



Bachelor of Commerce

Major: Accounting

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its small classes and caring community atmosphere as well as its commitment to excellence, pastoral care and social justice. The University is able to offer a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. As a consequence, Notre Dame can assist students to develop skills and confidence to enable them to succeed in their chosen field. Also, because Notre Dame is a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, making learning both an educational and a cultural experience.

The University emphasises the value of the human person and the importance of maintaining an ethical way of life. All students undertake studies in Ethics, Philosophy and Theology – dealing with issues that go to the very heart of participation in public life, while developing students with valuable life skills. These units are designed to broaden students' thinking, develop business values and develop the capability to think critically and act morally.

GOALS OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The University of Notre Dame Australia's School of Business seeks to achieve the following goals in educating undergraduate students. The School of Business aims to ensure students;

- have a solid grounding in the theories underlying business provided in a practical context.
- be thoroughly prepared for employment, ensuring they can
 - communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
 - create, evaluate and use statistical and financial information
 - be computer skilled and literate
 - have industry exposure
- be able to identify and appreciate the ethical dimensions of business and the application of Catholic values to these issues
- be prepared for the leadership positions that they may assume in their career, encouraging them to contribute positively to organisations and society
- have a breadth of understanding across major fields of business and a depth of understanding in at least one significant field
- be able to continually learn and critically engage with the emerging literatures and research in business

INTRODUCTION

Accounting is often called 'the language of business.' It is the means by which the corporate sector, small businesses, government departments, not-for-profit organisations, family trusts and individuals communicate financial and non-financial positions. Accounting has evolved through society's need for information upon which to base decisions about the allocation of resources. The accounting profession has a code of ethics and it demands excellence from its members.

Accounting involves the reporting of transactions over time. However, accountants are increasingly required to take on leadership roles and be proactive in using information technology, accounting concepts, financial, tax and corporate strategies to enhance the value of the firm. The focus of accounting has shifted from compliance to the setting, communicating and monitoring of business strategies in a global context.

The study of accounting in the University's School of Business, is a three-year accredited degree under current guidelines issued by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, and is endorsed by the National Institute of Accountants (NIA).

COURSE OUTLINE

The Bachelor of Commerce, with a major in Accounting, is comprised of 24 units of study including a business internship consisting of practical experience with a firm or organisation. The degree is normally completed in three years of full-time study. The Accounting major is designed to impart the necessary technical and conceptual skills and competencies to equip students for success in this field. There is also a strong emphasis placed on communication skills and ethics.

Units may include:

Core Curriculum Units

Ethics
Introduction to Theology
Philosophy

8 Business Foundation Units

Accounting
Business Communication
Business Information Technology
Business Law
Economics
Principles of Management
Principles of Marketing
Quantitative Methods for Business

9 Accounting Compulsory Units

Accounting for Corporate Entities
Accounting Theory
Auditing
Company Law
Financial Accounting
Managerial Accounting
Managerial Accounting and Control
Managerial Finance
Taxation

3 Accounting Elective Units (to be selected from)

Business Research Methods
Financial Analysis and Valuation
Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
Microeconomic Theory and Policy
Principles of Finance
The Economics of Financial Crises

1 Business Internship

Notre Dame gives students a solid foundation for long-term career success. The degrees combine academic programs with a business internship where students gain valuable on the job experience and interact with professional practitioners in their chosen field. This industry placement provides students with practical experience and prepares them for the job market with valuable experience. The internship program delivers essential career seeking skills through CV workshops, interviewing technique classes, coaching sessions and providing assistance for students to find their perfect match for an internship employer.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in First Semester (February) or Second Semester (July), subject to unit availability.

The assessment of competency in each unit consists of tutorial performance, a number of assignments or projects during the semester, and a final examination.

HONOURS

Students may be invited to enrol in a fourth year Honours program after completing the Bachelor of Commerce. This consists of preparing for and writing a thesis under the guidance of a supervisor.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Notre Dame Australia encourages students to include an overseas study experience as part of their degree. Study Abroad and Exchange Partners in the USA, Europe and Canada give students the chance to spend one semester overseas. The experience of studying abroad means that students experience other cultures, develop friendships with people from around the world and gain independence and confidence which will give them the competitive edge when seeking employment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

No pre-requisites are required to apply for the Bachelor of Commerce, with a major in Accounting. However, people with strong communication, quantitative and problem solving skills will normally succeed in the Accounting field.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Avenues for employment are diverse, dynamic and possibly unequalled by any other profession. The demand for accountants and business professionals is present in such areas as business and financial planning, assurance services, the securities market and merchant banking. Graduates from Notre Dame University have been employed with:

- accounting firms
- international companies
- management consulting firm
- international banks
- in the mining sector
- other organisations

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the Notre Dame Prospectus. International students refer to the International Prospectus.

If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au or visit our website at www.nd.edu.au

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