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Postgraduate programs in accounting



The one thing that governments, football teams, fashion houses and charities have in common is their need for a carefully managed balance sheet.

Accounting is the international language that underpins transactions, loans and profits. An advanced understanding of accounting is also required in order to understand areas of potential weakness and ways to minimise risk, so that organisations can continue to function.

Swinburne offers three postgraduate accounting programs:

- the Master of Practising Accounting is for students without an undergraduate degree;
- the Master of Professional Accounting is for students who have an undergraduate degree; and
- the Master of Professional Accounting Global Leadership Program, which enables students to take advanced programs in both accounting and leadership, achieving two master degrees – one from Swinburne and the other from Northeastern University, Boston, USA.

Swinburne's accounting programs are thoroughly grounded in practical case studies and relevant knowledge development, giving you invaluable tools that could be used to run a small business or oversee a large company.

Swinburne's size and commitment to innovation enables staff to forge close and meaningful relationships with industry – drawing on industry panels to develop courses, guest lecturers to enrich course presentations and industry networks to connect graduates.

Choosing Swinburne

Swinburne has been ranked among the top 400 universities in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2011–2012 and also in the top three per cent of universities worldwide by the QS World University Rankings in 2011. Students also rate Swinburne highly, and the university receives consistently high rankings for teaching quality from *The Good Universities Guide*.



Professional accounting

Master of Professional Accounting

Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting

Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting

This course provides students with the technical, practical, analytical and creative skills required to deal with accounting and finance issues in planning and decision-making.

Students who have an undergraduate degree can achieve professional accounting qualifications in just 18 months through the Master of Professional Accounting program.

This program is in demand from students seeking a career change and also those seeking high-level accounting skills to equip them for senior management roles.

Admission requirements

An accredited undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution, equivalent to a three-year Australian bachelor degree.

Applicants who have already qualified for CPA associate membership are not normally eligible for entry.

Professional recognition

Graduates are eligible to apply for associate membership of CPA Australia (CPAA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Location

Hawthorn campus

Program length

Graduate certificate: Six months full-time or equivalent part-time

Graduate diploma: One year full-time or equivalent part-time

Master: Eighteen months full-time or equivalent part-time

Note: Students holding an international student visa are required to study full-time.

Intakes

February and August

Program structure

The graduate certificate requires successful completion of any four of the 12 core units of study (subject to meeting co-requisite requirements).

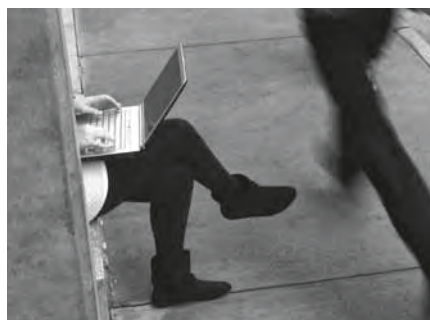
To achieve the graduate diploma, students are required to successfully complete eight core units of study.

The Master of Professional Accounting requires successful completion of all 12 core units of study.

All units of study are valued at 12.5 credit points unless otherwise stated.

Units of study

HBC606	Accounting Principles
HBC607	Accounting Information Systems
HBC608	Business Modeling and Analysis
HBL606	Australian Contract Law
HBL607	Australian Company Law
HBC609	Corporate Financial Management
HBC610	Financial Reporting
HBC611	Managerial Accounting
HBE613	Economics
HBC614	Company Auditing
HBC615	Financial Accounting Theory
HBC616	Income Tax Law



Practising accounting

Master of Practising Accounting

This course offers students who do not have an undergraduate degree the opportunity to gain a professionally recognised accounting qualification.

Accounting insights and control are essential in order to help businesses, governments and other organisations spend money wisely and achieve their objectives. This program equips students with a comprehensive understanding of accounting principles and practices, incorporating practical case studies to ensure students are ready to apply their skills in the workplace.

Career opportunities

The skills taught in this course are relevant to many professions, including marketing, economic forecasting, finance and engineering.

Admission requirements

This program is for students who do not have a recognised bachelor degree. Applicants are required to have a minimum of three years' relevant work experience, preferably in accounting-related employment. Students with a recognised bachelor degree who wish to undertake a two-year program are also eligible to apply.

Professional recognition

Graduates are eligible to apply for associate membership of CPA Australia (CPAA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA), the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Location

Hawthorn campus

Program length

Two years full-time or equivalent part-time

Note: Students holding an international student visa are required to study full-time.

Intakes

February and August

Program structure

All students are required to complete a total of 200 credit points, comprising 12 core units of study (150 credit points) plus four additional core units of study or approved alternative elective units (50 credit points).

Students may exit with a Graduate Certificate of Professional Accounting after completing four core units, or a Graduate Diploma of Professional Accounting after successful completion of eight core units. See page 3 for more information about these programs.

Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree are not eligible to exit with the Master of Professional Accounting after completion of 12 units; they must complete the 16-unit master program to achieve a master qualification or exit at the earlier exit points.

All units of study are valued at 12.5 credit points unless otherwise stated.

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HBL607	Australian Company Law
HBC609	Corporate Financial Management
HBC610	Financial Reporting
HBC611	Managerial Accounting
HBE613	Economics
HBC614	Company Auditing
HBC615	Financial Accounting Theory
HBC616	Income Tax Law
HBC617	Financial Risk Management
HBC618	Personal Investment
HBC619	Strategic Cost Management
HBC620	Capital Markets





Global leadership program

Master of Professional Accounting Global Leadership Program

This course offers the opportunity to obtain a professionally recognised qualification in accounting while also developing globally relevant skills and knowledge in leadership.

