



Business  
Masters

# Master of Professional Accounting

## Likely roles include:

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

## 240 points; 18 months

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 along with a set of specialised Accounting courses. You will also complete two 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	Core	Specialisation in Accounting	Specialisation in Accounting	Advanced Specialisation in Accounting	Advanced Specialisation in Accounting
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing People and Organisations</li> <li>• Economics for Managers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Reporting and Control</li> <li>• Principles of Business Analytics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Reporting and Accounting</li> <li>• Business Finance</li> <li>• Professional Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysing Financial Statements</li> <li>• Management Accounting</li> <li>• Communicating Business Insights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Management Accounting</li> <li>• Accounting Information Systems</li> <li>• Commercial and Corporate Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxation for Business</li> <li>• Auditing for Business</li> <li>• Capstone Project for MProfAcctg</li> </ul>

See overleaf for more detailed course descriptions



## Course descriptions

Core	BUSMGT 711 - 15 points Managing People and Organisations	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 - 15 points Principles of Business Analytics	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 - 15 points Financial Reporting and Control	Focuses on essential accounting knowledge for effective resource allocation and for quantifying, assessing, and communicating information about the health of the enterprise.
	BUSMGT 714 - 15 points Economics for Managers	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 - 15 points Financial Reporting and Accounting	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 - 15 points Business Finance	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 707 - 15 Points Professional Development	Develops key interpersonal strategies and communication skills to become an agile, reflective professional and to manage the professional self effectively and cooperatively in a range of business environments. Enhances the emerging manager's ability to lead and influence others in both cross-cultural contexts and uncertainty.
	BUSMGT 733 - 15 points Analysing Financial Statement	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 - 15 points Management Accounting	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.
	BUSMGT 708 - 15 points Communicating Business Insights	Equips students with the ability to utilise data visualisation tools and techniques in crafting and adapting data communication strategies for different types of audiences. Develops critical evaluation of the presentation of data and the implications for ethical communication.
Advanced specialisation	BUSMGT 734 - 15 points Strategic Management Accounting	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 - 15 points Commercial and Corporate Law	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 - 15 points Accounting Information Systems	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 - 15 points Taxation for Business	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 - 15 points Auditing for Business	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 - 15 points Capstone Project for MProfAcctg	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.

The information in this document is provided as a general guide only for students and is subject to alteration.