Business Administration - Accounting Major

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Overview

Our Business Administration - Accounting major will help you build practical and fundamental accounting skills and understand how to analyze a company's financial performance. If you're interested in finance and math, problem-solving, and ethics and want diverse career options, this major is for you.

You'll learn how to use accounting principles in real businesses. You'll be able to make and understand financial statements, which is essential in the business world.

We'll teach you how to calculate taxes for different business situations. Understanding tax laws is crucial for making smart financial decisions.

You'll explore financial concepts and how they apply to businesses to help you manage money, evaluate investments, and help clients make wise financial choices.

Discover how technology and management information systems can make businesses run more efficiently. You'll learn to use data and technology to make better decisions.

We'll talk about the right way to behave in the accounting profession. Ethics are essential for trust and respect in the accounting world.

Preparation for Certified Public Accountant Advanced Certificate

Our program gets you ready for advanced accounting studies. You'll be well-prepared to become a certified accounting professional.

This program gives you fundamental and practical accounting skills. You'll know how to analyze finances and understand different parts of business administration. You'll to take on accounting-related business administration jobs.

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, solving problems creatively and be comfortable giving directions to others.

SAIT program pathways

Graduates of this program with a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA (67% or C+) may be eligible to enter our Bachelor of Business Administration program and earn their degree.

A degree can open more career options and provide a direct path toward the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation and the world of financial accounting.

Find more details about transfer options with other postsecondary institutions under transfer agreements.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

You'll have the option to participate in an integrative experience capstone project in your final semester.

If you choose a capstone project, you'll work collaboratively with students from other majors to address a challenge faced by a local

business or organization. You'll work together as a team to investigate and analyze the challenge or problem before presenting a solution to company representatives.

Accreditations, designations and certifications

You can pursue the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Professional Education Program upon completing a degree.

Additional exams, education, or work requirements may apply for earning a designation or certification.

Credentials

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

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet all of the following requirements or equivalent:

- at least 50% in Math 30-1 or Math 30-2, and
- at least 50% in English Language Arts 30-1 or 60% in English Language Arts 30-2.

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

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 the suggested schedule of study. 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
1	2	$6,150	$1,764.50	$7,914.50
2	2	$6,150	$1,764.50	$7,914.50
			Total cost:	**$15,829**

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	$20,400	$1,764.50	$22,164.50
2	2	$20,400	$1,764.50	$22,164.50
			Total cost:	**$44,329**

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 the program 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 this term.