

## 2. Postgraduate diploma programmes

If you have not done so yet, please also consult the general section of this chapter for information on things like selection and postgraduate assessment. For information on the recognition of prior learning (RPL), and links to the University's and the Faculty's RPL regulations, see the chapter "General information" at the beginning of this book.

### 2.1 Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting

#### Admission requirements

*For students with degrees from Stellenbosch University*

- A weighted average final mark of at least 60% for the following modules in the BAcc or BAccLLB programme:
  - Financial Accounting 379,
  - Taxation 399,
  - Management Accounting 378, *and*
  - Auditing 378.

The following weightings are used in the calculation of the weighted average final mark:

- Financial Accounting and Management Accounting, 4 each;
- Taxation and Auditing, 3 each.

*or*

- A weighted average final mark of at least 55% for the following modules in the BAcc or BAccLLB programme:
  - Financial Accounting 379,
  - Taxation 399,
  - Management Accounting 378, *and*
  - Auditing 378;

*and*

- A final mark of at least 55% for Financial Accounting 379.

The following weightings are used in the calculation of the weighted average final mark:

- Financial Accounting and Management Accounting, 4 each;
- Taxation and Auditing, 3 each.

*For students with degrees from other universities*

If you obtained a degree from another university, which is equivalent to the BAcc or BAccLLB, you can contact the School of Accountancy for the specific admission requirements.

If you have a degree from an international university, you will not be admitted directly to the programme. In that case, you must first supplement certain undergraduate modules. You can request more details from the School of Accountancy.

#### Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity, availability of the School's resources as well as academic merit and university transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources may fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ from year to year.

Should the applicants who meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of the School, the criteria of the admission requirements will be used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants.

#### Application procedure and closing date

Apply at [www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies](http://www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies). The closing date for applications is **31 October** of the year before your intended studies.

#### Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

*Duration:* One year, full-time.

*Starting date:* There may be a compulsory induction programme before classes officially start.

#### Programme's mode of delivery

Full-contact learning (face-to-face).

#### Assessment and examination

A compulsory examination is written in October. Tests and assignments (if any) that are assessed on a continuous basis supplement the final performance mark. You must pass all the compulsory modules (see the table below) in the same academic year to pass the programme. If you do not pass the programme after the examination, you may possibly be admitted to the supplementary examination in one or more modules. The supplementary examination is written in November.

## Qualifying as a Chartered Accountant

The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) controls the chartered accounting profession in the Republic of South Africa. To qualify as a Chartered Accountant (after obtaining a bachelor's degree), you must:

- pass a SAICA-accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programme;
- pass both SAICA's Initial Test of Competence and their Assessment of Professional Competence; and
- complete a three-year traineeship at an approved training organisation.

To gain admission to SAICA's Initial Test of Competence, you must obtain either the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting or the degree BAccHons at this University, or another degree or diploma that has been approved by SAICA for this purpose.

To gain admission to SAICA's Assessment of Professional Competence, you must:

- successfully complete the Initial Test of Competence;
- successfully complete a preparatory course (at an approved educational organisation) aimed at the Assessment of Professional Competence;
- complete 20 months of traineeship at an approved training organisation.

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## Programme content

### *Programme module*

You must earn a total of at least 120 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
18163	788	120	Accounting	Both

The following Accounting subject areas are presented as an integrated unit:

- Auditing, Regulation and Information Systems
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Management
- Management Decision-making and Control
- Strategy and Risk Management
- Taxation.

### *Compulsory modules*

Also see the outline of integrated subject areas above.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14072	771	24	Auditing, Governance and Information Systems	Both
26883	771	40	Financial Accounting	Both
14071	771	32	Management Accounting and Finance	Both
18287	771	24	Taxation	Both

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