2.1 Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting

Admission requirements

For students with degrees from Stellenbosch University

- A weighted average final mark of at least 58% for the following modules in the BAcc or BAccLLB programme:
  - Financial Accounting 379
  - Taxation 399
  - Management Accounting 378
  - 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 53% for the following modules in the BAcc or BAccLLB programme:
  - Financial Accounting 379
  - Taxation 399
  - Management Accounting 378
  - Auditing 378

  and

  A final mark of at least 53% 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.

Further requirement

In addition to the requirements above, you must submit a duly completed portfolio of evidence regarding the professional values and acumens required in terms of the CA2021 Competency Framework. You can obtain a template for submitting the portfolio of evidence from the programme leaders.

For students with degrees from other universities

If you obtained an undergraduate qualification from another higher education institution, which is equivalent to the BAcc (NQF level 7) or BAccLLB (NQF level 8) and is accredited with SAICA, the admission requirements for you are the same as for students with degrees from Stellenbosch University.

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 and the availability of resources within the School, 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. 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 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 Assessment 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 Assessment 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 Assessment 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.

Enquiries and programme leaders

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Programme administrator
School of Accountancy
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E-mail: kdgordon@sun.ac.za

Website: www.sun.ac.za/accountancy

Programme leaders

Prof Soon Nel and Anne-Marie Eloff
School of Accountancy

Programme content

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

The following accounting subject areas are presented as an integrated unit: within the modules listed as compulsory modules.

- 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, Regulation and Information Systems	Both
26883	771	40	Financial Accounting	Both
14071	771	32	Management Accounting and Finance	Both
18287	771	24	Taxation	Both

Postgraduate Programmes

1. General information for all postgraduate programmes

The information in this section applies to most of the postgraduate programmes and is not repeated for each programme, so please read it through carefully. Exceptions and deviations are, however, indicated at the individual programmes.

1.1 Postgraduate programmes in the Faculty

The table below lists the postgraduate programmes up to master's level by the department, school or centre where they are offered. The campus or facility is indicated in italics where necessary. All departments, schools and centres also offer a PhD programme. For more on the PhD, see the doctoral section at the end of this chapter.

Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management
PGDip (HIV/Aids Management)
MPhil (HIV/Aids Management)
Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST)
PGDip (Sustainable Development)
MPhil (Sustainable Development)
Department of Business Management
PGDip (Marketing)
BComHons (Business Management)
MCom (Business Management)
Department of Economics
BComHons (Economics)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science]
MCom (Economics)
Department of Industrial Psychology
PGDip (Strategic Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Industrial Psychology)
MCom (Human Resource Management)
MCom (Industrial Psychology)
Department of Logistics
PGDip (Transport and Logistics)
BComHons (Logistics Management)
BComHons (Operations Research)
BComHons (Transport Economics)
MCom (Logistics Management)
MCom (Operations Research)
MCom (Transport Economics)
Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science
PGDip (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Economics]
BComHons (Financial Risk Management)
BComHons (Mathematical Statistics)
BComHons (Statistics)
MCom (Actuarial Science)
MCom (Financial Risk Management)
MCom (Mathematical Statistics)
MCom (Statistics)

School of Accountancy
PGDip (Accounting)
BComHons (Management Accounting)
BAccHons
MCom (Computer Auditing)
MCom (Financial Accounting)
MCom (Management Accounting)
MCom (Taxation)
MAcc (Auditing)
MAcc (Financial Accounting)
MAcc (Taxation)
School of Public Leadership (SPL), *Bellville Park*
PGDip (Environmental Management) *Stellenbosch*
PGDip (Public Finance Management)
BComHons (Public and Development Management)
BPubAdminHons
MCom (Public and Development Management)
M (Public Administration)
MPhil (Environmental Management) *Stellenbosch*
Stellenbosch Business School, *Bellville Park*
PGDip (Business Management and Administration)
PGDip (Development Finance)
PGDip (Financial Planning)
PGDip (Futures Studies)
PGDip (Leadership Development)
PGDip (Project Management)
MPhil (Development Finance)
MPhil (Futures Studies)
MPhil (Management Coaching)
MBA

1.2 Undergraduate module requirements for postgraduate programmes

In Appendix D to this Yearbook part, you will find a table showing the minimum module requirements for admission to certain postgraduate programmes. Review this table to determine whether you meet the requirements for the postgraduate programme you wish to follow.

1.3 Selection

Every postgraduate programme in the Faculty is potentially a selection programme since the capacity of the relevant department determines the number of students that can be accommodated in each programme. This means that selection happens when more candidates apply than the department can accommodate in a specific programme. There are, however, also programmes where selection always happens, regardless of how many candidates apply. Departments may choose to list specific requirements and criteria at the relevant programme entries below or on their website or in the programme brochure.

1.4 Postgraduate assessment and examination

- Assessment is determined at modular level; therefore, consult the relevant module framework for more information.
- For the Faculty postgraduate assessment rules, you can consult the Faculty website at www.sun.ac.za/ems and look under "Current students" and then "General information" to find the link "EMS Postgraduate Assessment Rules".
- For more information and the general rules on assessment, see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook, under "Assessments and Promotions".

- For the general specifications for assignments, theses, and dissertations, consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.
- For specific information relating to the assignment, thesis or dissertation for an individual programme, consult the programme administrator or leader or relevant programme documentation.

1.5 Pass requirements for postgraduate programmes

The pass mark for postgraduate programmes is 50% and to pass with distinction you need 75%. More detailed information on pass requirements for individual programmes is available from the relevant programme administrator or leader.

1.6 Different campuses and facilities

Some postgraduate programmes are presented by the Stellenbosch Business School or the School for Public Leadership, both of which are on the Bellville Park campus of the University. The School of Public Leadership also presents classes at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch. The place where a particular diploma programme will be presented, if not Stellenbosch campus, is indicated below for each individual Programme under "Programme structure".

Disclaimer:

The content above comes from the 2025 Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section ***2. General provisions for postgraduate programmes.***