Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting Major

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Overview

In the Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting major, you'll learn about measuring financial performance, advanced accounting topics and quantitative skills.

It includes the courses you need to enter the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program. If you're interested in finance, ethics, and problem-solving and want diverse career options, this major is for you.

Understanding how financial information affects business decisions is crucial in a changing global environment. Our program blends both management and financial accounting concepts. It provides valuable insights in various business settings.

You'll assess financial and operational results to improve performance and ensure accurate financial reporting.

You'll also learn about tax regulations to help clients follow government rules and accounting standards.

Our program will enable you to analyze and evaluate finance concepts and make informed recommendations.

Information systems are vital for efficient business practices in today's digital world. You'll study management information systems and learn how technology can optimize operations and decision-making.

Ethical behaviour is essential for accountants. Our program emphasizes integrity, transparency, and ethical decision-making.

The Accounting major will prepare you to excel in accounting and become a well-rounded business professional with the skills and integrity needed in financial accounting in today's business world.

Minors

Opportunities for additional specialization are available through the following optional minors.

Construction Project Management: A pathway to business roles in Canada's booming construction sector, focusing on managing significant capital projects, addressing design, risk, and conflict management.

Energy, Oil and Gas: A curriculum designed to prepare you for Alberta's energetic and changing energy landscape, with courses on technical, regulatory, and economic aspects from the renowned MacPhail School of Energy.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Accountants 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, directing others, and creative problem-solving.

SAIT program pathways

Those who have previously completed the SAIT Accounting, Business and Entrepreneurship, Community Economic Development, Management and Leadership, or Marketing certificates can receive course credit for classes. The number of applicable credits will vary by certificate.

Those who have a SAIT Business Administration diploma with a major in Accounting may be eligible to enter this program in year

three and earn their degree with a further two years of study.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

During your final year (with at least 90 credits complete), you'll participate in a practicum or capstone project.

If you choose a practicum, you'll reflect, research, analyze, evaluate and recommend solutions to real-world business problems with an existing business, showcasing your skills to prospective employers. You'll be responsible for finding employment for this practicum, which the Academic Chair must approve.

If you choose a capstone project, you'll work individually or as part of a project team on a series of activities and simulations drawn from multiple disciplines to create a strategic and operating business start-up plan.

Accreditations, designations and certifications

This program and major are accredited by the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) program. SAIT ensures the core courses offered are aligned with the CPA competency map.

In addition, when you graduate, you'll have completed all pre-requisite courses required to enter the CPA prep program.

Alternatively, you can pursue the Master of Professional Accounting (MPACC) program, a comprehensive graduate-level accounting program that is an alternate route for those seeking the CPA designation in Canada.

Credentials

Upon successful completion of this program, you'll receive a SAIT Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting.

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet one of the following requirement options or equivalent.

Admission is determined based on an applicant's academic history, including high school and post-secondary courses. Post-secondary level courses with similar learning outcomes may be considered to meet admission requirements.

SAIT accepts high school course equivalents for admission for applicants educated outside Alberta.

Option one

An overall minimum average of 65%, calculated using your final grades in:

- English 30-1 (must have achieved at least 60%), and
- Math 30-1 (must have achieved at least 60%) or Math 30-2 (must have achieved at least 70%), and
- two courses from Group A, and
- one course from either Group A or B.

Group A (academics)

Academic courses may include Grade 12, 30-level (including CTS courses) or post-secondary equivalent*.

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Finance
- Geography
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- Information Technology
- Languages
- Management

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- Mathematics 31
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Sciences
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Studies 30-1
- Sociology

*Other courses may be considered.

Group B (other)

One of the following:

- Art 30 or 31
- Drama 30
- Music 30 (choral, instrumental, general)
- Physical Education 30
- Religion 35
- Social Studies 30-2

OR

- Other five-credit Grade 12 subjects or a combination of two three-credit Grade 12 subjects may be considered.
- Five credits of advanced career and technology courses.
- Business-related high school dual-credit courses may be used for admission purposes.

Option two

A SAIT Business Administration diploma or a Bachelor of Applied Business Administration or equivalent from an accredited post-secondary institution, with a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA (67% or C+).

Option three

A two-year diploma or a bachelor's degree from an accredited post-secondary institution, with a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA (67% or C+) and completion of English 30-1 and Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 or equivalents.

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 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

2026/27 tuition and fees

The following estimated costs are effective as of July 1, 2026.

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees is based on completing 30 credits over two semesters each academic year. Following a modified schedule will impact the fees you pay per semester and may alter final costs.

Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year

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1	2	$7,620	$1,764.50	$9,384.50
2	2	$7,620	$1,764.50	$9,384.50
3	2	$7,620	$1,764.50	$9,384.50
4	2	$7,620	$1,764.50	$9,384.50
			Total cost:	**$37,538**

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 2026/27 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	$21,720	$1,764.50	$23,484.50
2	2	$21,720	$1,764.50	$23,484.50
3	2	$21,720	$1,764.50	$23,484.50
4	2	$21,720	$1,764.50	$23,484.50
			Total cost:	**$93,938**

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 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 close to your start date. Can't find your program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program directly to determine if they're still refining course details or if you're in luck; no textbook purchase is required for that term.