Students can gain two professionally recognised master degrees in two years: a Master of Professional Accounting from Swinburne and a Master of Science in Leadership from Northeastern University in Boston, USA.

The program is delivered in Melbourne and the Northeastern component is taught by Northeastern academics via a combination of face-to-face and online delivery modes. Students also have the option of applying to undertake part of their program at Northeastern University in Boston.

Admission requirements

An approved undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution equivalent to a three-year Australian bachelor degree. Students who wish to study at Northeastern must also apply for a US student visa.

Professional recognition

Graduates may be eligible to apply for associate membership of CPA Australia (CPAA), the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAA) and the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

Location

Hawthorn campus; an option to study part of the course at Northeastern University in Boston, USA is also available.

Program length

Two years full-time or equivalent part-time

Note: Students holding an international student visa are required to study full-time.

Intakes

February, June and August

Program structure

Students complete ten units of study from Swinburne's Master of Professional Accounting program and eight units of study from Northeastern's Master of Science in Leadership.

All units of study are valued at 12.5 credit points unless otherwise stated.

Units of study

Year 1	
Semester 1: February–June (12 weeks)	
HBC606	Accounting Principles
HBC607	Accounting Information Systems
HBC608	Business Modelling and Analysis
HBL606	Australian Contract Law
Winter Term: June–July (6 weeks)	
HBULDR6100	Developing your Leadership Capability
HBUHRM6005	Creating a High-Performance Organisation*
Semester 2: August–November (12 weeks)	
HBC609	Corporate Financial Management
HBULDR6120	Creating Leadership Capacity
HBULDR6110	Leading Teams
Year 2	
Semester 1: February–June (12 weeks)	
HBL607	Australian Company Law
HBC610	Financial Reporting
HBC611	Managerial Accounting
HBE613	Economics
Winter Term: June–July (6 weeks)	
HBULFIN6120	Building Financial Relationships*^
HBBLDR6135	The Ethical Leader ^
Semester 2: August–November (12 weeks)	
HBC615	Financial Accounting Theory
HBULDR6125	Managing Organisational Culture
HBULDR6140	Developing the Strategic Leader

* Units are delivered online.

^ Units may be undertaken as part of the Global Leadership in Boston program.

Positive prospects for new global leader

Lulu Liang completed the Master of Professional Accounting Global Leadership Program to gain invaluable experience to kick-start her international business career.

"I took the opportunity to study the Leadership units in Boston," Lulu said.

"I enjoyed the class environment, study arrangements and the supportive framework provided by Northeastern, whose staff members do their best to help students settle in to life on campus.

"I believe the opportunity to observe and learn about American culture will provide an edge to my international career. On a personal level, I had a wonderful time and the whole trip has left me with impressive memories."



General information

Facilities

As a Swinburne student you will automatically gain access to a range of facilities. These include a well-resourced library, computer laboratories, fitness and health facilities, personal and career counselling, housing, employment and financial advice.

Fees

In 2012, tuition fees for Australian citizens and permanent residents are based on \$2300 per 12.5 credit point unit of study.

The fee for the Master of Professional Accounting program is therefore \$27,600 (including the graduate certificate and graduate diploma). The fee for the graduate diploma is \$18,400 (including the graduate certificate); for the graduate certificate it is \$9200.

The fee for the Master of Practising Accounting program is \$36,800; for the Master of Professional Accounting Global Leadership Program it is \$41,400.

In the event that a unit of study is derived from another program, the applicable fee will be that of the other program. All fees are reviewed each year and may increase without notice.

For all fee enquiries visit www.swinburne.edu.au/studentoperations/fees

FEE-HELP

FEE-HELP is a government-funded loan that helps eligible fee-paying students to pay their tuition fees. FEE-HELP is available to Australian citizens and holders of a permanent humanitarian visa. It is not available to New Zealand citizens and most holders of Australian permanent visas.

Eligible students who enrol in the Master of Professional Accounting can apply for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) to help fund their degree. A CSP is a higher education place for which the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your education.

For further information, visit www.goingtouni.gov.au

Application procedure

You may lodge your application at any time, but each intake period has an application submission closing date. To obtain an application form, phone 1300 275 794 or visit www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad/apply

Applications must be accompanied by a certified copy of your passport or birth certificate, a certified copy of academic transcripts and a current résumé.

Application closing dates

Applications close in early February for Semester 1 and in mid-July for Semester 2.

For current closing dates visit www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad

International students

If you want to study at Swinburne but are not an Australian resident, contact Swinburne International on +61 3 8676 7002 or 1800 897 973 within Australia, or visit www.swinburne.edu.au/international

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) allows students to be granted credit or partial credit towards a qualification in recognition of skills and knowledge gained through work experience, tertiary qualifications and/or formal training.

For more information, visit www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad

Information sessions

Information sessions are held regularly throughout the year. They are a great opportunity to meet and talk to staff about your postgraduate study options. The sessions help you understand what your chosen postgraduate program entails – what you can learn and what your study options are and where your qualification may take you.

For session dates visit www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad

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John Street, Hawthorn

Prahran campus
144 High Street, Prahran

Lilydale campus
Melba Avenue, Lilydale

Melbourne CBD campus
196 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Croydon campus
12-50 Norton Road, Croydon

Wantirna campus
369 Stud Road, Wantirna

Sarawak campus
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia



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