioners. The research projects are supervised by staff in the School.

Eligibility

Only students who hold a BCom (Accounting) or an equivalent degree and who have obtained a minimum mark of 55% in all four third-year modules, are eligible for the BCom Honours in Accounting. Meeting the above minimum criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the BCom Honours in Accounting Programme as places are limited. Selection will be according to academic performance and preference will be given to UKZN students.

Closing date for applications

All applications should be submitted before 20 December of each year for registration in the following year.

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Note: The Programme/modules offered are subject to student enrolments.

The School of Accounting, Economics and Finance will also consider applications for Masters and PhD study by Research in the field of Accounting. Prospective students may contact the School for further information.

