



Bachelor of Applied Business Administration

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Overview

The Bachelor of Applied Business Administration (Accounting) program offers an opportunity to advance your career in accounting through a curriculum designed to enhance your knowledge and skills.

This post-diploma applied degree program is available full-time, providing you with the expertise you need to excel in the accounting field or some finance roles.

Practical learning from experienced faculty

Learn from faculty members with real-world accounting experience. They will guide you through courses that include taxation, advanced management and financial accounting, auditing, and leadership.

Throughout the program, you'll achieve various outcomes essential for success in the business and accounting fields. These include using financial and accounting principles and applying mathematical formulae and statistical calculations to support business functions.

Ethical and legal foundations

You'll learn to model the ethical expectations of the accounting profession and understand the principles of the Canadian legal system and fundamental laws governing business ownership and transactions.

Embracing technology

Integrating information and communication technology for efficient business practices is crucial in today's digital age. The program equips you with the skills to leverage technology effectively and make informed decisions using audit methods.

Communication, strategy and research skills

Effective communication is a key skill you'll acquire, enabling you to convey information, present sound arguments, and reliably conduct accurate analysis.

To thrive in a global business environment requires an integrative and strategic mindset. You will develop the capacity for independent research and critical evaluation of information. You'll also gain experience in teamwork within increasingly complex environments.

Professionalism

The program emphasizes operating within the boundaries of professional bodies and following regulatory requirements.

You will learn to maintain the highest standards of accounting professionalism. You'll develop personal skills and professional behaviours for effective management practices and be able to demonstrate responsible leadership within complex and dynamic environments.

A path to the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) program

The program consists of ten academic courses followed by two semesters of Directed Field Studies. During your field studies, you secure your own paid work placement, gaining hands-on experience in a real-world setting.

Students completing this program after graduating from SAIT's Business Administration diploma – Accounting major will have the prerequisite courses required to enter the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program (PEP), opening doors to exciting career opportunities in the world of accounting. If you completed your diploma outside of SAIT, we recommend visiting the CPA Alberta website to learn more about PEP prerequisites including which ones you would complete in this applied degree program.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Those working in the accounting field tend to be methodical, innovative, and directive.

You need:

- high ethical standards
- strong communication skills
- critical-thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills
- time-management skills
- the ability to work independently or as part of a team.

You should enjoy following rules, working within highly structured processes, and creative problem-solving. You should also be comfortable providing direction to others.

Academic path

You must have a two-year Business Administration or Accounting diploma or equivalent from an accredited post-secondary institution, with a minimum 2.3 grade-point average (67% or C+) to enter this program.

Professional designations and certifications

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

Credentials

After successfully completing this program, you'll receive a SAIT Bachelor of Applied Business Administration degree.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

This program has two directed accounting field studies courses where you'll find your paid work placement and gain hands-on experience in a real-world setting.

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

Applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) and meet all the following requirements or equivalents:

- 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.

Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements outlined above with an international document assessment. [Find accepted educational documents and assessment options.](#)

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

Costs

2025/26 tuition and fees

The following estimated costs are effective as of July 1, 2025.

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees is based on the suggested schedule of study. Following a modified schedule will impact the fees you pay per semester and may alter final costs.

The second year of this program is dedicated to a practicum placement where you will earn 30.0 credits towards your degree. Only billable hours amounting to 11.1 credits are used to calculate the tuition rate for this year.

Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$7,260	\$1,668.60	\$8,928.60
2	2	\$2,686.20	\$1,668.60	\$4,354.80
Total cost:				\$13,283.40

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

International Students

The program total is based on the estimated amount you will pay if you enter this program during the 2025/26 academic year. The program total amount listed on your letter of admission may appear higher. This amount is your maximum tuition guarantee for the program. SAIT will not exceed this maximum, regardless of changes in tuition and fees between academic years.

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$27,180	\$1,668.60	\$28,848.60
2	2	\$10,056.60	\$1,668.60	\$11,725.20
Total cost:				\$40,573.80

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

Books and Supplies

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

This is a bring-your-own-device program with a standard computer hardware and software requirement. See the specific requirements on our [computers and laptops page](#).

Find your booklist on the [SAIT Bookstore's](#) website. The booklist will be available closer to your program start date. Can't find your program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program advisor directly to determine if they're still refining course details or, if you're in luck, no textbook purchase is required this term.