



Bachelor of Applied Business Administration

Advance your career in accounting with the Bachelor of Applied Business Administration (Accounting). This post-diploma applied degree program is available through full-time studies. Learn from faculty with real-world accounting experience as you develop practical knowledge in taxation, advanced management and financial accounting, auditing, leadership, and more.

This program consists of ten academic courses and followed by two semesters of Directed Field Studies (DFS). In DFS, you secure your own paid work placement, with approval from the Academic Chair, and apply your skills in a real-world setting. You graduate from this program with pre-requisite courses you need to enter the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program.

Is this the right fit for me?

To be successful in this program, you should:

- invest time and energy into your coursework
- have access to a computer prior to enrolling in the program due to the amount of technology used in the curriculum
- be able to read, write and understand the English language at a high level.

Credentials

After successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT Bachelor of Applied Business Administration degree.

This applied degree is recognized as meeting the pre-requisite educational requirements needed to enter the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program.

Admission Requirements

Admission dates

This program may not have an intake every semester. See available intakes above.

Intake semester	Semester begins	Applications open	Domestic applications close*	International applications close
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	March 30, 2022	Oct. 27, 2022	Now closed
Spring 2023	May 8, 2023	June 13, 2022	Feb. 24, 2023	Now closed
Summer 2023	July 4, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	April 28, 2023	June 20, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	June 28, 2023	May 23, 2023
Winter 2024	Jan. 8, 2024	March 29, 2023	Oct. 26, 2023	Sept. 28, 2023
Spring 2024	May 6, 2024	June 12, 2023	Feb. 23, 2024	Jan. 22, 2024

*In some instances, domestic applications will be accepted after the application deadline. In that case, the program's intake status will remain open.

Program requirements

Completion of the following courses or equivalents.

- Applicants must have completed a two-year Business Administration or Accounting diploma or equivalent at an accredited post-secondary institution, with a minimum 2.3 grade-point average, (67% or C+).
 - This diploma must include a minimum of 20 courses, or 60 credits, and contain the following coursework: Intermediate Accounting, Business Communications, Financial Management, Management Accounting, Systems and Marketing.

All applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada. SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

Direct entry: five-step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: Review the selection information to understand the process and deadlines.

- Applications and [proof of the admission requirements](#) must be submitted by Aug. 15 (fall intake) or Dec. 1 (winter intake) to be included in selection.
- Applicants who have graduated from SAIT with a diploma in Business Administration majoring in Accounting with a minimum GPA of 2.3 will be offered admission on a first-qualified, first-offered basis. Once the program is full, qualified applicants will be placed on a waitlist.
- Applicants who do not have a diploma in accounting from SAIT will be placed into selection for review.
- Applicants who have not completed the following SAIT courses must demonstrate successful completion of coursework containing content similar to the following courses:
 - Intermediate Financial Accounting II - ACCT 350
 - Communication and Presentation Skills - COMN 220
 - Finance Management - FNCE 390
 - Introductory Management Accounting - ACCT 338
 - Marketing Essentials - MKTG 260
 - Information Systems - MNGT 322

Step 4: [Apply](#) to the program and [submit your transcripts](#).

Step 5: Continue to monitor changes to your [application status](#) through [mySAIT.ca](#).

You must [submit final transcripts/grades](#) to show you have completed the courses and met the minimum admission requirements by the transcript deadline or your seat will be rescinded.

Program completion

Students in applied degree programs have seven years to complete the credential requirements. The time limitation begins on the date the student starts the first course in the credential. For more information, refer to [AC.3.1.1 Grading and Progression](#).

This program meets the eligibility criteria for the [Post-Graduation Work Permit program](#) for international students as long as the student is enrolled in the on-campus delivery mode or completes more than 50% of the courses on campus (for the blended option). International students attending all classes online will NOT be eligible for a Post-Graduate Work Permit. International students are responsible for maintaining their eligibility throughout their studies.

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the business.advising@sait.ca domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

When do classes start?

Classes begin	Year start date	Year-end date
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023
Spring 2023	May 8, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	April 26, 2024

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$233

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
3	2	\$6,990	\$916	\$553	\$8,459
4	2	\$2,586.30	\$916	\$553	\$3,735.30

Domestic cost per course

Course credits	Course cost
1.5	\$349.50
3.0	\$699

International tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$866.87

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
3	2	\$26,006.10	\$916	\$553	\$27,475.10
4	2	\$9,622.26	\$916	\$553	\$11,091.26

International cost per course

Course credits	Course cost
1.5	\$1,300.31
3.0	\$2,600.61

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$196
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$320
- Student support fee: \$200
- Student technology fee: \$200

The above fees are based on a course load of nine (9) or more credits per semester. Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for the Upass. Other fees will be adjusted based on reduced credit load.

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$291

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for health and dental benefits.

For more information on health and dental benefits for international students, please contact the [International Centre](#).

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.